



The First
Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor

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The First Congregational Church ❖ Ann Arbor, Michigan

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here

We Gather to Worship God

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**Welcome and
Announcements**

Rev. Darcy Crain
Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Prelude Méditation pour orgue

Maurice Duruflé
Timothy Huth, organ

*** Gathering Hymn** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

NCH #73

*** Call to Worship**

Judy Hallberg

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, who invites us into grace and peace.

Many: **We come seeking the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is himself a sign of God's love for our world.**

One: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Many: **We open our hearts to the peace that transcends our worries, and our minds to the love that sustains us.**

One: Let us worship with joy, knowing that God's grace is with us, God's love surrounds us, and the Spirit unites us.

Many: **We come with grateful hearts, ready to give and ready to receive.**

One: Let us pray:

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious and loving God, We gather in Your presence with hearts full of gratitude for the countless blessings You pour into our lives. From the dawn of creation until this very moment, You have spoken words of blessing over us, offering us peace, grace, and love beyond measure. You have acted justly and compassionately, modeling the way we are to live and be in the world. Bless this time of worship, that we may be a blessing to others, carrying Your love and peace into the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray 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 FCC Kidz Halloween Parade Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

*Kidz 0-8th grade are invited downstairs for FCC Kidz.
Activity bags are available for kids who wish to stay in worship.*

Passing of the Peace *Please turn and greet your neighbor.*

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Offertory Music The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte
Lilian Grusz, soprano
Joshua Marzan, piano

* **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 Rev. Eric Hausman

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" NCH #293

We Grow in Our Faith

Scripture Reading Numbers 6:24-26 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

Sermon "Prayers of Blessing" Rev. Darcy Crain

Anthem Grant Us Your Peace Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir
Joshua Marzan, piano

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Eric Hausman

Choral Prayer Response Chancel Choir

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* **Parting Hymn** "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" NCH #18

Charge and Benediction Rev. Darcy Crain

Postlude Toccata in D moll (BWV 565) J.S. Bach
Gail Archer, guest organist

* Congregation standing. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.

Gathering Hymn

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system shows the melody in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.
Louise Ruspini
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

GOD

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune
 for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales.
 Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the
 urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907
 Alternate setting: ZION

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

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Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
 9.11.9.11. with refrain
 Doris Akers, 1962

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Sunday, October 27th

9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	FCC Kidz Halloween Parade, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Pumpkin Sunday Potluck, Pilgrim Hall
2:00 p.m.	Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3rd

9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	MS Youth Coat Drive, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	BOCE Meeting, Mayflower Room
11:15 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour, Meeting Room
12:00 p.m.	Rehearsal, Sanctuary

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

10/29	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series – Mayflower Room
10/30	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island
10/31		Happy Halloween!
11/01	6:00 p.m.	First Friday Family Fun Night – Pilgrim Hall
11/03		Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/03	2:15 p.m.	Ben Gaughran Lecture - FUMC
11/03	3:00 p.m.	Ben Gaughran Dissertation Recital - FUMC
11/05		Election Day
11/05		NO Tuesday Night Series
11/06	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island
11/06	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit – Mayflower Room
11/06	12:00 p.m.	Marketing Meeting - Zoom
11/06	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach – Mayflower Room

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