



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Ballade on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Excerpt)
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)

Liselotte Kunkel
(b.1975, German)

*OPENING PRAYER

Katie Kerschbaum

***HYMN** (see insert, vv. 1, 3-5) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LOBE DEN HERREN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:105-112

Katie Kerschbaum

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Many: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

One: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Many: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

One: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

Many: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

Many: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

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

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

(Children through 5th grade come up)

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Summer Children's Ministry in the Play Space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Laura

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Katie Kerschbaum

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Reckless Sower

Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. by Sally DeFord
Ben Findlan, *tenor*

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,
But sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame nor can the mem'ry find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek.
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***HYMN** (see insert) O Word of God Incarnate *MUNICH*

A MOMENT OF THANKS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Felix Mendelssohn
from *Organ Sonata Op.65, No.2* (1819-1847, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in celebration of family birthdays: Jakob (8) and Annemarie (87).*

~ Elli Barron ~

We pray for **Noreen Wolcott, Donna Tipton, Grange Burnside, Pidgey Karolyi, Kathy Mortensen, Judy Burton, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Erica Diels, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, and Beth Granberry.**

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 outside for lemonade after the service. We'd love to connect! We have birthday cards for Marlene Francis who will turn 90 next week! Cards will be at a ministry station in the upstairs hallway for you to sign.

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) upstairs. Children who have completed 5th grade and younger, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Youth group on Sundays will resume in the fall. Keep an eye out for youth activities this summer. For more information, please contact Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

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), Valerie Francia (valerie1francia@gmail.com), or Jamie Mills (jamie.mills08@yahoo.com).

Welcome Party for Pastor Laura and her family! Join us for a celebration today from 4-6p at County Farm Park (2230 Platt Rd). Please bring a camping chair and/or a dessert if you're able! We will send an email the day of to inform you if the party moves to the Fellowship Hall because of rain.

Art Fairs Parking Lot. We have eight artists who will rent spaces in our lot during the Art Fairs this year (July 16-18). The artists will arrive to set up their booths on Wednesday, 15th. On Thursday – Friday, when we have volunteers, we will rent out parking spaces to shoppers. In 2025, we were able to raise \$1044 from shoppers and an additional \$1470 from the artists for their reserved spots, for a total of \$2514 - all of which was used for household goods for Hikone and for clothing for the Warming Center folks.

We currently have six volunteers but would love to have more! Times and dates when we need volunteers: 3:00-5:00 on Thursday and Friday; 11:00 - 1:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 on Saturday. Volunteers will greet each car and explain the cost and take their money – or explain that the lot is full. Volunteers receive a free spot to park if they wish to shop before or after their shift. FBCA2 people are very welcome to come to shop; let Sue Ellen know when, and we'll reserve a spot for you. Come volunteer and then go shopping! Contact Sue Ellen if you have questions or would like to volunteer (gloverse@hotmail.com).

Community Action Network (CAN) Back-to-School Drive. Each year our congregation helps equip the students in the seven locations served by Community Action Network (CAN) for the new school year. This year 300 backpacks are needing to be filled! Please give generously to this special ministry. The Amazon wishlist can be found at fbca2.org/connect or if you'd prefer to give a financial donation, please send a check made out to Sue Ellen Glover c/o First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington, 48104. All donations are needed by August 5 in order to be sorted and distributed to the seven communities.

Habitat for Humanity & FBC. As in past years, our congregation has committed financial support to the Good News House projects. 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 (hscottdiels@gmail.com) if you have any questions about Habitat or about volunteering for our second work day on Friday, August 21.

Summer Hours. For the month of July, the main office and building will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a-12:30p. Closed on Fridays.

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

July 12 Worship @10:00a
 Welcome Party for Pastor Laura @4:00p until 6:00p
July 16-18 Art Fairs Parking
July 19 Worship @10:00a
August 21 H4H Workday

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