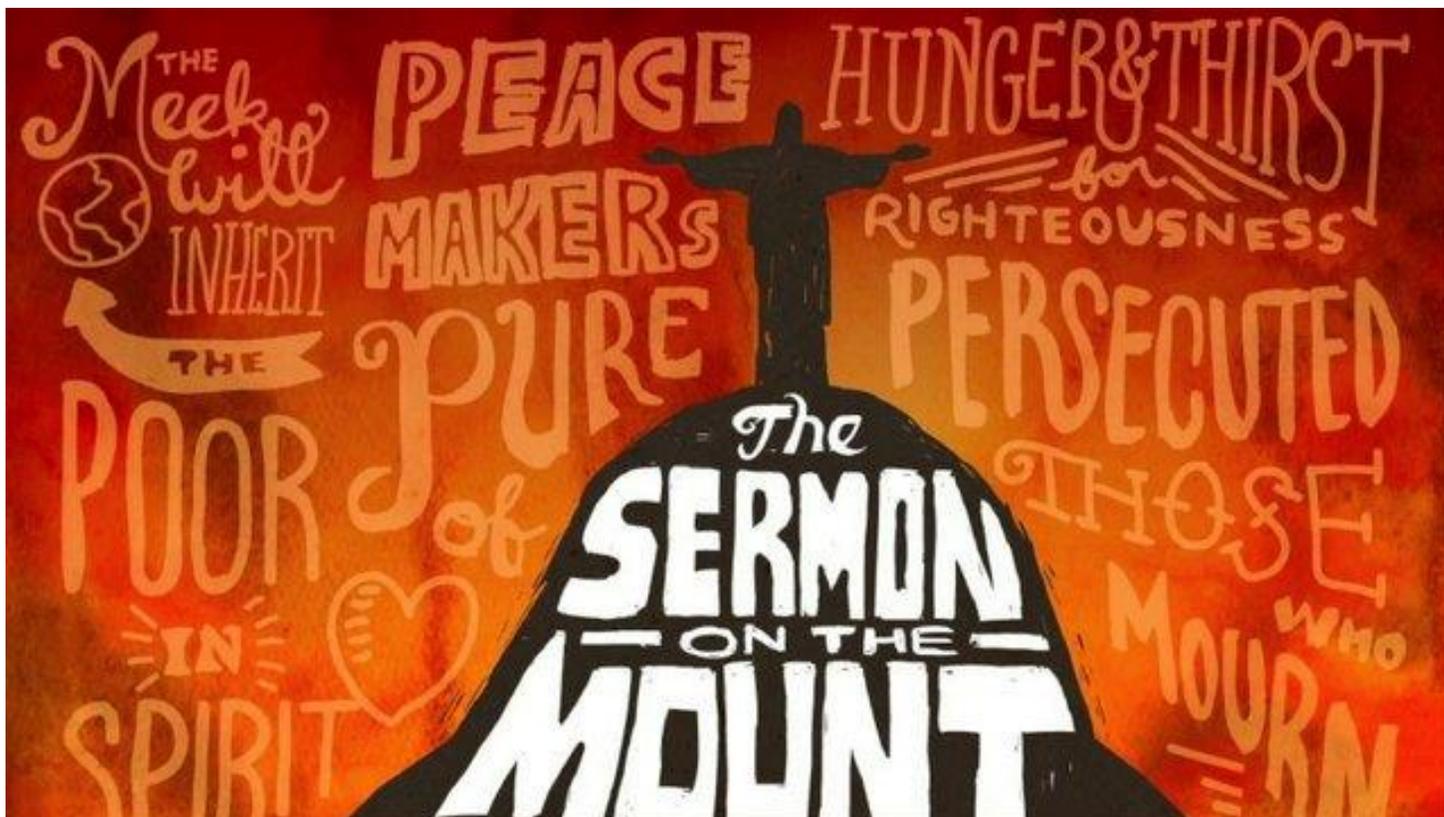




The **First**  
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**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

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*Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here.*



presence, welcome your guidance, and grow in your grace. Gather us together as one body, with many different parts and gifts, that we might be your disciples on this earth. In the name of Jesus we pray, who taught us to say together...

**\* Lord's Prayer** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**\* Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Children's Circle**

Rev. Bob Livingston

(Children are invited downstairs to church school following children's circle with Terry Haley)

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## Give, Share, Rejoice

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**Offertory Sentences  
and Offertory**

Rev. Bob Livingston

**Choral Anthem**

"A Time for Turning"  
C. Courtney

James Nissen, Director of Music

**\* Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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## We Grow in Our Faith

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| * Hymn of Preparation | “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”                                 | Hymnal #459                   |
| Gospel Reading        | Matthew 5:1-12 (Good News Bible)                                  |                               |
| Sermon                | “The Blessed Journey: Pure in Heart”<br>Rev. Robert K. Livingston |                               |
| Solo                  | “Litany”  | Rikki Morrow-Spitzer, soloist |
| Pastoral Prayer       |   |                               |
| Choral Response       |   |                               |

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## We Go Forth to Live and Serve

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| * Recessional Hymn        | “Part in Peace”   | Hymnal #78 |
| Charge and<br>Benediction |                   |            |
| Choral Benediction        | “God Be With You” |            |

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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| * Postlude | “Jig Fugue”<br>Diderich Buxtehude (1637-1707) | Timothy L. Huth, organist |
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\* Congregation Standing  
(Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.)

# Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4

1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;  
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,  
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!  
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

## Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
Re - joice Re - joice

*This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.*

Tune: MARION S.M. with refrain  
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883  
For an alternate setting, see 71  
Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

**The Time for Turning**  
**Music by Craig Courtney**  
**Lyrics by Pamela Martin**  
**Dr. James Nissen, Director of Music**  
**Rebecca Jones, Piano Accompanist**

To everything a season,  
to everything a time;  
a moment to move forward  
and leave the past behind.

As summer turns to autumn  
and bids farewell to spring,  
there comes a time for turning  
to every living things.

The breezes change direction,  
the geese turn homeward bound.  
The leaf turns from its clinging  
and falls upon the ground.

The flower turns from blooming  
to slumber in the snow.  
And so to all a season,  
a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning  
and this the place to start;  
for yielding to the yearning,  
for changing of the heart;

a moment to surrender  
the things we should release,  
forgive and find forgiveness,  
and in forgiveness, peace,  
and in forgiveness, peace.

## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav - ing come,  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

# Litany

Lyrics by Langston Hughes

Music by John Musto

Rikki Morrow-Spitzer, Soloist

Rebecca Jones, Piano accompanist

"Gather up in the arms of your pity  
the sick, the depraved, the desperate the tired  
all the scum of our weary city  
gather up in the arms of your pity  
gather up in the arms of your love  
those who expect no love from above"

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

## Part in Peace

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*Sarah Flower Adams (1805-1848); alt.*

*Unison*

The musical score is written for a unison voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a 3/4 time signature and a bass clef staff. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a 3/4 time signature and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staves.

1 Part in peace! the day be - fore us, prais - es sing for life and light.  
2 Part in peace! with deep thanks-giv-ing, ren - dering as we home-ward tread,  
3 Part in peace! our voic - es rais-ing, in God's pres - ence al - ways be.

Are the shad-ows length - ening o'er us? Bless God's care who guards the night.  
Love and ser - vice to the liv - ing, gen - tle mem - ory to the dead.  
This the wor - ship and the prais-ing, bring - ing peace to you and me.

*Daughter of an editor, Sarah Flower Adams gave up a successful acting career in London to continue writing poems and hymns. One of her best-known texts is "Nearer, my God, to thee."*

Tune: CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7.  
Southern Harmony, 1835  
Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:

OCTOBER 22, 2017

BRUNCH AT 11 A.M. IN MAYFLOWER ROOM

PLEASE RSVP TO NANCY SAUVE



## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

We would like to cordially invite all prospective new members to consider making FCC your new church home. Our tradition is to accept new members into our church community at two special services each year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. Our fall service will be on November 5, 2017.

As a way to introduce you to our church and ministry, we have designed an orientation class to give potential members the chance to get to know us better. The date and time for the next new member orientation class is Sunday, October 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room (located on the main floor).

During the orientation class you will be able to have conversations with Bob and Darcy, Rachel Dudley, our Interim Director of Christian Education, and leaders about church membership, history, theology, and church practice. You will also have an opportunity to meet and get to know other prospective members and be taken on a guided tour of our church building. A brunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Children's activities will take place during the class. Attendance at the orientation class is encouraged but not required for membership in FCC.

New members will be welcomed into our church family on Sunday, November 5 during our 10 a.m. service. Though many people choose to join FCC after the completion of the orientation class, please be assured there is no pressure to do so; we are simply happy you are here and part of our FCC community.

Please email [nancy@fccann Arbor.org](mailto:nancy@fccann Arbor.org) to RSVP or for additional questions.

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**Welcome!** We are glad you joined us this Sunday and look forward to meeting and getting to know you. Please join us after the 10 a.m. service for refreshments and friendship upstairs in Pilgrim Hall. Please don't forget to visit our website at [www.fccannarbor.org](http://www.fccannarbor.org) to learn more about our church.

**Sunday Worship** During our programming year (September through May), we offer our contemporary Change of Pace worship service in Pilgrim Hall at 9:00 a.m. There is a brief 15-minute communion service in our Douglas Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Our more traditional worship service is in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., and is normally followed by refreshments and friendship in Pilgrim Hall.

**Childcare and Church School** Nursery care is available for children newborn to 2 years of age with screened and consistent childcare workers. If you'd like to keep your infant or child with you in worship, you are more than welcome to do so. Please feel free to move about during the service as is needed. Also, during the regular program year, children and youth are invited to leave after our children's circle and attend their church school classes.

**Healing Space** Join us on Sunday, November 12 from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall when we feature music by pianist Kathe Johnson. Gratitude will be the focus of the reflection and guided meditation. There will also be a time for prayer.

This new service meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall. If you need further information, please contact Gail Haynes or Liz Larrivee. Input is welcome and all are welcome.

**Luncheon Group** These luncheon gatherings, hosted by Bob Livingston, meet monthly on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May). They are highly informal, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations, with the hopeful result of the nourishment of both the mind and body. The luncheons are held at Knight's Restaurant on 2324 Dexter Avenue in Ann Arbor. Our next luncheon will be October 23.

**Tuesday Night Series (TNS)** At TNS, we view and discuss a variety of relevant and interesting theological issues. This 6-week series is based on lectures by popular, fascinating, and renowned Bishop John Shelby Spong. We meet on Tuesday nights in the Mayflower Room from 7-8:30 a.m. and are currently listening to lectures on the Gospel of John. Please come and join us.

**Text Breakfast** We gather with Bob Livingston every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Classic Cup Café (4389 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor) for lively discussion. Our next breakfast is scheduled for October 18 where we will continue discussing our sermon series, "The Blessed Journey," reading from Matthew 5:1-12.

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**Mind & Spirit Book Group** The Mind and Spirit Book Group is a community of women of all ages. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. On October 18th, we'll continue discussing *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi. Please contact Janet Chen at [a2janetchen@gmail.com](mailto:a2janetchen@gmail.com) for additional information.

**20/40** Our 20-, 30-, and 40- somethings meet on Wednesday evenings. Our first study this year was from the UCC "A Listen Up Bible Study" where we explored Ecclesiastes through a four part series. We will not meet October 18. Our next gathering will be October 25th at Wolverine for pub trivia.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Yale Whiffenpoofs** Please join us Monday, October 16th from 7:30-9 p.m. as we host the Yale Whiffenpoofs, America's oldest collegiate a cappella group, for one night only! Featuring East Lansing native, Ian Billinge, the Whiffs will be performing their characteristic mix of Jazz standards and hits from throughout the decades.

Veterans of NBC's *The Sing Off* and *Glee*, performances for U.S. presidents Barack Obama, George W. and H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Ronald Reagan, and thousands of concerts around the world, the Whiffenpoofs are sure to entertain audiences of all ages. Tickets (prices range from \$10-\$25) can be purchased online or at the door. For any inquiries, email [business@whiffenpoofs.com](mailto:business@whiffenpoofs.com) or call (517) 775-8155.

**Penny Seats Theater** October 19, 20, and 21 will be the last performances of the Penny Seats Theatre Company at FCC. The setting of a spooky, psychological thriller inside a church, just in time for Halloween, the group will present Henry James's famous Victorian ghost story, "The Turn of the Screw," in a recent adaptation by famed playwright and screenwriter, Jeffrey Hatcher.

The single-act show runs a quick 70 minutes, and recounts the story of an impressionable young governess and her encounter with the odd people—and, perhaps, the ghosts—of a remote English manor. Hatcher's clever, two-person adaptation is directed by established local director and actor, Julia Glander, and stars regional favorites Mary Dilworth, in the role of the governess, and Will Myers, as every other part in the play. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, beginning at 8 p.m.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall  
Special Animal Blessings  
(in the side garden)  
Rain date TBD—Spring
- 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall
- 2:00 p.m. David Felbeck Funeral Service  
CROP Walk, Trinity Lutheran
- 6:00 p.m. JH OWL, Meeting Room  
OWL Parent Meeting, Mayflower

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall  
New Member Brunch Orientation

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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- Oct. 15 9:00 a.m. Special Animal Blessings
- Oct. 16 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- Oct. 17 7:00 p.m. TNS (Mayflower)
- Oct. 18 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)  
10:15 a.m. Mind and Spirit Book Club  
12:30 p.m. Marketing Meeting
- Oct. 19-21 8:00 p.m. Penny Seats Theater
- Oct. 21 10:30 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Family Ministry
- Oct. 22 11:00 a.m. New Member Brunch (Mayflower)
- Oct. 23 11:30 a.m. Knight's Luncheon Club
- Oct. 24 7:00 p.m. TNS (Mayflower Room)
- Oct. 25 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)  
7:00 p.m. 20/40 Group Trivia Night
- Oct. 29 12:00 p.m. JR Leaf Raking (Please RSVP to  
rachel@fccannarbor.org)
- Oct. 31 NO TNS—Halloween
- Nov. 1 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)  
6:30 p.m. 20/40 (Meeting Room)
- Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)  
11:00 a.m. BOCE Meeting (Mayflower Room)
- Nov. 7 11:45 a.m. Men's Luncheon (Knight's)  
7:00 p.m. TNS (Mayflower Room)

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## STAFF

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| Chapel Organist            | Katherine Johnson                                      |
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### TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Infants and preschoolers are invited downstairs to church school before the service.

Children (K-12) are invited to church school after children's circle.

