



The First  
Congregational  
Church of Ann Arbor

Rx

Antidotes for an  
Out of Control Life

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- 11 FEB FINDING PEACE IN A HIGH  
ANXIETY WORLD (DAC)
- 18 FEB SLOWING DOWN IN A  
HURRY-UP WORLD (TKL)
- 25 FEB WHY LESS IS USUALLY MORE (DAC)
- 4 MAR YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE (DAC)

Dispense As Written

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2018 Sermon Series

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**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

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

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## We Gather to Worship God

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### Silent Meditation

“What do you love? You gain courage from what you love. When you know where your treasure lies, when you know what is, for you, sacred and right, then you are filled with a clarity of purpose and a breathtaking capacity to act on what you believe.”

– Wayne Mueller

### Organ Prelude

“A Gospel Prelude” (duet for piano and organ)

Charles Callahan (b. 1942)

Timothy Huth, organist

Rebecca Jones, pianist

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Darcy Crain

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row and back, providing the opportunity to greet one another by name.*

### Choral Introit

### \* Processional Hymn

“Woke Up This Morning”

See insert

### \* Call to Worship

Pat Brown

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

All: **We come in search of help and hope.**

One: Come, you who are no stranger to grief or oppression.

All: **We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.**

One: Come and find refuge in God our rock.

**All:** We praise the One who can calm in the midst of a storm.

**One:** Let us pray:

**\* Prayer of Invocation  
(in unison)** God we come to you from hectic schedules and lonely kitchen tables; from exhaustion and boredom; from chapters in our lives that we wish we could fast forward, and from those we wish we could rewind. Help us in this hour of worship to be grounded in your divine Spirit which bids us to be fully present. We trust in the cornerstone of our faith, Jesus himself, who taught us when praying to say together:

**\* Lord's Prayer  
(in unison)** 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  
(in unison)** *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**

Rachel Dudley, Director of Christian Education

(Children are invited downstairs to church school following the Children's Circle.)

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## Give, Share, Rejoice

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**Offertory Sentences and  
Offertory**

Rev. Darcy Crain

**Solo**

"Is There Anybody Here"

Barbara Scanlon, soloist

Spiritual arranged by Roland M. Carter

\* **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**     “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
Hymnal #290

**Gospel Reading**     Matthew 6:19-21, 25, 33     *Pew Bible Page 882*

**Sermon**     “Antidotes for an Out of Control Life:  
The Desire of the Heart”     Rev. Darcy Crain

**Anthem**     “If I Can Help Somebody”     FCC Chancel Choir  
Andruzzo/Brunner

If I can help somebody, as I pass along;  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody he is trav'ling wrong,  
then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain;  
If I can tell somebody that He rose again,  
that He can cleanse the guilty, He can wash the stain,  
then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can help somebody as I journey through this world,  
then my living shall not be in vain.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Liz Larrivee

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## **We Go Forth to Live and Serve**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**     “God’s Eye is on the Sparrow”     Hymnal #475

**Charge and Benediction**



## **“Is There Anybody Here”**

**Barbara Scanlon, soloist**

**Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist**

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus, Anybody here who love my Lord?  
I want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord.

When I was blind and could not see, King Jesus brought the light to me,  
And when every star refuse to shine, I know King Jesus will be mine!

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus, Anybody here who love my Lord?  
I want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord.

O brethren this world is a wilderness of woe, so let us all to Glory go,  
yes religion is like a blooming rose  
And none but him who feels it knows that none but the righteous shall see God.

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Say Amen if you love my Lord!  
I want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord.



### **Please note change of date for Contemporary Issues Program**

#### **Welcoming the Stranger: How Jewish Family Services Resettles Refugees in Washtenaw County**

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:10 in the Mayflower Room, Carolyn Scorpio, from Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS), will describe how refugees are resettled in our community. The US State Department has designated JFS as the agency to resettle refugees in our area. Currently JFS is helping refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Democratic Republic of the Congo to return to a more normal life. Ms. Scorpio will discuss the services offered to refugees, the needs of current refugees, and what is anticipated regarding resettling refugees in the future.

An opportunity for FCC members to participate in a resettlement drive to help refugees will begin on March 11 for the third year in a row, an Easter Egg Tree will appear in the Mayflower Lobby and each “egg” will indicate a specific item or gift card to be purchased for the tree. Gifts should be returned unwrapped on or before April 1.