

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community

April 25, 2021 - 10:00am

Fourth Sunday in Easter Season

Native American Awareness Sunday / Earth Sunday

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

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude:

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Felice de Giardini; arr. Bill Ingram

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Conrad Kocher; arr. Bill Ingram

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn:**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

UMH #152

For those who need to see the full music, it is attached at the end of this document

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| 1) I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey. | Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Wherever I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky. |
| 2) I sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures thru the Word,
And then pronounced them good. | 3) There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care;
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Opening Prayer (in unison):

John Birch, <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Creator God, you have given us a world of beauty, and we have polluted it; a world to feed us, yet so many go hungry; a world of riches, and we are unwilling to share; a world to care for, yet we can't see beyond our own needs. Forgive us, gracious God, for our selfishness. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. As you brought light and order to a formless voice in the beginning and called it good, so bring light and order to our darkness and chaos, that we may see your goodness and your image in one another. We ask this that your name may be glorified through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Amen

Prayer Chorus

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*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

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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<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



Offertory: "Many and Great, O Lord"

*Lacquiparle (Native American Melody)
arr. Nicholas Palmer*

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

Choral Anthem:

"Prayer for Creation"

Paul F. Rack / Joseph M. Martin

*Lord, we pray for all creation
scattered across the eons of space.
On behalf of this good earth,
spinning jewel of blue;
On behalf of all of life,
blooming in sacred green.
On behalf of all the people,
red and yellow, black and white;
Hear our prayer, O Living God;
Hear our prayer, O Living God
We pray for the outcast,
For all the oppressed, exploited,
and grieving
O Lord, we lift up our prayers
for the travelers, the homeless,
the sick, and the poor.*

*For mothers and fathers,
For children and families,
For leader of the human community,
For peace and justice, peace and justice
Hear our prayer, O God!
Hear our prayer, O Living God!
Lord, we pray for every nation,
joining hearts and hands as one,
Bonded by the Spirit's tether,
unified by holy love.
With believers everywhere,
we rejoice in life.
Praise to God, the fount of goodness,
source of never-ending light.
Hear our prayer, O Living God;
Hear our prayer, O Living God. Amen*

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 4:1-16

¹ Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." ² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.” ⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

The Meditation:

“MY BROTHER’S KEEPER”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:**

“*Monarch and Maker*”

see attached

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| <p>1) Monarch and maker of all time and space,
Sculptor of mountain and dry desert place,
Source and sustainer of both sea and land,
All that exists was designed by your hand.</p> <p>2) Yours are the myriad stars
and cosmic grace,
Yours is the image in each human face;
History and mystery in all that we know,
Yours is the love through which
all live and grow</p> | <p>3) Help us as guardians of all life on earth,
Both to respect the world
and prize its worth.
And, in deep gratitude for all you give,
Curb every greed that all people may live.</p> <p>4) Glory to God to whom all praise is due;
Glory to Jesus who makes all things new,
Glory to God’s Holy Spirit so bright,
Who leads the world
through each darkness to light.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Go in peace, treading lightly on the earth, walking compassionately with those in need, and moving in harmony with all, and may you know the presence of God our Creator, Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our inspiration beside you.

**P: Amen! We go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord and all God’s creation.
Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude:**

Fanfare on “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Follow us on Social Media! *Even virtually, be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Bill Cowdry

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Connor Ashmall, Marilyn Ashmall, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Jim Cloud, Bill Cowdry, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Chris Everett, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, David & Cheryl Marks, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Dave & Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Al Reichard, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and Rev. Jim Smith. Also, please pray for UMCOR, healing from the Covid-19 Virus, and a way to peace and equality for all humankind.

LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP has resumed. **YOU MUST SIGN UP** to attend Sunday worship or Taizé services in person. **MASKS REQUIRED.** Call the church office at (989) 799-0131 or **SIGN UP ONLINE [HERE](#).** **VIEW THE RE-OPENING PLAN [HERE](#).**

ALTAR FLOWERS needed that we've returned to in-person worship. Sign up on the calendar in the main hallway or call the church office at (989) 799-0131 or email firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com.

ONE WEEK ONE STREET – June 21-25, 2021. New Heart, Ames, and First UMCs are working together with other interested UMCs from around Central Bay District to sponsor a house for the One Week One Street Community Revitalization. **An organizational meeting on next Sunday, May 2 at 7:00pm** is being held at Saginaw First UMC for ALL interested Methodists. If you're interested, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact your pastor so they can pass on information.

LEGO READING PROGRAM – The Ezekiel Project is also looking for adult mentors to participate in the LEGO (Literacy Expands Greater Opportunities) reading program with 3rd grade children from Jessie Loomis and Jessie Rouse Elementary Schools in the City of Saginaw. Mentors must apply and pass a background check, and will then be reading with students virtually via Zoom for one hour a week through the end of the school year on either Mondays or Thursdays from 4-5pm. If you are interested in becoming a LEGO mentor contact Hayley at rezekiolorganizer@gmail.com.

GRADUATES – If you have a student graduating this year from High School, College, University, Grad School, Trade School, or Military, please be sure to get their information into the main office. Email firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. **WE NEED TO KNOW:** Name, Where graduating from, Degree (*if applicable*), Honors, and Future Plans. Also, please send picture!!

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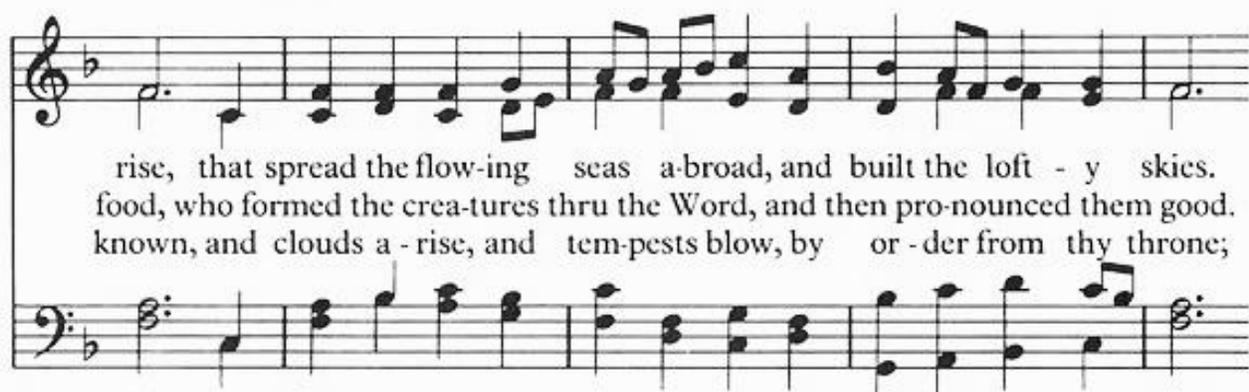
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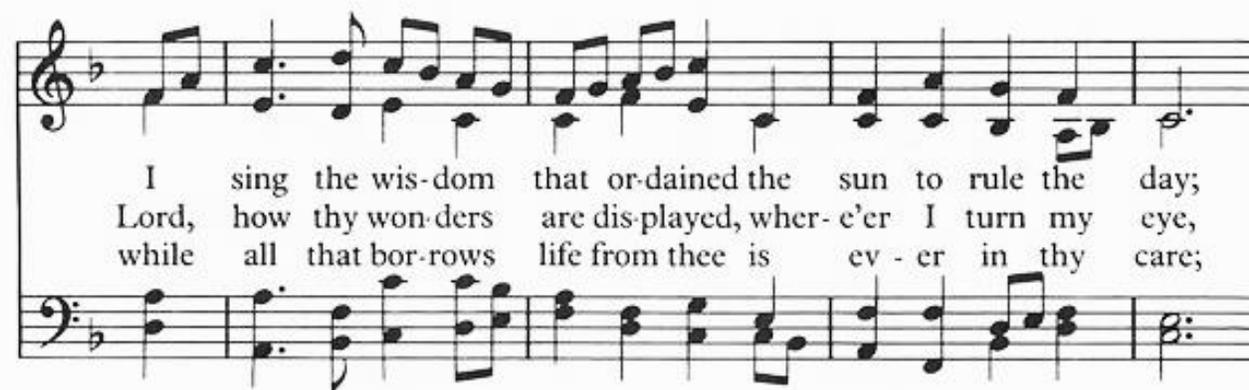
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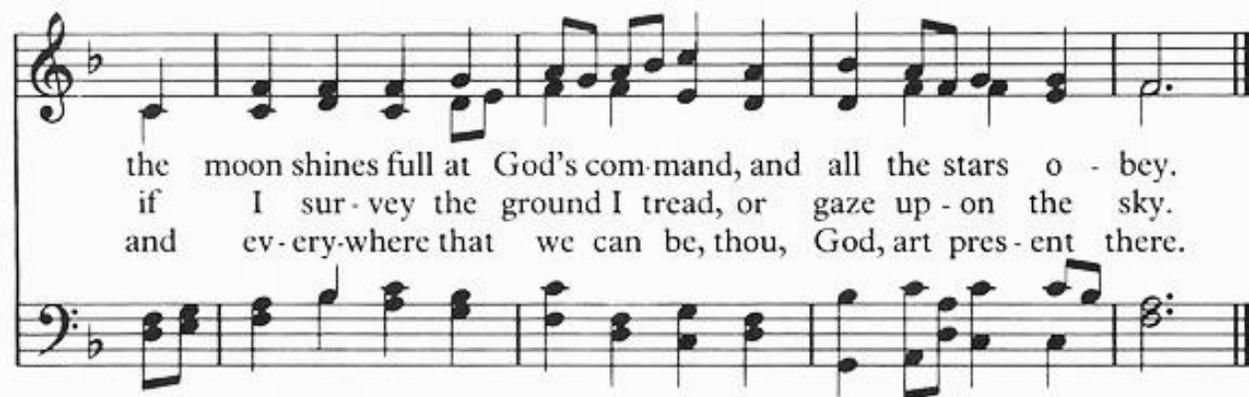
1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes thy glo - ries



rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Take, O Take Me As I Am

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Gently (♩ = ca. 84)

Db Ebm/Db Ab/Db Db Gb/Bb

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

4 Absus Ab Gb Ab/Gb Db/F Ebm Absus Ab

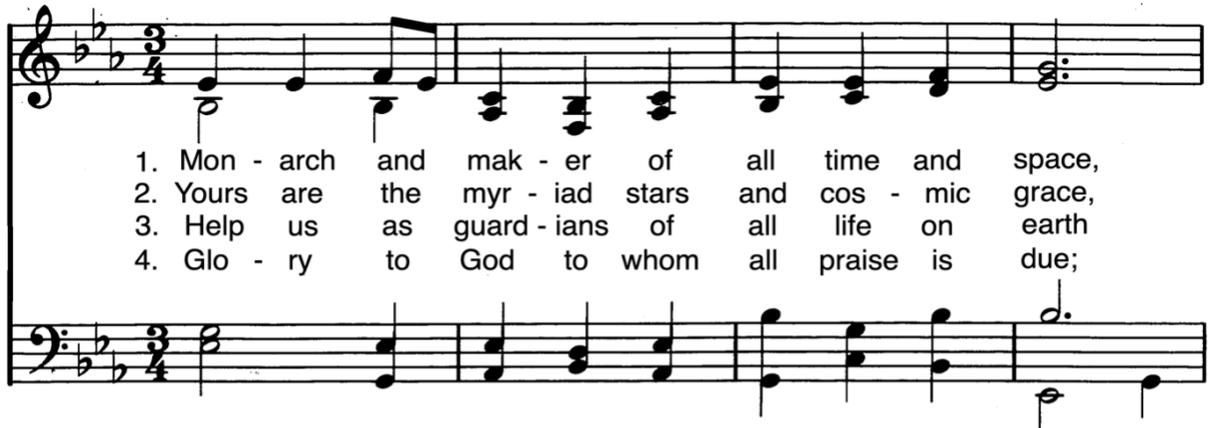
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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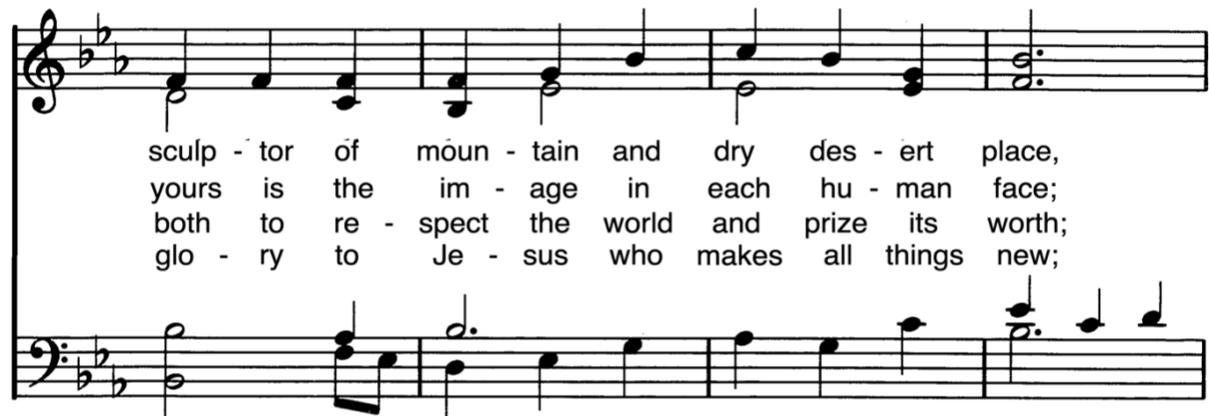
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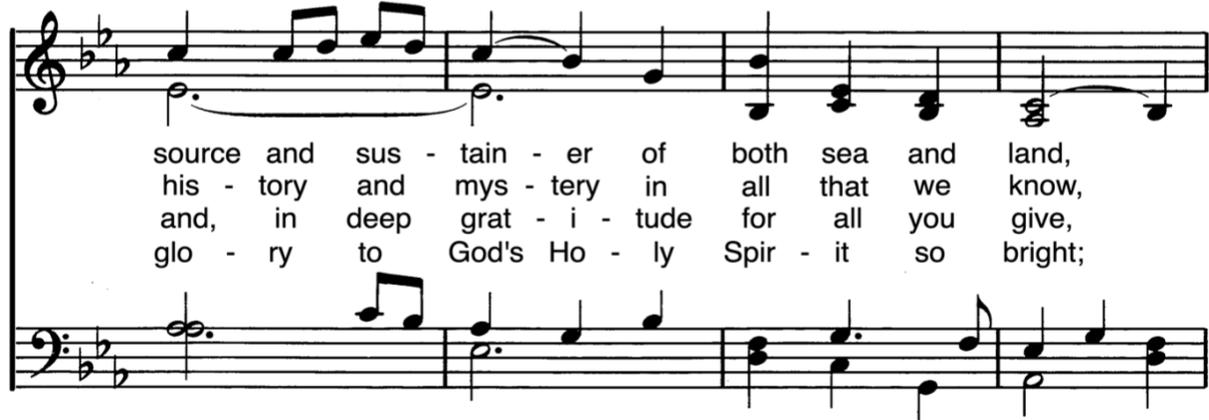
Monarch and Maker



1. Mon - arch and mak - er of all time and space,
2. Yours are the myr - iad stars and cos - mic grace,
3. Help us as guard - ians of all life on earth
4. Glo - ry to God to whom all praise is due;



sculp - tor of moun - tain and dry des - ert place,
yours is the im - age in each hu - man face;
both to re - spect the world and prize its worth;
glo - ry to Je - sus who makes all things new;



source and sus - tain - er of both sea and land,
his - tory and mys - tery in all that we know,
and, in deep grat - i - tude for all you give,
glo - ry to God's Ho - ly Spir - it so bright;



all that ex - ists was de - signed by your hand.
yours is the love through which all live and grow.
curb ev - ery greed that all peo - ple may live.
who leads the world through each dark - ness to light.