



He is not
for He

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

One: Jesus is risen!

Many: Alleluia!

One: Come and worship the risen Lord!

Many: Alleluia!

One: For our redeemer has burst from the grave,

Many: Once lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.

One: Christ is alive and death loses its sting,

Many: come let us worship and endlessly sing: Alleluia!!

PRELUDE

Triumph Song "Alleluia"

Alec Rowley
(1892-1958, English)

*INVOCATION

Julie Smith

(* Please stand in body or spirit.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus Today Rose Triumphant

Harmonized by J.S. Bach

Today God's only gotten Son, arose from death and triumph won. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In mighty pomp and rich array, His therefore be the praise away. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Many: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Many: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Many: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN (see insert, vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Julie Smith

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward)

Alelu, Alelu

Alelu, alelu, alelu, aleluya

Gloria a Dios, aleluya

Gloria a Dios

Gloria a Dios, aleluya

Alelu, alelu, alelu, aleluya

Gloria a Dios, aleluya

Gloria a Dios,

Gloria a Dios!

(Following Time as Children, children up through 1st grade leave for an Easter Story and will rejoin their families following the Passing of the Peace.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Julie Smith

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken ev'ry chain!

Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He who gave for us his life. Who for us endur'd the strife,

Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,

Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restor'd.

How the penitent forgiv'n, how we too may enter heav'n.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed. Christ, today thy people feed;

Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 27:55-61, 28:1-10

Bill Foster

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** (see insert, vv. 1-4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

SERMON

The Seekers

Bill Foster

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus Is Risen from the Dead!

Lloyd Larson

*Jesus is risen from the dead! Jesus is risen as He said.
Go tell the news till all have heard that Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
that Jesus Christ is risen today!*
Hymns of praise, come let us sing to Christ who lives, our risen King!
Praise to God who reigns on high! Jesus lives and so shall I! *Refrain*
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Bill & Beth Foster

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

One: Creator, we disfigure your world. Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: Redeemer, we reject your redemption and crucify you daily.
Christ, have mercy.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: Giver of life, we too often choose death. Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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

The Bread *Meditation on Victimae Paschali Laudes* by Patrick Hopper

The Cup *O filii et filiae* by Jean François Dandrieu

The Prayer of Blessing

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP (insert, v.1)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (see handout) *Hallelujah Chorus* - G.F. Handel

The Hallelujah Chorus will serve as today's postlude to conclude the service. Immediately afterward, children and their grown-ups are invited to join Xan on the chancel to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt.

We pray for **Ed Parmentier, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Emily Wright, Erica Diels, Celeste Weissinger, Katherine Cartee, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry,** and the **Pastoral Search Committee.**

<u>Easter Lilies have been given by:</u>	<u>in honor of:</u>
Bill & Beth Foster	our children and grandchildren
Carolyn Hillebrand	my precious siblings
Dana & Paul Larson	Annalise
Lynn Marie Suits	my husband, David Lamkin

<u>Easter Lilies have been given by:</u>	<u>in memory of:</u>
The Alaniz Family	Maria Alaniz and Carol & Murphy Stumpf
Katherine Becker	Emory & Louise Eley, Carl & Helen Becker; Richard & Helen Louise Bowser; and Bill & Ginny McKeachie
The Duke Family	Lois Ann Pariseau Gentry, Florence Rita Scott Balash, and Rev. Dr. Stacey Simpson Duke
The Lee Family	Pearl Hsu and Harry & Elizabeth Lee
Their Family	Graham & Bonnie Miles
Kristin Reynolds	H. Robert Reynolds
Carol Shannon	my parents, Marjorie & Robert Shannon and my brother Bill
The Sunday Supper Crew	Vern Jensen
Donna Tipton	Ronald Tipton
Their Family	Burne & Phylis White

~ Please take your Easter flowers home after the service today ~

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 welcome Rev. William (Bill) Foster (he/him) to the pulpit this morning. Bill Foster is retired as the former Vice President of Spiritual Care with Trinity Health of Livonia, Michigan. Prior to that, Bill was Director and Regional Director of Spiritual Care for Trinity Health Southeast Michigan, with administrative and teaching responsibilities. He founded the CPE program accredited at Trinity Health Ann Arbor. A board-certified chaplain (retired), Bill is an ACPE Certified Educator ("CE"), and an ordained minister with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. Bill is married to the Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Jordan Foster. They have a daughter, Hannah, and a son, Nick, a daughter-in-law, Anisa, and grandchildren, Liam, Owen, and Audrey. Next Sunday, we welcome our pastoral candidate to the pulpit.

No formation classes today after worship. Our regular schedule (shown below) resumes next Sunday.

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 1st 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 from the Playroom upstairs.

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 to learn about our pastoral candidate. 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.

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!

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.

AMOS Health and Hope. Join us on 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!

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](https://www.paypal.com). The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

The Pastor Search Committee met on Monday, March 30, to continue plans for introducing the congregation to our recommended candidate for Senior Pastor.

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.

Here is the schedule:

- Friday, April 10, 6:30-8:00p 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 12:00-1:30p Coffee and light sandwiches with Executive Council, boards, and church staff
- Saturday, April 11 3:00-4:00p Conversation with music staff, Boards of Music & Arts and Worship, 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

Sign up to attend one of these group meetings at fbca2.org/connect or with this QR code



You are welcome to send questions for the candidate to the Pastor Search Committee ahead of time to pcs@fbca2.org.

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 8	Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
April 9	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
April 10-12	Candidating Weekend
April 18-19	AMOS Board Member Visit
April 26	Annual Program Meeting

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