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- Martin Luther King, Jr.
We Gather to Worship God

Silent Meditation
“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Organ Prelude
“Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany”
Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)
Timothy Huth, organist

“Behold, the Lord the ruler is come, power and dominion in his hand. Give to the king thy judgment, O God, and to the King’s child, thy justice.”

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Bob Livingston
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
“Praise to the Living God” Hymnal #8

* Call to Worship
One: As we gather this morning in the welcome of God’s love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us rejoice together and listen for the voice of God.

All: Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or whisper of the Holy One.
One: Let us join together with one voice. Let us pray.

* Prayer of Invocation  
(in unison)  
Touch us, O God, this morning, through the ministry of music, and message, and prayer, and through the presence of your Spirit that causes our hearts to overflow, that we might be absorbed within the mystery and wonder of your love and presence. Lift us to the higher realm of forgiveness and service, in the name of the one who is your Word Made Flesh amongst us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Eternal Friend, who taught us to pray...

* 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  
Installation of Rachel Dudley as Director of Christian Education

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

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences and Offertory  
Rev. Bob Livingston

Anthem  
“Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name”  
Chancel Choir  
Brazeal W. Dennard
* 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. Darcy Crain

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**We Grow in Our Faith**

* Hymn of Preparation  
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”  
Hymnal #553

Hebrew Reading
Selections from the Book of Jonah

Sermon
“Forgetfulness: Of Others”  
Rev. Bob Livingston

Solo
“Somebody’s Knockin’ at Yo’ Door”  
Paul Fossum, soloist

Pastoral Prayer  
Rev. Darcy Crain

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**We Go Forth to Live and Serve**

* Recessional Hymn  
“Part in Peace”  
Hymnal #78

Charge and Benediction  
Rev. Bob Livingston

* Choral Benediction

* Postlude  
"Les Anges (The Angels) from ‘The Nativity’”  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)  
Timothy Huth, organist

“The army of God’s angels sang: Glory to God in the Highest!”
With our prelude and postlude today, we wrap up the Epiphany season! Christ is with us and the Christmas angels go about all their other business. We celebrate Mardi Gras then prepare hearts and minds for the season of Lent – a time of prayer, introspection, and metanoia awaiting the great festival of Easter.

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

The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God by Rich and Leslie Westbury in honor of their children and grandchildren.

The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor extends a cordial welcome and greeting to all who have joined us in this service of worship. Please join us upstairs in Pilgrim Hall after the service for a special cake as we celebrate Rachel Dudley, our newly appointed Director of Christian Education, during our Friendship Hour.

Warming Shelter Update

A big thank you goes to all of you who have opened the FCC website to find the Warming Shelter volunteer sign up information. It makes us happy to see so many of you already signed up to come into the warming shelter to help! This week, we have added an additional sign up for items which can be donated. Many of you have asked for a list of specific items to sign up for and donate. Please visit fccannarbor.org to sign up! We want to emphasize that this is just a "wish" list and we will appreciate anything that is donated...not expecting everything! Please take note of when the items are needed!
Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1–2

Curtis Beach, 1966, alt.

Chorus: Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Spir it formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.

Verse 1: Praise to the living God, Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Whose in - finite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -

Verse 2: Praise to the living God, Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal, Till

Verse 3: Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who knows our joy and pain, Who toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;

Verse 4: Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Who among the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.

Vadges all nature, making all a cosmic unity,
Human-kind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

Deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.
we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1898
Hush! Somebody’s Callin' My Name
African-America Spiritual
arr. Brazeal W. Dennard
FCC Chancel Choir
conducted by Dorian Morris

Hush, Hush. Somebody’s callin' my name.
Oh, Hush. Hush. Somebody’s callin' my name.
Hush. Hush. Somebody’s callin' my name,
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
what shall I do?

Sounds like Jesus. Somebody’s callin' my name,
Oh, Sounds like Jesus. Somebody’s callin' my name,
Sounds like Jesus. Somebody’s callin' my name,
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
what shall I do?

Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.
Oh, Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.
Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
what shall I do?

I'm so glad, got me religion on time.
Oh, I'm so glad, got me religion on time.
I'm so glad, got me religion on time.
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
what shall I do?

I’m so glad trouble won't last always.
Oh, I’m so glad trouble won't last always.
I’m so glad trouble won't last always.
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
what shall I do?
There Is a Balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual; alt.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
3 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again,
who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend,
you can tell the love of Jesus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual
Somebody's Knockin' at Yo' Door
African-American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan
Paul Fossum, soloist
Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist

Somebody's knockin' at yo' door.
Somebody's knockin' at yo' door.
Oh, sinner, why don't you answer.
Somebody's knockin' at yo' door.

Can't you hear it?
Sounds like Jesus.
Jesus calls you.

Somebody's knockin' at yo' door.
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CLOSE OF WORSHIP

Part in Peace
Sarah Flower Adams (1805–1848); alt.
Unison

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-en-ing 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
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 in the Pilgrim Hall lobby and library areas. Please visit our website at 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 worship 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. Assisted listening devices are available for services held in our sanctuary.

Childcare & Church School Nursery care is available for children newborn to 4 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 welcome to do so. Please feel free to move about during the service as needed. Also, during the 10 a.m. service in our regular programming year, children and youth are invited to leave after our children’s circle and attend their church school classes.

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 on February 26.

Tuesday Night Series (TNS) Please join us for our series on World Religions. We are looking at Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, and Buddhism. Rev. Bob Livingston takes the lead with this group. We meet on Tuesday nights in the Mayflower Room of the church from 7-8:30 p.m. Please come and join us if you can!

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 based on the upcoming Sunday’s scriptural text. Our next breakfast is scheduled for February 7.

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. Please contact Gail Haynes at gehaynes@aol.com for additional information.

20/40 Our 20-, 30-, and 40- somethings meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next gathering will be February 7 at 6:30 p.m. for our Luke Bible Study.
### Second Sunday

From the time of the Old Testament until now, music is a vehicle for expression of political, emotional, physical, mental, social, and psychological perspectives. Dr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra works to give voice to the marginalized voiceless through multidisciplinary music compositions, hymn texts and festivals, and children’s songs (tested in the Detroit Public Schools) that teach how to find peace within and how to emulate global peacemakers. Ruiter-Feenstra will provide examples from her works, *Muse in Peace, Muse for the Soul,* and *Belonging: A Carillon Call to Care for All.* Participants are invited to join in singing hymns that “weave world peace with tenderness.”

### Healing Space

Join us on Sunday, February 11 from 7-8 p.m. in the Mayflower Room when we will feature recorded music by local composer David Barrett. “Anger as Our Spiritual Ally” 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. If you need further information, please contact Gail Haynes or Liz Larrivee. Input is welcome and all are welcome.

### Food Box

In keeping with our theme of “Nurturing Our Neighbor”, Mission and Outreach is encouraging you to bring non-perishable items to our Food Box. Each week a member of the M&O team will deliver donations to the Jewish Family Service’s Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry serves any resident of Washtenaw County with food insecurities: referrals from U. of M. Complex Care and local churches, refugees, home bound deliveries (56 this month), homeless, etc. Current requested items include but are not limited to tuna fish, paper towels, and toilet paper. In advance, we thank you for your support.

### Capital Campaign

We want your input! Please join us for three all-congregation informational meetings.

- **February 18th:** Dan Jacobs will offer a presentation explaining why we are considering a capital campaign to make some of the architect’s recommended improvements and upgrades.
- **March 11th:** The architect will present the initial concepts of components that could be included in the campaign. The congregation will have the opportunity to actually see and provide input on proposed improvements to FCC.
- **April 15th:** An informational presentation will be given on what specific improvements the congregation will be asked to vote on at the member meeting on April 29.

Please visit fccannarbor.org and click the “Open Commentary” link on the home page to provide your suggestions and concerns. Hard copies of the open commentary form are dispersed throughout FCC if you’d prefer to submit your questions, comments, and concerns on paper.

“Investing in Our Future” is what others did for us 171 years ago. Now is our opportunity to step up and provide for those who follow us.
### 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.

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### STAFF

- **Senior Minister**: Robert K. Livingston (ext. 554)
- **Associate Minister**: Darcy A. Crain (ext. 552)
- **Minister Emeritus**: Terry N. Smith
- **Minister Emerita**: Dorothy Lenz
- **Director of C.E.**: Rachel Dudley (ext. 553)
- **Music Worship Leader**: Terry Farmer (ext. 557)
- **Director of Music Emeritus**: Willis Patterson
- **Organist**: Timothy L. Huth
- **Organist Emerita**: Marilyn Mason
- **Pianist**: Rebecca Jones
- **Hand Chimes**: Cindy Bylsma
- **Bookkeeper**: Nancy Sauve (ext. 560)
- **Administrative Assistant**: Renee Bovee (ext. 550)
- **Wedding Coordinator**: Betty Jonahk
- **Custodian**: Steffen Gelletly
- **Sound/AV Techs**: Brandon Bovee, Greg Eggleston