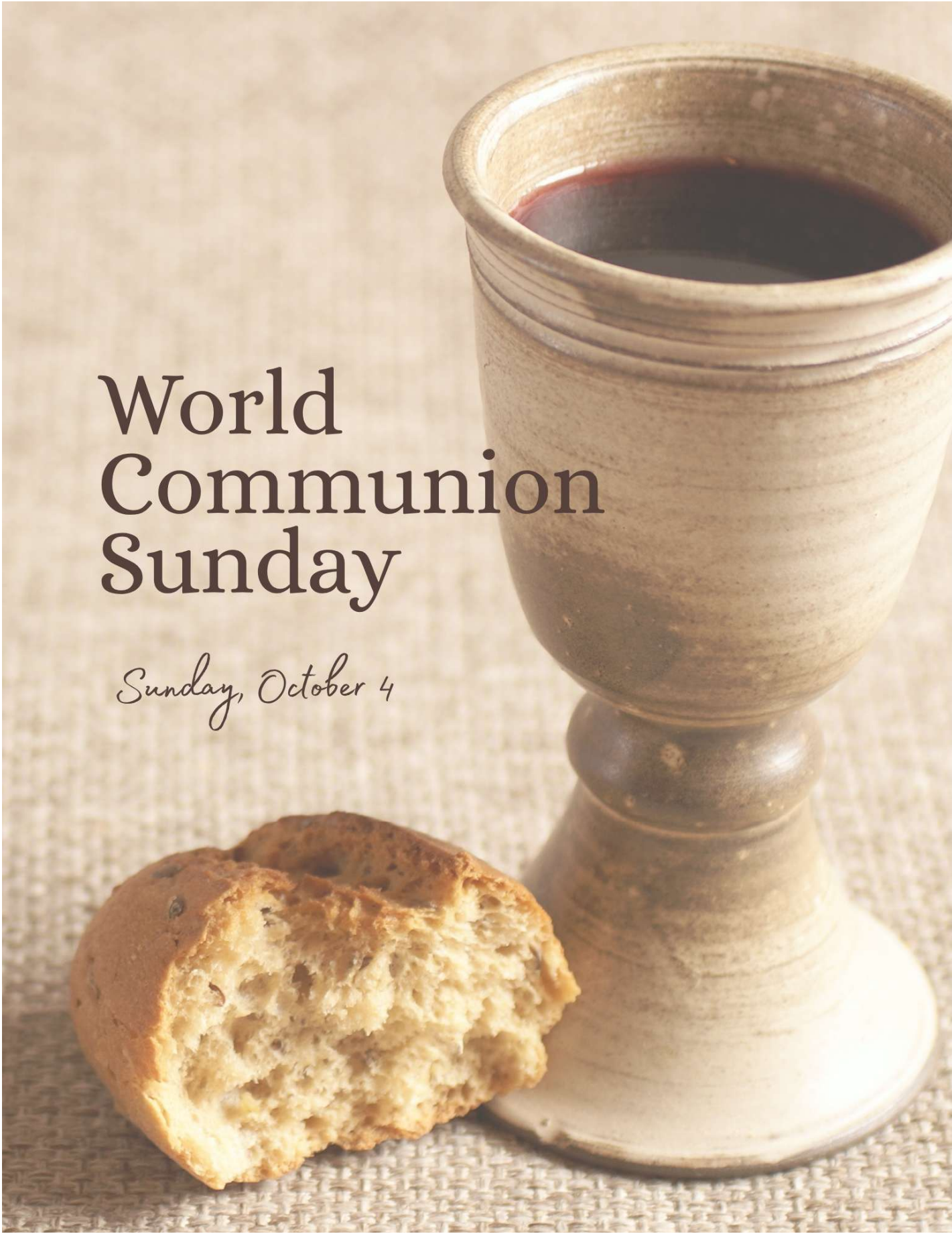


A rustic ceramic chalice filled with red wine, standing on a burlap surface next to a broken piece of bread. The chalice has a wide, flared rim and a textured, earthy finish. The bread is golden-brown and crumbly, with a bite taken out of it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus burlap texture.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Laura

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Vater unser im Himmelreich, BuxWV 219* Dieterich Buxtehude
(Our Father in Heaven) (1637-1707, German)

***OPENING PRAYER** Allen Burton

***HYMN #617** (see insert) I Come with Joy *DOVE OF PEACE*

***RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 19:1-6, 14 Allen Burton

One: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims
God's handiwork.

**Many: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts
knowledge to another.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**Many: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to
the end of the world.**

One: In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it rejoices like a
champion to run its course.

**Many: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**All: *Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.***

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

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Allen Burton

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM*Joyous Light of Glory*

David von Kampen

Joyous light of glory: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims Your glory.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pastor Laura

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:

Jamie Mills

SHELLEY CHICHY, JASON AND MICHELE MCGOVERN, AND LAURA, JOSIAH, TOM, AND LYDIA HARRIS-ADAM

Congregation: We gladly welcome you into this church home. We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you, and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

New Members: We accept your welcome and offer our lives to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

Congregation: We are all made richer in faith because of your joining us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be good friends to each other and fully faithful to the calling of God on our lives together.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG*Seek Ye First (v.1)**SEEK YE***TIME AS CHILDREN**

Valerie Francia

[Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 3rd-6th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!]

SERMON*A New Covenant*

Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #620** (see insert)

(Collecting of prayer cards)

*One Bread, One Body**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Laura

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

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Bread of Heaven

Karen Marrolli

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and feed our souls.
Come and quench our thirst and make us whole,
for our hunger for justice and hope has brought us here.
Come and soothe our suff'ring and our fear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring us life.
Come and quell all violence and all strife,
for our thirst for compassion and love has brought us here.
Come and bid all conflict disappear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and feed our souls.
Come and quench our thirst and make us whole,
for our hunger for justice and hope has brought us here.
Come and soothe our suff'ring and our fear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring your light.
Come and fracture hopelessness and night,
for our hunger for healing will ever bring us here,
welcoming your children, far and near.

*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

Pastor Laura & Gretchen Sanewsky

As the plates are passed, please remain in your seats and hold the bread and cup until you are invited to partake in unison with the whole congregation.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Bread *Jesus, My Confidence, BWV 728* by J.S. Bach

The Cup *Just As I Am, without One Plea* by Lennart Morée

The Prayer of Blessing

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Laura

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***HYMN #557** (see insert, v. 1)

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Laura

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C Major

Johann Christian Kittel
(1732-1809)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God,
thankful and grateful for those who love us.*

~ Nancy Fajardo ~

We pray for **David Robbins, Noreen Wolcott, Grange Burnside, 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.**

The rosebud on the lectern is in celebration of the birth of **Adrian Xavier Bon** to Audrey & Jeremy (and siblings Henry, Lily & Georgia!) on September 29th.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the denomination-wide **World Mission Offering**, joining the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. If donating by check, please write the check to "First Baptist Church" and put "WMO" in the memo line.

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!

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. All children in 6th grade and younger, leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Please pick up your children (4 yrs through 6th grade) after worship to join you for Fellowship Time. There is supervised play upstairs in the Play Space for families who choose to stay for adult formation. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 3rd-6th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship.

Youth Group. All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join the youth group on Sundays. We gather in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. This fall our amazing team of adult youth leaders will facilitate conversations ranging from "How Do I Pray?" to "Jesus and Narnia." For more information, please contact Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com) or Pastor Laura (laura@fbca2.org).

Adult Formation. Join us after worship for a short series exploring the theme of covenant. We will consider the biblical covenants alongside our church covenant. These sessions will help us to understand what a pastoral installation service is all about as we make covenant commitments to one another as pastor and congregation on October 11. Everyone is welcome!

Join Our Youth Group for the 2026 CROP Hunger Walk! Thank you to everyone who has already supported our youth group's participation in the 52nd Annual Ann Arbor Area CROP Hunger Walk. So far, we have received \$230 in donations toward our fundraising goal! We invite you to join the youth of FBCA2 as we participate in the walk today. Proceeds help combat hunger both locally and around the world through Church World Service and local hunger-relief partners. Additional donations will be accepted during Fellowship Hour this Sunday, and online donations will continue to be accepted. You can make a donation or join the FBCA2 team at fbca2.org/event/2026-crop-hunger-walk. The walk will be hosted at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. Registration begins at 1:00 PM, with the outdoor send-off at 2:00 PM. This year's route is a little over one mile, and walkers may complete the route multiple times if they wish.

The youth group will gather for a Jimmy John's lunch in the Youth Room at 12:30 PM before heading to **First United Methodist Church at 1:30 PM** for the walk. We welcome all FBCA2 friends to join us for lunch, fellowship, and the walk itself. Whether you walk, donate, or both, your participation will make a difference in the fight against hunger. Questions? Connect with DJ Reed (djayreed@gmail.com), Chair of the Mission Action Board

Pastor Installation Service. Join us next Sunday, October 11 at 10am for a Service of Worship and Installation honoring Pastor Laura! We will celebrate and covenant together for this new season of ministry at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor! Please plan for this service to last for 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours with reception to follow. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Laura's mentor and friend the Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents a concert "Piano" on Friday, October 16, at noon. John Mortensen, Professor of Music at Cedarville University, will perform his own improvisations in a variety of historical styles which is his specialty along with music written by Bach, Rameau, Couperin, Scarlatti, and Royer. This will be a rare opportunity to see and hear how a musician's mind works as he improvises. It is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar! Invite your friends and neighbors to listen to beautiful music in our sanctuary!

Our Central Area ABWM (American Baptist Women of Michigan) are hosting an event on Saturday October 17th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1565 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, MI. It is a fun day of fellowship - we will have puzzles and games for those who wish to come and fellowship and get to know other Christian women in our area and state. It includes a lite breakfast and lunch! Just \$15 per person. See the posters up in church, and/or ask Carolyn Grapentine about the details. I hope you will join us and meet up with old or new friends!

Church Family Dinner. Join us Sunday, October 18th from 5-7 pm at the Mills' house (3144 Dexter Rd) for a chili dinner and inter-generational fellowship. There is no expectation to bring anything, entertainment will be provided for the children, and dinner will account for common allergens/restrictions. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jamie Mills (925-324-4456 or jamie.mills08@yahoo.com).

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. This fall our conversations will be centered on reflections from the book *God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us*, by Lizzie McManus-Dail. No pre-reading required. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Pastor Laura for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, you can sign up at fbca2.org/connect or send a financial contribution to the church.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study. Anyone is welcome to join our Bible Study from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Lounge. Pastor Laura will lead a discussion of the lectionary readings for the Sunday in two weeks.

Evening Bible Study. Last year a group of us worked through the Yale Bible Study's lessons on Genesis and Mark. We are returning to the YBS this fall to work through the lessons on Exodus, and we would be glad to have you join us. The study involves 8 weekly meetings that take place on Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm at the church in the Lounge. Our first meeting was on September 23. The time commitment is 1-2 hours of reading and reflection in advance of each meeting, plus the meeting itself. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Clay Scott (clayscot@umich.edu) or the church office.

You are invited to Tea with Pastor Laura! During these next several months, Pastor Laura hopes to meet with everyone connected to our community. Yes, even you! Meet up at your favorite coffee shop, visit in the FBCA2 office, or gather in your home. To sign up, go to the link at fbca2.org/connect and find a time that works for you on the calendar. When you sign up, please let Pastor Laura know where you'd like to meet. Let's share our stories of life and faith over a cup of tea!

FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club. At the end of October, the FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club will discuss *The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald* by John U. Bacon. We will meet Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30 pm at Janice Stumpf's house for refreshments and polite conversation. Hope you can join us! Please contact Janice or Mary Gregg 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 or use the QR code.

Calendar

October 4	Worship @10:00a Blessing of New Members CROP Walk @1:00p
October 6	Hope Clinic Meal Executive Council @7:00p
October 7	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:15p Evening Bible Study @7:00p
October 8	Choir Rehearsal @7:30p
October 11	Service of Installation for Pastor Laura @10:00a
October 16	AD LIBITUM Concert @12:00p

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