



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Grapentine

One: Let us walk this road together,

Many: Bound together perhaps by joy, perhaps by sadness.

One: Who knows, perhaps a stranger will join us?

Many: Is anyone really a stranger in God's house?

One: So we will open the scriptures and hear God's word.

Many: May Christ, no longer stranger, be revealed to us.

PRELUDE

In the Garden

Dan Miller
(b.1954, American)

*OPENING PRAYER

Chris Grapentine

*HYMN (see insert)

Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia!

HAYA TRADITIONAL

choir sings v.1, then congregation sings vv. 1, 5-6

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

Mfurahini, Haleluya - Tanzania

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 116

Chris Grapentine

One: I love the Lord, who has heard my cry for mercy;

Many: God listens when we call.

One: Gracious is the Lord and righteous;

Many: Our God is full of compassion.

One: How shall I ever repay the Lord

Many: for all the good things God has done?

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation

Many: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

One: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

Many: In the presence of God's people.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:18-21

Chris Grapentine

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

DEDICATION OF FINNIAN MILLS

Jamie & Ian Mills, parents
and siblings Gwen, Eleanor, Amelia, and Loretta

Congregational Response:

**With God’s help we will seek to follow Christ ourselves,
that these parents may be strengthened in faith,
and this child, surrounded by love,
may be nurtured in the way that leads to life.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) Alelu, alelu, alelu, aleluya, Gloria a Dios!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kent Harrop

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts” – hymnal page 896)

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:13-35

Kent Harrop

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord from Judas Maccabeus

G.F. Handel

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate; come dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all now praise His holy name.

SERMON

Living in the Moment

Kent Harrop

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

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!

Our Annual Program Meeting will be held after worship next week (11:15a), April 26 with lunch following the meeting. We will elect officers and board members, review the past year, learn more about Servant Keeper, and create a welcome video for Pastor Laura and her family! Children and youth will have their usual programming and will join us for lunch. The Board of Care and Community will be providing food. They are looking for some volunteers to help with set-up between the meeting and lunch and clean-up after lunch. Please contact Hayley Heaton (hayley.e.heaton@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

We welcome Rev. Kent Harrop (he/him) to the pulpit this morning. Kent Harrop is a retired American Baptist pastor. A graduate of Andover New Theological School he served churches in New England, Pacific Northwest, Ohio. Kent serves on the Board of AMOS Health and Hope since 2015 now as the Vice Chair and Development Chair. He has led many mission teams to Nicaragua since 2004. His first trip was with Pastors for Peace in 1989. Kent is the founder and coordinator of Pray and Paddle and North Shore SING (Spirituality in Nature Group) a hiking and kayaking ministry exploring relationship between the spiritual life and wisdom of nature. Kent lives in Beverly, MA and is married to Tricia with two grown daughters and one feisty cat. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. DJ Reed to the pulpit.

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 meets at 1:00p. The group will read and discuss the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

We're looking forward to Children's Ministry Sunday on May 3rd! The kids will lead the prayers, share the Scripture readings, play music, and greet. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00-11:30 for children in preK through 5th grade. To help us plan, could you please take a moment to sign your kiddos up at fbca2.org/connect. Xan is looking forward to the time planning and leading worship with your kids!

Flowers Needed for Worship! We invite you to help beautify our church sanctuary by providing flowers for worship. Providing flowers is a meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply contribute to the warmth and spirit of our shared space. Our flower sign up for the spring and summer is looking pretty bare. Can you help decorate our sanctuary? You can bring your own or arrange for Dana Larson to order them for \$50. Sign up at fbca2.org/connect.

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

April 18-19 AMOS Board Member Visit
April 22 Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p
The Gathering @6:00p
April 23 Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
April 26 Campus Ministry Sunday @10:00a
Annual Program Meeting @11:15a

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