



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 3, 2025

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**WORDS OF PREPARATION:** *"At its core, the Christian faith has always been about the local. Small gatherings, bold acts of love, everyday resistance – this is how transformation begins. And from these local seeds, a broader movement can grow. One community at a time. One act of love at a time."*

Brandan Robertson

## GREETING

Rick Mixon

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Reed

One: We are part of the church universal – faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age and ability, gathered to love and serve God. We are a welcoming and affirming church. Together let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news we hear this day!

All: **There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, heterosexual, queer and questioning!**

One: Christ who gathers us bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: **May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living this day and always.**

## PRELUDE

*Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Spiritual  
Bradley Sowash (b.1960, American)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising Sun,

Lord, have mercy on me.

## RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Heather Reed

One: God of wild love and extravagant acceptance...

Spirit of boldness and beauty...

You are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life,  
and you are present here with us now.

All: **Awaken us to your dream for creation:**

**A world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them.**

One: Forgive us for the moments we have held back your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice.

**All:** Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all people.

**One:** Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously.

**All:** Ignite the Divine Light within us to sparkle through the prism of our bodies and brighten every corner of this Earth.

**One:** Holy One, You call each of us beloved.

**All:** Each of us cherished.

**One:** Each of us desired.

**All:** Each of us sacred.

**One:** And so, we give you thanks now and forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *Quirky, Queer and Wonderful* *ROYAL OAK*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Colossians 3:12-17 (The Inclusive Bible) Rick Mixon  
**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** God Is So Good (v.1) *SO GOOD*  
(Children who are going into 5th grade and younger come forward.)

**TIME AS CHILDREN** Xan Morgan  
(Children head to Summer Children's Ministry on the 3rd floor.)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rick Mixon  
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. by Jay Althouse  
Ben Findlan, tenor

*My Lord, what a morning*  
*My Lord, what a morning*  
*O, my Lord, what a morning*  
*when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the sinner moan  
to wake the nations underground.  
Looking to my God's right hand  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

You'll hear the trumpet sound  
to wake the nations underground.  
Looking to my God's right hand  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

## REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR GOD

Rick Mixon

*You have made us for yourself, O God, and hearts are restless till they rest in you.*

- St. Augustine

### A Time for Reflection

*Silence is kept for a time so that we might meditate, reflect, be still,  
draw closer to the holy, lift our own prayers of desire and recognition.*

### Words of Assurance

**\*HYMN** (vv. 1-3, 7)

*For Everyone Born*

*FOR EVERYONE BORN*

**SERMON**

*A Place at the Table*

Rick Mixon

## SILENT REFLECTION

## INVITATION TO GIVING

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

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Shin-Ae Chun

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

## \*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

Xan Morgan & Rick Mixon

Invitation to the Table

The Bread

*Consolation* by Louis Lewandowski

The Cup

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* by John Carter

The Prayer of Blessing

\*HYMN (Hymn 557, verse 1)      *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*      *DENNIS*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rick Mixon

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

\*HYMN

*I Come with Joy*

*DOVE OF PEACE*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Minuetto*      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
from *Sonata in A Major, KV 331*      (1756-1791, Austrian)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.*

~ Elli Barron ~

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, Becky Lepley, Adriane Moulton Headley, Rob Snyder, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Betty Doman, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Katherine Cartee, Chuck Suits, Lynda Berg, Marilyn Marsh, Dakota Lawson, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, Fay Key, and the Pastoral Search Committee.

\*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).

**School Supplies for Community Action Network (CAN).** CAN serves hundreds of children and youth in seven under-resourced neighborhoods around Ann Arbor, with 97% of youth graduating from High School. For more than 20 years our congregation has provided backpacks and other school supplies to help CAN's students begin the school year with all the supplies needed.

CAN has created an Amazon Registry that includes supplies and backpacks for the students across all of the sites. We are asking you to continue with your traditional generous gifts by ordering from the link found on [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect). When you select the items and proceed to checkout, you select the address associated with the Registry (809 Taylor St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105). The items will get shipped right to CAN where they will be sorted and delivered to each site in time for the Back-to-School events in mid-August. If you do not want to order through Amazon, you may submit your financial gift to Sue Ellen who will purchase supplies and deliver to CAN.

**FBC Ladies' Book Club.** Our next book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25th at 6:30pm. We will meet at Mary Gregg's home to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, the story of actress and inventor Hedy Lamarr. Please contact Janice Stumpf (jlstumpf@umich.edu) with any questions! All ladies are welcome!

**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](http://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.



### Calendar

August 24	Blessing of Educators & Learners
August 25	FBC Ladies' Book Club @6:30p
August 27	The Gathering at Festifall
September 3	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @5:30p
September 7	Coming Home Sunday

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