

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 4, 2020 - 10:00am - ONLINE WORSHIP
18th Sunday After Pentecost / World Communion Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Finest Wheat"

arr. Kevin Keil

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn:**

"The Church's One Foundation"

UMH #545

*For those who need to see the full music, it is attached at the end of this document
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| 1) The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died. | Yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song. |
| 2) Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued. | 4) Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest. |
| 3) Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed, | 5) Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Opening Prayer (in unison):

(adapted from Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>)

God of the Open Table, we will not find justice in apathy. We will not find peace in animosity. We will not find rest in plans and schedules. We will not find wholeness in dissention. We will not find unity in doctrine. We will not find grace in judgement or hope in uselessness. But in broken bread and broken hearts, we will

find you, wholly and holy. In our drained cups we find the fullness of your gifts and your grace. And in our common journey to gather at this table, we will find sacred togetherness. Even as we gather apart, we are a part of one another and of your beloved family, through the blood of Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Chorus:

“Let Us Be Bread”

TFWS #2260

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

Time of Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Living Our Gratitude

♪ *Please continue to support your church family during this time of “social distancing”. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

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Offertory:

"I Love to Tell the Story/Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

arr. Anthony Burger

MaryLee Turner, Piano

Children’s Message – A special moment with the Pastor just for kids

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 22-23

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?” ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will

be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Response to the Word

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“NEAR AND FAR”

Pastor Amy Terhune

Choral Anthem:

“*Come Share the Lord*” w/m by Bryan J. Leech / arr. Roland Tabell

We gather here in Jesus’ name;
His love is burning in our hearts
like living flame.
For thru his loving Son
the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,
We'll see the glory of our Lord
and coming King.
Now we anticipate
the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

For he will feed us with his presence here;
This bread and wine will do us good.
Our deepest hungers he will satisfy,

For he is life and peace and rest
and drink and food.

He joins us here; He breaks the bread.
The Lord who pours the cup
is risen from the dead
The one we love the most,
is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

No one is stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now a family
of which the Lord is head
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

L: The Lord be with you,

P: *And also with you.*

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: *It is right to give our thanks and praise!*

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people that live on the face of the earth

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!***

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,
And to make disciples of all nations
Today, his family in all the world joins at his Holy table.
On the night he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said
“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
As often as you drink of this, remember me.
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

L: Let us pray: Holy God, in this time of illness, your people cannot gather together.
Therefore, pour out your Holy Spirit on us wherever we are;
Bless the unique offering of bread and juice
in each household within reach of my voice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with your church throughout the world,
And strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness in your name.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

At this time, you are invited to consume the bread and juice you’ve set aside at your own home for the sharing of the Sacrament.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:**

“O Church of God, United”

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- 1) O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.
- 2) From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.
- 3) Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.
- 4) May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

***Benediction**

(from Ruth C. Duck in “Touch Holiness” pg. 273.)

L: Grain which once was scattered over the fields was brought together to feed us today, and grapes gathered from the vines sate our thirst. Now we go forth, scattered again like grain to bloom where we are planted, yet always linked to the vine that nourishes our hope and our love for the world Christ died to save.

P: **We go in peace to labor alongside our Lord for the betterment of God’s world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Postlude:**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. Marianne Kim

*** You are invited to stand if you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do so, the more people learn about who we are!

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Wayne Clark, Ed Babinski

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT are extended to the family Jim Frost, who passed away Wednesday 9/23/2020, and to the family of Rosalee Wing, who passed away Saturday 9/12/2020 and who was interred in our Memorial Garden yesterday.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Connor Ashmall, Ed Babinski, John & Myrna Cammin, Jim Cloud (now at Hoyt Skilled Nursing Facility), Bonnie & Pat Dole, Chris Everett, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Jim Frost, Leah Graham (now home recovering from brain surgery), Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, David & Cheryl Marks, Merlyn Mondol, Dick & Sharon Mueller, Dave & Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Eric/Alaina/Lilah Phillips, Al & Teddy Reichard, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and Louise Yeager. Also, please pray for UMCOR and other organizations who are working to alleviate suffering caused by flooding in our area, healing from the Covid-19 Virus, and a way to peace and equality for all people in God's world.

SIGN-UP TO ATTEND WORSHIP IN PERSON [HERE](#)

RE-OPENING PLAN [HERE](#)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is **TODAY**. Those of you worshipping in person will receive a wafer and small cup of grape juice from stations placed throughout the sanctuary. Those of you worshipping online are encouraged to secure for yourself some bread or crackers to use and some grape juice. Pastor Amy will lead us through the experience, and offer instruction as we go along. You can use any kind of bread or cracker (including gluten free) and several varieties of juice.

FIRST UMC IS NOW HIRING A CUSTODIAN – 10 hours/week at \$15/hour. Flexible schedule and pay negotiable. Must be 18 years of age or older. Begin mid-October. If interested, please send a resume to firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. Contact Pastor Amy (contact info below) to learn more.

CHARGE CONFERENCE via ZOOM – Sunday, October 18 at 5pm. Paperwork will be ready for signatures by Tuesday morning, October 6. Please stop into the church office if you know you need to sign forms by Thursday evening, October 8.

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545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
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Let Us Be Bread

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 love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord. _____

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: Thomas Porter
 MUSIC: Thomas Porter

LET US BE BREAD
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THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

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O Church of God, United

1. O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one
 2. From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered
 3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O
 4. May thy great prayer be an - swered that we may
 com - mon Lord, pro - claim to all one mes - sage, with
 ranks ap - pear; to serve one val - iant lead - er they
 Christ, of thee; and in thy lov - ing spir - it we
 all be one, close bound, by love u - nit - ed in

hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ ev - er goes be -
 come from far and near. They chant their one con -
 shall one peo - ple be. Lord, may our faith - ful
 thee, God's bless - ed Son: to bring a sin - gle
 fore us; we fol - low day by day with
 fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing Lord, and
 ser - vice and sin - gle - ness of aim pro -
 wit - ness, to make the path - way bright, that
 strong and ea - ger foot - steps a - long the up - ward way.
 place their sure de - pen - dence up - on his sav - ing word.
 claim to all the pow - er of thy re - deem - ing name.
 souls which grope in dark - ness may find the one true light.

WORDS: Frederick B. Morley, 1953 (Acts 2:5-11)
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkappelle*, 1784, alt.

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