



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Jillian Mast

One: For those longing to hear something good...

Many: God loves us more than we could imagine.

One: For those longing to hear something hopeful...

Many: God loves this creation more than we could imagine.

One: For those longing for something to celebrate...

Many: God meets us here as we worship.

One: For having our deepest longings met...

Many: What better way than to worship our God!

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on Martyrdom* C. Hurbert H. Parry
(Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed?) (1848-1918, English)

***OPENING PRAYER** Jillian Mast

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 130 Jillian Mast

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord;

Many: Let your ears be attentive to our cries!

One: If you, O Lord, should count our sins,

Many: which one of us could plead innocence?

One: But with you there is forgiveness,

Many: so on you our souls wait and have hope.

One: We wait like those who wait for dawn to break,

Many: yes, like those who watch for morning to come.

One: Let us hope in the Lord's steadfast love.

Many: Yes, we hope in God's power to redeem.

***HYMN** (see insert) *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***GOSPEL READING** John 11:30-45 Jillian Mast

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *There's a little wheel a'turnin'* African American spiritual
arr. by Don Besig & Nancy Price
FBC Children's Choir, led by Michelle Ding & Isaac Thompson

There's a little wheel, little wheel, little wheel, a-turnin';

there's a little wheel, little wheel, turnin' in my heart.

There's a little wheel, little wheel, little wheel

a-turnin' 'cause the Spirit of the Lord is in my heart!

There's a little song, little song, little song a-singin';
there's a little song, little song singin' in my heart.
There's a little song, little song, little song
a-singin' 'cause the Spirit of the Lord is in my heart!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

[Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.]

SHARING OUR MISSION ACTION

DJ Reed, Chair of Mission Action
and Ross Weener, Hope Clinic

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jenaba Waggy

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

***OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Jenaba Waggy

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus based on "Herzliebster Jesu" by Johann Crüger
arr. by Daniel Ficarri

Michelle Ding, soprano & Lucy Thompson, mezzo soprano

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity,
and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

SERMON

A House of Breathless Bones

Rev. Jenaba Waggy

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Xan Morgan

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 downstairs after worship for fellowship time. We'd love to connect! We will have Easter cards to sign to send to those in the church family that can't be with us.

We welcome Rev. Jenaba Waggy (ze/him/his) to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Jenaba Waggy is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. Ze holds master's degrees from Dakota Wesleyan University, Vanderbilt University, and Western Michigan University, and works mainly in the theology of systems, community building, and queer inclusion. When not working, ze loves to read, write poetry, watch "Star Trek" and Chinese dramas, and pretend ze will ever finish knitting the various projects in his house. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Jodylynn Brummett to the pulpit.

Mission Sunday: Hope Clinic. Join us this week for our fifth Mission Sunday! During our Mission Sundays, you will be introduced to a key FBCA2 mission partner during the worship service whom we financially support. Following our fellowship time, we invite you to join us during the adult formation hour where you'll learn more about needs in the community and how our mission partner is addressing current problems. This week, we welcome Ross Weener, Chief Executive Officer of Hope Clinic who will be helping us understand the challenges faced in our county and how we can join Hope Clinic in their work in our community. We hope to see you there!

I was... and You... throughout the season of Lent, we have a weekly devotion on Matthew 25. It is included as an insert in this bulletin and will be emailed later today. These devotions will include a story of folks who know what it is like to be hungry, without clean water, or in prison. We'll sit with the scripture passage as we reflect using questions from the traditional monastic practice, Lectio Divina. Each devotion wraps up with an invitation to pray and respond. If you are able to partner with Xan (xan@fbca2.org) to host a movie watching party on Thursday, March 26, please let her know.

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 - 3 years). Children through 5th grade leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at 12:30 when our formation hour ends.

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Join us in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. We are focusing on the subjects of hospitality, emotions, relationships, and justice in the Bible and our Christian faith. We also have some fun afternoon/evening weekend activities! For more information, please contact Jillian Mast (jillian@fbca2.org).

Wednesday Bible Study resumes at 1:00p on March 25. The group will read and discuss the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

Easter Flowers. Would you like to purchase an Easter lily or hyacinth in honor or memory of someone? The price for each is \$16 and the dedication will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can order at fbca2.org/connect. **Order deadline is today, March 22.**

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 29 @ 10a. We begin worship with the joy of Palm Sunday before making the turn towards the somber call of Holy Week. Join us for this special service as we reflect on the stories and meaning of both Palm Sunday and the Passion on March 29th.

Community Good Friday Service - April 3 @ 12p. We have a longstanding tradition of joining with sister churches First United Methodist and First Congregational to offer the community a midday Good Friday service. We'll gather in the sanctuary of First United Methodist this year.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 3 @ 8p. Join us for our Good Friday service of shadows, as we sit together in the growing darkness to hear again the story of Jesus' Passion in word, song, and silence, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

Easter Sunday - April 5 @ 10a. Join us for Easter Sunday worship and an Easter Egg Hunt as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection!

Our Story. Calling all Moms with Kids at Home! Let's gather together to sit with some good stories. "When We Swung from Church Bells: Stories That Shape Our Faith and Faith That Shapes Our Stories" just came out and it is written by a local author, Callie Feyen! In this book, Callie celebrates the holiness of ordinary living, often related to parenting. And then those parenting stories intertwine with formative experiences she had in church as a kid or through sacred stories. It's tender, funny, and reverent in all the best ways. We'll gather on four Wednesday evenings - April 8, 15, 22, and 29 - from 7:30-9:00p. During the first two gatherings, Xan will lead a discussion about the book over Zoom. The second two gatherings, we'll have Callie, the author, lead us in a writers' workshop of sorts. We will play and wrestle with some of our own stories. It will be a holy, life-giving, eye-opening, and fabulously fun time with other mamas. We hope you'll join us! RSVP at fbca2.org/ourstory. Xan has ordered books from Literati; come get one at the Ministry Station!

TDOV Dinner and Art Night! Join us on Tuesday, March 31st to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility Day. We'll have dinner here at First Baptist at 5:00p and shortly after 6:00p we'll head to the Downtown Library for their TDOV event, an interview with Bakpak Duren at 6:30p. Bakpak is a Detroit-based artist whose work fuses narrative and visual elements of the Baroque and Afro-

Surrealist movements to create oil paintings and large-scale murals that depict subjects in transitional states with an emphasis on connecting to the surrounding communities. Please RSVP at fbca2.org/TDOV. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or Nick McLellan (nickmclellan@gmail.com).

The Gathering is our campus ministry during the academic year. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Mary Davis for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu), sign up at fbca2.org/connect, or make a financial gift by check to the church or via PayPal ([@fbca2](https://www.paypal.com/@fbca2)). The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

The Pastoral Search Committee met on Monday, March 16 to continue plans for introducing the congregation to our recommended candidate for Senior Pastor. We will be giving initial information at a second hour session on Sunday, March 29. At that gathering we will share a brief overview of the search process, the background and qualifications of the candidate, and the many reasons we feel God led us to this pastor. We will leave ample time to answer your questions.

Candidating weekend will be April 10-12. We will have several opportunities for you to meet the candidate and ask questions. Members of the Pastor Search Committee will be present at each gathering to facilitate conversation. If anyone needs a ride to any of these events or to worship that Sunday please contact LJ Brazier (ljbrazier@umich.edu).

Here is the schedule:

- Friday, April 10 6:30-8:00p Evening gathering with youth and families for dinner at church
- Saturday, April 11 10:00-11:30a Brunch with young adults and children at church
- Saturday, April 11 12:30-1:30p Coffee and light sandwiches with Executive Council, boards, and church staff
- Saturday, April 11 3:00-4:00p Conversation with music staff and choir at church
- Saturday, April 11 5:00-6:30p Dinner with congregation at church
- Sunday, April 12 preaching and worship followed by congregational meeting and vote

The Pastor Search Committee wants your questions ahead of time! If you have questions for the candidate you would like us to cover on March 29 or on the candidating weekend, we invite you to send them to us at our email psc@fbca2.org.

Please be on the lookout in the next few weeks for sign-ups to attend the gatherings on candidating weekend! Thank you for your continued prayers as we move toward this exciting time!

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinaabe 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 or use the QR code to the right.

Calendar

March 25	Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
March 26	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
March 29	Palm/Passion Sunday @10:00a PSC New Candidate presentation@11:30a
April 3	Community Good Friday Service @12:00 noon at First United Methodist Church Good Friday Tenebrae Service @8:00p
April 4	Easter Worship and Easter Egg Hunt
April 10-12	Candidating Weekend

Daytime Warming Center continues through March 27
Monday to Friday, 8:00a to 4:00p

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