



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Eleanor Mills

One: This is the good news we proclaim to you.

Many: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

One: Walk in the light of Christ's love.

Many: Live in the light of Jesus' teachings and tender mercies.

One: Worship the one who overcame death.

Many: Celebrate the triumph of our Lord.

PRELUDE *Partita on Awake, My Heart, with Gladness, Op. 70, No. 9 (Excerpt)*
Flor Peeters (1903-1986, Belgian)

*OPENING PRAYER

Eleanor Mills

***HYMN** (see insert) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

HYMN TO JOY

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 16

Eleanor Mills

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Many: You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.

One: Those who choose other gods multiply their sorrows;

Many: We will not honor or serve such gods.

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

Many: God crafts our future.

One: Bless the Lord, who gives me counsel.

Many: Show us the path of life.

One: In your presence is fullness of joy;

Many: In your right hand are pleasures evermore.

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

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

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Eleanor Mills

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Laura Harris-Adam

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

***GOSPEL READING**

John 20:19-31

Laura Harris-Adam

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM*This Joyful Eastertide*

Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

SERMON*In the Midst of Grief*

Laura Harris-Adam

SILENT REFLECTION**INVITATION TO GIVING**

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Isaac Thompson, baritone soloist

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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.



We'll remain in the Sanctuary following worship today for our congregational vote. Following the vote, join us downstairs for fellowship time. We'd love to connect!

We welcome Rev. Laura Harris-Adam (she/her) to the pulpit this morning. Laura Harris-Adam has deep ties in the American Baptist tradition, graduated from St. Olaf College and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and was ordained at North Shore Baptist Church. She is Pastor of Faith Formation at FBC Indianapolis and was Senior Pastor at West Acton Baptist Church in Massachusetts. Laura is married to Josiah and they have two children, Tom and Lydia. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Kent Harrop (AMOS board member) 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 through 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. After the congregational vote, please pick up your children for fellowship time from the Children's Choir room or the 3rd-floor Play Space.

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. There will not be regular Youth Group this week, as youth are invited to attend the congregation-wide meeting after worship. For more information about the youth program, 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.

AMOS Health and Hope. Join us next Sunday, April 19th as we welcome Rev. Kent Harrop (AMOS board member) as a representative from AMOS Health & Hope, our long-time mission partner in Nicaragua. Kent will be preaching, leading Adult Formation, and sharing updates on AMOS's work, including recent shifts to their model which have presented both new challenges and

opportunities. As we look towards the future, we hope you will join us in connecting with Kent and continuing to build our partnership with AMOS!

Save the Date: Our Annual Program Meeting will be held after worship on April 26 with lunch following the meeting. This is the meeting at which we elect officers and board members and also review the previous year. More info later.

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!

The Gathering is our campus ministry during the academic year. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Mary Davis, sign up at fbca2.org/connect, or make a financial gift by check to the church or via PayPal. The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

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 15	Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
April 16	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
April 18-19	AMOS Board Member Visit
April 26	Annual Program Meeting

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