



The First
Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor



Sunday, March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday
171st Anniversary Sunday

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here.



Robert K. Livingston

Darcy A. Crain

Senior Minister

Associate Minister

Change of Pace Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Chapel Communion: 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

Silent Meditation

"A perfect act of faith should, at the same time, be a perfect act of humility." - Thomas Merton

Organ Prelude

“Festal Flourish” Timothy L. Huth, organist
Gordon Percival Septimus Jacob (1895-1984)

(Today's prelude takes us on Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem.)

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Darcy A. Crain

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

(Children and youth are invited to meet their church school teachers in the narthex during the greeting time for the palm parade.)

Choral Introit

* Processional Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hymnal #213

(Children will process with palm branches during the hymn. At the conclusion of the hymn, children are invited to church school.)

* Call to Worship

Carl Larrivee

One: Come into God's house with thanksgiving and praise.

All: We come in the name of Jesus, God's son.

One: Come into God's house with worship and prayer.

All: Where would we be without your love, O God?

all that we have, and with all that we are, we praise your holy name.

- One: Blessed are you who come in the name of the Lord.
- All: **Blessed are you who gather in Christ's name.**
- One: Bring yourselves before him, all you who love him. See how humble he is? He will receive you.
- All: **Save us Jesus; save us now! Hosanna in the highest!**
- One: Let us pray:
- * Prayer of Invocation
(in unison)**
- Blessed one, you entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, forsaking equality with God, you emptied yourself of prestige and power, coming as servant to all. Sing in our hearts once more, that we may remember the joy of dancing and singing hosannas, even as we prepare for the betrayal and heartbreak of this holy week. We pray as Jesus taught, saying 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.*

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences and
Offertory

Rev. Darcy A. Crain

Anthem

"And Can it Be"

Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest, composer

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
 Died He for me who caused His pain?
 For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love!
 How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?
 He left His father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;
 Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;
 Tis mercy all immense and free; For O my God, it found out me.
 Amazing love, how can it be? No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne,
 And claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be? That Thou my God shouldst die for me?
 Amazing love!

* **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. Robert K. Livingston

We Grow in Our Faith

* Hymn of Preparation	"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"	Hymnal #215
Gospel Reading	Mark 11:1-11	<i>Pew Bible Page 922</i>
Sermon	"Save Us!"	Rev. Darcy A. Crain
Solo	"Antiphon"	Kevin Starnes, soloist

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly.
 The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
 Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out.
 But above all, the heart, Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner, every corner sing,
My God and King, My God and King.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Robert K. Livingston

Choral Response

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* **Recessional Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *See Insert*

Charge and Benediction Rev. Darcy A. Crain

* **Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
 John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, To
shine upon you and be gracious And be gracious unto you. The Lord bless you and
keep you; The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you; The Lord lift up
the light of His countenance upon you And give you peace, and give you peace.

* **Postlude** "Litanies" Timothy Huth, organist
 Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

"When the Christian soul in distress cannot find words
to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with a
vehement faith the same invocation. Reason has reached
its limit; faith alone can go further." -Jehan Alain

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

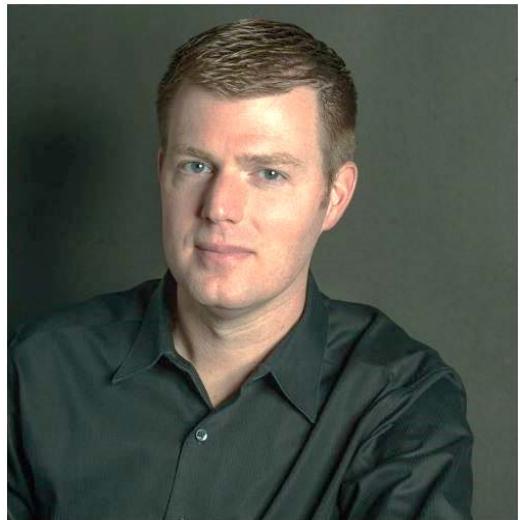
The Call to Worship written by Leigh Ann Taylor (Abingdon Worship Annual 2014).

The flowers on the altar table are given to the Glory of God by Mary Mostaghim.

Please attend our Tenebre service on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. as we prayerfully
await the great festival of Easter.

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 worship for cake, ice cream, and refreshments and friendship during our Friendship Hour as we celebrate FCC's 171st Anniversary.

About Our Palm Sunday Music

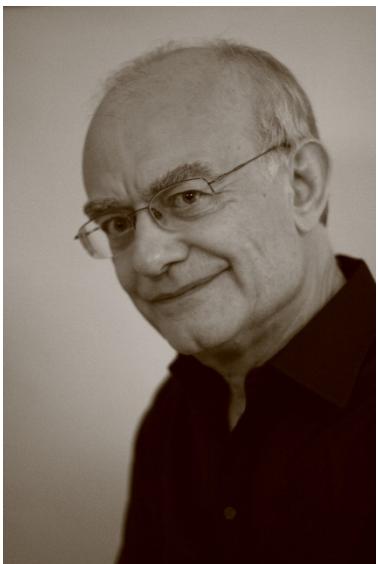


Dan Forrest is an acclaimed composer of choral, orchestral, instrumental, and wind band works. His music has become well established in the repertoire choirs around the world. Dan's works have received numerous awards and distinctions, including the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer's Award, the ACDA Raymond Brock Award, the ALCM Rabe Prize, and many others. His commissioned choral works have been premiered in major venues around the world, ranging from the World Choral Symposium (Argentina) to Izumi Hall (Osaka, Japan) to Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center.



Dan Forrest holds a doctorate in composition from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in piano performance. His academic background includes several years as a professor and department head (music theory and composition) in higher education.

"All good things, including any beauty that we encounter, are *from* God, *through* God, and ultimately *to* God. All beauty is God's beauty, wherever it is found...Whatever abilities I have, for creating beauty, are gifts from God. So I will make the most beautiful music I can, not because music-making is my ultimate end, but because I want to press my gifts to their maximum potential toward the true ultimate end: glorifying God. This is equally true of my "secular" music and "sacred" music, of my concert music and church music." - *Dan Forrest*



"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" was composed in 1981 for the memorial service of Edward T. Chapman, the director of music at Highgate School, London, with whom John Rutter had studied. The text is the biblical benediction known as the "Priestly Blessing," Numbers 6:24-26, followed by an "Amen."

John Rutter was born in London in 1945, and received his first musical education as a chorister at Highgate School. He went on to study music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions and conducted his first recording while a student.

His compositional career has embraced both large and small-scale choral works, orchestral and instrumental pieces, a piano concerto, two children's operas, music for television, and specialist writing for such groups as the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble and the King's Singers.

His larger choral works, Gloria (1974), Requiem (1985), Magnificat (1990), Psalmfest (1993), and Mass of the Children (2003) have been performed many times in Britain, North America, and a growing number of other countries.

From 1975 to 1979, he was the Director of Music at Clare College, whose choir he directed in a number of broadcasts and recordings. After giving up the Clare post to allow more time for composition, he formed the Cambridge Singers as a professional chamber choir primarily dedicated to recording, and he now divides his time between composition and conducting.

He was honored in the 2007 Queen's New Year Honors List, being awarded a CBE for services to music.



Please remember to thank Dorian Morris for her strong leadership, all of the members of the FCC Chancel Choir for their outstanding music performance today, and Rebecca Jones and Timothy Huth for their wonderful accompaniment.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

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 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 March 26.

Tuesday Night Series (TNS) Please join us for our current series, "A Potpourri of Interesting Theological Ideas!" It will be a week to week series of videos on a variety of topics. 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 March 28 where we will discuss Mark 16:1-8, our text for Easter Sunday.

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. Our book for April will be "In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom," by Yeonmi Park. 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 March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

- Threshold Singers** Join us in Pilgrim Hall for "A Gift of Song" this afternoon from 4:30-6 p.m. Close your eyes and let our voices support you in meeting life's challenges. We welcome people of all ages and genders who are comfortable listening quietly or joining us in quiet singing. No charge. Experience the comfort of loving song wherever you are on life's journey. Please arrive before 4:30 p.m. in order to find parking and settle in.
- Our Own Thing Palm Sunday Concert** Traditional songs of the season, Negro spirituals, and other beautifully composed and arranged pieces by African-American composers will be performed under the direction of Willis Patterson. Please join us this afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd (2145 Independence Blvd., Ann Arbor. Admission is free. For more information, please contact Janet Haynes at (734) 769-4437.
- Second Sunday** On Sunday, April 8, we welcome back Judy Wenzel. Last February, Judy was our contemporary issues speaker who shared her first hand experiences teaching high school and listening to people in the federal prison in Milan. At the time, she was writing her book called *Light from the Cage: 25 Years in a Prison Classroom*. At our Second Sunday Presentation, Judy will share stories and anecdotes that remind us "the people we cast out and lock away often become sources of great wisdom and uncommon grace—of light and love in a dark world." Please join us!
- Stewardship 2018** Start planning now! Our annual stewardship campaign kicks off on May 1st. Remember: *May is Pledge Month* and there are many ways you can support FCC. Donate your valuable time, make a generous stewardship pledge or commit long term to the Heritage Society. Supporting FCC is important. Even the smallest investment makes a huge difference to our church family and the Ann Arbor community. To find out more about our annual campaign and the proposed budget for next year, please plan on attending our stewardship campaign meeting in the sanctuary after the 10:00 a.m. service on April 15th. This meeting will also include a review of our Capital Campaign progress. There will be time for questions and discussion of both programs. We believe it will be a beneficial, helpful session. As always, thanks for supporting the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor.



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Celebrating



START A NEW EASTER TRADITION!

Join us for Easter Eve Worship featuring the music of Jesus Christ Superstar with Terry Farmer and the Ann Arbor Sessions band.

Saturday, March 31, 7 pm in our Pilgrim Hall Venue.



Holy Week at FCC

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

First United Methodist, 12-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

Easter Eve Service, 7:00 p.m., Pilgrim Hall

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship with Special Music, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast, 11:00 a.m., Pilgrim Hall



Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-c.821
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re-deem - er, King.
2 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring.



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.



The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;
To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re-deem - er, King.



Our praise and prayer and an - them Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring! A - men.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PALM SUNDAY 171st ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
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 (with Palm Parade)
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall (with cake and ice cream in celebration of FCC Anniversary Sunday)
4:30 p.m. Threshold Singers, Pilgrim Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY

- 12-1:30 First United Methodist Church
120 S. State Street, Ann Arbor
- First UMC will host midday worship with First Baptist, First Congregational, and West Side UMC. FCC, led by Chip Marquardt, will represent the community in the 12:30 p.m. segment with music provided by Timothy Huth, organist.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER EVE

- 7:00 p.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. NO Change of Pace
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

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

Children (K-8) are invited to church school after the Palm Parade.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Mar. 25 4:00 p.m. Our Own Thing Chorale (Church of the Good Shepherd)
4:30 p.m. Threshold Singers, Pilgrim Hall
- Mar. 26 11:30 a.m. Knight's Luncheon Group
- Mar. 27 7:30 p.m. TNS, Mayflower Room
- Mar. 28 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group, Fellowship Night
- Mar. 29 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
- Mar. 30 12:30 p.m. Good Friday FCC Segment
- Mar. 31 7:00 p.m. Easter Eve Change of Pace, PH
- Apr. 1 NO Change of Pace at 9 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall
- Apr. 2 6:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Mayflower
- Apr. 3 11:45 a.m. Men's Luncheon Group (Knights)
7:00 p.m. TNS, Mayflower Room
- Apr. 4 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast, (Classic Cup Café)
10:30 a.m. Mind and Spirit, Mayflower
4:00 p.m. CC Design Committee
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group, Meeting Room
- Apr. 8 Intergenerational Mission Trip
Sulfur Springs, WV 4/8-14

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