



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 6, 2025

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**WORDS OF PREPARATION:** *"The scorned of this world are those whom the God of love prefers. This is a very simple matter, but for a mind that judges everything by merits and demerits, worthiness and unworthiness, it is difficult to grasp."*

Gustavo Gutierrez

**GREETING**

Xan Morgan

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jodylynn Brummett

One: God invites us to listen for God in unexpected prophets.

All: **Come, listen for God.**

One: God invites us to hear God's voice in unexpected moments.

All: **Come, hear God's voice.**

One: God invites us to speak God's name in unexpected places.

All: **We come, speak God's name.**

One: God invites us to come with God into every nook and cranny  
where the unexpected is hidden in every yet-to-be.

All: **Come, worship God.**

**PRELUDE**

*Pastorale, H. 127, No. 3*

Frank Bridge  
(1879-1941, English)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Jodylynn Brummett

**\*HYMN**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*AZMON*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Kings 5:1-17

Valerie Francia

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA** (Hymn 72, sung twice)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG** We Are the Church (Hymn 558 refrain, sung twice)  
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward.)

**TIME AS CHILDREN**

Xan Morgan

(Children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade complete head to Children's Ministry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*In the Garden*

Mark Hayes

(b.1953, American)

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

## SERMON

*Hope in the Jordan*

Valerie Francia

## SILENT REFLECTION

## INVITATION TO GIVING

Xan Morgan

Now we return to God a portion of that with which we have been blessed. In this moment and in this act, we pledge ourselves anew to responsible stewardship of our financial resources, our time, our talent and of the good earth we inhabit by God's grace.

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

Shin-Ae Chun

All to Jesus, I surrender.  
All to Him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Valerie Francia & Xan Morgan

Invitation to the Table

The Bread

*Just As I Am* by Shin-Ae Chun

The Cup

*Sarabande on Jesus Loves Me* by Shin-Ae Chun

The Prayer of Blessing

## \*HYMN (Hymn 557, verse 1)

*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

DENNIS

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Xan Morgan

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

**\*HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*THE ASH GROVE*

**BENEDICTION**

Valerie Francia

**POSTLUDE**

*Sonata in G Major, K.427*

Domenico Scarlatti  
(1685-1757, Italian)

We pray for **Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, Martin Magers, Judy Burton, Marlene Francis, Grange Burnside, Joan Blunt, Becky Lepley, Adriane Moulton Headley, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Katherine Cartee, Chuck Suits, Lynda Berg, Marilyn Marsh, Pidgey Karolyi, Dakota Lawson, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, Lindsay Grace, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, and Fay Key.**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**We're glad you're here!** Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.



**Join us after worship for refreshments right here in Fellowship Hall.** We'd love to connect!

**Children's Ministry.** All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 years) upstairs. Children who have completed 4th grade and younger, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

**Youth Group (grades 6-12)** during second hour is on break until the fall, but we have some activities planned for the summer. If you would like more information about what's coming up for Youth Ministry or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jillian ([jillian@fbca2.org](mailto:jillian@fbca2.org)).

**Art Fairs Parking Lot.** We have at least five artists who will rent spaces in our lot during the Art Fairs this year (July 17-19). The artists will arrive to set up their booths on Wednesday, 16th. On Thursday – Friday, when we have volunteers, we will rent out parking spaces to shoppers. Last year, with only four volunteers working from 8am – 3pm, we were able to raise \$2000 which subsidized expenses of the Hikone household supplies collection and the Daytime Warming Center (for winter clothing and health supplies).

We currently have four volunteers but would love to have more! Shifts are for two hours: 9:00 – 11:00 am, 11:00 – 1:00, 1:00 – 3:00). Volunteers will greet each car and explain the cost and take their money – or explain that the lot is full. Volunteers will also receive a free spot to park if they wish to shop before or after their shift.

Contact Sue Ellen if you have questions or would like to volunteer ([gloverse@hotmail.com](mailto:gloverse@hotmail.com)).

**Pizza in the Park!** Join us Tuesday, July 22nd for a midsummer, intergenerational gathering of dinner and connection at County Farm Park from 5:30-7:30p. We'll have pizza, fruit, and drinks. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like! Please RSVP online ([fbca2.org/pizzainthepark](http://fbca2.org/pizzainthepark)) or at the Ministry Station so that we can prepare accordingly. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan or a member of the Board of Christian Ed.

**FBC Ladies Book Club.** Our next book is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. We will meet at Madeline Drake's home on July 15th at 6:30pm to discuss. For those reading ahead, *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict is next in line. Happy Reading! Janice

**FBC Men's Book Club** next meets at 7:00p on Monday, July 28 at the home of Scott Diels. They are reading *The Second Mountain, the Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks.

**Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays.** The 2025 house is located at 1015 Gault Drive, Ypsilanti. Our Friday workday is **Aug 1st**. The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunch that day. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the Good News house website:

H4H.org/ goodnewsgroup for home page and H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2025. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels if you have any questions.

**Church Profile.** After extensive planning and preparation, the Interim Transition Team shared the FBCA2 Church Profile this week. The profile is the result of months of collective reflection between the Interim Transition Team (ITT) and our congregation. It aims to serve as a valuable resource for pastoral candidates by offering a comprehensive understanding of our church's history, current state, and future aspirations. The document embodies the spirit of our congregation and will be instrumental in guiding potential leaders as they discern their call to serve with us. If you would like a hard copy of the document, let the church office know.

This marks a significant moment in our church's history, and the collective strength and faith of our congregation remain our greatest assets. We extend our gratitude to all who have participated in and supported the ITT. Your commitment has been invaluable, and we look forward to the exciting path that lies ahead!

**Land Acknowledgement.** We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinabae people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.



### Calendar

July 15	FBC Ladies' Book Club @6:30p
July 22	Pizza in the Park @5:30p
July 28	FBC Men's Book Club @7:00p
August 1	Habitat for Humanity Workday

**The Pastor Search Committee (PSC)** Greetings from the FBCA2 Pastor Search Committee! We met on June 30 and accomplished several important tasks moving us forward in the process of finding our next pastor. We finalized the job description and job posting. Once the Personnel Committee sets the salary package in early July, we will send all the required information to the American Baptist Churches personnel system for posting the position. PSC members are researching additional platforms on which to post the job description. We began outlining a screening process for candidates including some objective rubrics and some subjective levels of interviewing. Our hope is to post the position by mid-July then begin the initial screening process in mid-August. Thank you for your prayers!

L.J. Brazier, Toni Burton, Bill Foster, DJ Reed, Gretchen Sanewsky, Julie Smith, David Suell

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