



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**May 31, 2026**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING

Xan Morgan

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rayna Garcia

One: Is God worthy of our worship?

**Many: God is most worthy of our worship.**

One: Is Christ Jesus worthy of our praise?

**Many: Christ Jesus is most worthy of our praise.**

One: Is the Holy Spirit worthy of our honor?

**Many: The Spirit is most worthy of our honor.**

One: Come, let us worship the triune God.

**Many: Their worship brings us here.**

## PRELUDE

*Nicaea*  
(Holy, Holy, Holy)

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968, English Canadian)

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Rayna Garcia

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 139

Rayna Garcia

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**Many: You know my sittings and my risings; you know my every thought.**

One: You are acquainted with all my habits;

**Many: You know my every word before I utter it.**

One: For you formed me in my mother's womb;

**Many: In your book are written all my days.**

One: When you send forth your spirit, they are created.

**Many: Your spirit renews the face of the earth.**

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

**Many: Lead me in the way everlasting.**

## \*HYMN (see insert)

Lord, You Have Searched Me

*FEDERAL STREET*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1

Rayna Garcia

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**      Sweet, Sweet Spirit      *SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT*  
(Children through 5th grade come up)

**TIME AS CHILDREN**      Xan Morgan  
(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      Rolf Bouma  
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

**\*GOSPEL READING**      Matthew 5:21-24      Rolf Bouma  
One: The Word of God for the People of God  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**      *Lord, How Excellent Is Thy Name*      Benedetto Marcello  
O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee. I will sing praise unto Thy name, for Thou shalt judge in righteousness. The Lord shall judge in righteousness. O Thou most High, Great God who dwelleth in Zion, we put our trust in Thee. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth.

**SERMON**      *When Nobody Becomes Somebody*      Rolf Bouma

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**INVITATION TO GIVING**      Rolf Bouma

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**      *For the Beauty of the Earth*      John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
This our joyful hymn of praise.



**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.** We'd love to connect!

**We welcome Rev. Rolf Bouma (he/him) to the pulpit this morning.** Rolf Bouma is a retired pastor, serving as our Interim Worship Coordinator, who has served churches in Grand Rapids (MI), Framingham (MA), and Ann Arbor (the Campus Chapel). He has a J.D. from UofM, an M.Div and Th.M from Calvin Theological Seminary, and a PhD. from Boston University, focusing on eco-theology. Since 2004, he has taught in UofM's Program in the Environment. He continues to teach half-time, lecturing in environmental ethics as well as in ecology and religion. Rolf and Sandy have appreciated being a part of the First Baptist community since 2017. They have three children (all married), and four grandchildren. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Brian Burton 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. This is our last Sunday of regular programming, including children's choir. Next Sunday, we begin our Summer Children's Ministry between Time as Children and the end of worship.

**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). This Sunday will be our last Youth Group session until the fall.

**It's a wrap!** We wrap up our program year today with the last Children's choir, youth group, and adult formation class for the school year. A big THANK YOU from the Board of Christian Ed and the staff team to everyone who has stepped up to make our formation experiences possible this year. We give thanks for all the good learning that has taken place this year! Next week, we'll shift to Lemonade on the Lawn following worship. Join us outside for some snacks and lemonade; the playground will be open!

**Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering.** If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a small group for you! While the group is not officially meeting regularly over the summer, there will be occasional gatherings planned as folks are available. If you'd like to join our email list to get notified of our gatherings, contact Meg Suell ([meghansuell@gmail.com](mailto:meghansuell@gmail.com)), Valerie Francia ([valerie1francia@gmail.com](mailto:valerie1francia@gmail.com)), or Jamie Mills ([jamie.mills08@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.mills08@yahoo.com)).



**Online Photo Directory.** As a way to welcome Pastor Laura Harris-Adam, and to allow us all to put faces with names and feel more at home in our congregation, we are encouraging everyone to update our online photo directory! We use Servant Keeper for our online directory, as we use this software already for our giving statements.

Scan this QR code to register/login to your account to update your information and add a photo to your profile. Reach out to Christina Alaniz ([cnalaniz@umich.edu](mailto:cnalaniz@umich.edu)) if you need any help!

**Summer Hours.** For the month of June, the main office and building will be open Tuesdays-Thursdays from 8:30-12:30p and Fridays from 9-1p. Kat, our Office Administrator, will also be available by phone on Mondays from 8:30-12:30p.

**Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays.** Our FBC Saturday workday is June 27<sup>th</sup>, and our Friday workday is Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. The FBC volunteers will work with another Good News group congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on work days. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the Good News house website: [H4H.org/goodnewsgroup](http://H4H.org/goodnewsgroup) for home page and [H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer](http://H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer) for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2026. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels if you have any questions.

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

### **Calendar**

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| May 31  | Worship @10:00a  |
| June 6  | Reynolds Memorial Service @4:00p<br>(Rackham Auditorium followed by<br>a reception at FBC) |
| June 7  | Worship @10:00a  |
| June 27 | Habitat for Humanity work day  |

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