

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 18, 2020 - 10:00am - ONLINE WORSHIP
20th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude: "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson

Sung Prelude: "God Be In My Head" arr. Patrick William

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn:** "How Shall I Come Before the Lord" W&S #3124

For those who need to see the full music, it is attached at the end of this document
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| 1) How shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself with heart outpoured?
And shall I come with offering?
What shall I give? What shall I bring? | 3) What does the Lord require of you?
What must we be? What must we do?
There is no price that buys God's grace.
Our hearts must bow to see God's face. |
| 2) Will finest gifts bring God's delight?
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?
How can we fail to understand,
Our lives, our things,
come from God's hand? | 4) Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving kindness rule your days,
That as this earthly path you trod,
You shall walk humbly with your God. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Opening Prayer (in unison): adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2024%20A>

Holy God, for many years, we have had the mistaken notion that all the problems of the world could be solved with money. We know that money can do great good – it can feed the hungry, treat the sick, house the homeless. Help us imitate your generosity, O God who gave yourself for us. But help us also remember that no coin bears your likeness; only humankind does that. It is not money itself, but rather, the giving of ourselves, that will spread your love and build your dream for this world here and now. Holy God, make us faithful in this – in the giving of ourselves – and so establish your reign and your peace in Christ's name. Amen.

Special Music: "Awesome God, Holy God" Vineyard Music
The Praise Band: Lance Coyle, Madeline Curtiss, Jane MacQueen, Mark Ode, Angie Smith

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 Surrender All"

arr. Marianne Kim

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

Choral Anthem:

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

John Purifoy

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ.
All to thee our God, we owe
Source from whom all blessings flow
For the love that crowns our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise!

As thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give thee of our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise!

All the plenty summer pours.
Autumn's rich overflowing stores,

Flocks that whiten all the plain
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows of solemn praise!
Singing thus through all our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise!

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!

All to thee our God, we owe
Source from whom all blessings flow
For the love that crowns our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise!

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 23

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to

the emperor, or not?"¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?"¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"²¹ They answered, "The Emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the Emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Response to the Word

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"STEWARDSHIP 2: A PART OF SOMETHING HOLY"

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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| 1) God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
<i>(of this hour)</i>
for the facing of this hour. | 3) Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
<i>(kingdom's goal)</i>
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal. |
| 2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears & doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
<i>(of these days)</i>
for the living of these days. | 4) Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
<i>(we adore)</i>
serving thee whom we adore. |

*Benediction:

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L: Go now to live as Imitators of Jesus Christ. To the world in which you live, give your love and service; and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be. And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you; May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you. And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

P: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Bell Postlude:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Kevin McChesney

*** 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:

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Connor Ashmall, Ed Babinski (temporarily at St. Francis), 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](#)

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY AT 1:00PM

CHARGE CONFERENCE via ZOOM – TONIGHT at 5:00pm. Members of the Trustees, SPRC, and Administrative Board should plan to be there, as should chairpersons of all committees including Reach, Prepare, Send, Nurture, UMW, and UMM. This is NOT a closed meeting and all others are welcome as well! This link will be mailed out to those who should attend, and included in Thursday's newsletter as well.

To Join Zoom Meeting for Charge Conference:

<https://michiganumc.zoom.us/j/98381591280>

Meeting ID: 983 8159 1280

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All Saints Remembrance - November 1, 2020

Each November, we remember those members of our congregation who have passed on to eternity since November 1 of last year. Families of those persons will receive a letter regarding our celebration of remembrance, inviting them to submit the information below along with a photo and a brief biography or tribute to be read during the service.'

Because our sister church, State Street UMC is now closed, it is our honor and duty to remember those from State Street UMC who have passed away in the last year also. If you have knowledge of those persons, please submit the information requested above to the office.

Of course, we would also like to remember those loved ones who have passed on since November 1 who may not have been members here church member, but who are near and dear to our hearts. If you have lost a close family member since November 1, 2019, you are invited to submit a photo and the following information to Pastor Amy via email (pastoralbt@outlook.com), dropping it off, or calling in the information to the church office (989) 799-0131. If you have lost a more distant family member or friend, you may still submit the information, although we anticipate that there will be too many names submitted to read biographies, but all submitted names will be printed in the bulletin on November 1, and you will have the opportunity to light a candle in their memory on the altar if you'll be here in person.

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here to light a candle? Yes No Would you rather worship leaders light a candle? Yes No

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here to light a candle? Yes No Would you rather worship leaders light a candle? Yes No

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here to light a candle? Yes No Would you rather worship leaders light a candle? Yes No

TOGETHER APART YET TOGETHER A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

Today, we continue annual stewardship campaign. The theme this year is **"Together Apart, yet, Together a Part of Something Special"**. Here at First UMC, we know that's true. Even though we aren't able to gather as we'd like, we nevertheless remain a part of one another and a part of important ministry work in the Saginaw Community. We are stewards (caretakers) of God's dream in this community. We want to do more than pay the bills – that's just maintenance. We want to fund the dream! We do a lot of good work, and while we can't gather for community meals or crowded in-person events, much of that good work has continued in spite of the pandemic: backpacks for 48 kids at our elementary schools to make sure they eat on the weekends, the Back-2-School bash (drive-thru this year), and we've been able to provide funds to several area teachers to help them get Monitors or other "tech" supplies to teach online this fall. We want to do more than house good causes (Fresh Aire, A Place For Grace, Naranon/AA/NA, Musico, etc.). We want to mobilize people to spread love and hope and grace. But we can't do that unless we stop thinking about our gifts to the church as membership dues, and begin to think about them as fuel for the Spirit to move through us.

These are challenging times. But if you believe in God's dream of a brighter and kinder community, please support the church's mission. I'm not asking you to give to support a cause or pay the bills, and I'm not asking you to give because you like me or you agree with everything the church is and does. That won't cut it. I'm asking you to give because it's how you imitate Jesus. I'm asking you to make a sacrifice and give off the top of your income, and not with what's leftover. I'm asking you to give because even apart, you want to be part of something special that betters our world. You can mail your pledge card back or drop it off in the office. This year, you can also pledge online at the church's website found at <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/pledge/>. Thank you in advance for your continued support as we look ahead to 2021.

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How Shall I Come Before the Lord?

How shall I come be - fore the Lord
Will fin - est gifts bring God's de - light?
What does the Lord re - quire of you?
Let jus - tice shine in all our ways.

And bow my - self with heart out - poured?
Will wealth bring fa - vor in God's sight?
What must we be? What must we do?
Let lov - ing kind - ness rule our days,

And shall I come with of - fer - ing?
How can we fail to un - der - stand
There is no price that buys God's grace.
That as this earth - ly path we trod,

What shall I give? What shall I bring?
our lives, our things, come from God's hand?
Our hearts must bow to see God's face.
We shall walk hum - bly with our God.

WORDS: Dean McIntyre (adapted by Amy Terhune, 2020)
MUSIC: Trad. English melody (adapted by Hal Hopson, 1972)

GIFT OF LOVE
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1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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