

First United Methodist Church

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

September 26, 2021 - 10:00am

18th Sunday in Pentecost

* Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" by H. Percy Smith; arr. J. Southbridge

Welcome and Announcements – Please sign in on the attendance pads,
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically.



***Opening Hymn UMH #396:** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

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

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| 1) O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide. | 3) O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul. |
| 2) O let me feel thee near me!
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin. | 4) O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship:

L: Jesus instructs us not to stop those who serve in his name, for whoever is not actively against us is for us.

P: We come to worship, to follow where Christ leads, and to join with the faithful of various traditions and practices to be the diverse face of God in our community.

L: Jesus challenges us to rid ourselves of stumbling blocks, and to take care that we not cause others to stumble or lose hope along the way.

P: We come to sing and pray, that the Holy Spirit will continue to mold us to be more like Jesus in all we do.

L: Jesus calls us to be salt; to have salt within ourselves and be at peace with others.

P: Salt preserves what would otherwise rot. It flavors what is bland and melts what is frozen.

L: We are invited to be part of God's work of saving and seasoning; of thawing and thriving; of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

P: We come to commit ourselves to our relationship with God and to God's work among us. Thanks be to God!

Prayer Chorus: "Song of Hope" TFWS #2186

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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 as we recover from this season of pandemic. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

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



The Offertory: "When We Are Living" *Traditional Spanish Hymn; arr. John Carter*

The Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** **UMH #94**

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Holy God, we offer gifts to you this morning, praying that you will make these gifts stepping stones for that fill needs in our church family, our community and our world, and that you'll bless them to give hope to us and to all your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn:** *“Bring Forth the Kingdom”* *TFWS #2190*

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| <p>1) You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!</p> <p><i>Chorus:</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,</i>
<i>Bring forth the City of God!</i></p> <p>2) You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!</p> | <p>Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i></p> <p>3) You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i></p> <p>4) We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey
 and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i></p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Depart from this house of prayer committed to put into practice the Word you’ve heard here today. Go with restored hopes and renewed enthusiasm, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, will be with you all, today and evermore.

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

*** Postlude:** *Intermezzo on “Meirionydd”* *by William Lloyd; arr. Gilbert Martin*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA! *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**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**

Facebook: **First United Methodist Church of Saginaw**

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: David Marks / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin, Jim Ling, Chuck Priem / Greeters: Eileen Ling and Angie Smith

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Madge Richmond, Rosemary Moon

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT are with Kathy Curry and family upon the death of Kathy's daughter Michelle Curry Miller from covid complications on Thursday, August 24, 2021. Funeral Services will be held here on Friday, Sept. 24 at 11:00am.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Connor Ashmall, Marilyn Ashmall, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Jim Cloud, Bill Cowdry, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Susan Hatch, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon Markley, David & Cheryl Marks, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Michael Mueller, Dave & Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Anne Ruffle, and Eugenia Shek. Also, please pray for all who are grieving, for UMCOR, for Afghanistan, for Haiti, for our situation with A Place For Grace, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Monday, 9/27: 7:00pm – Ad Board in person AND online

The FINAL RUMMAGE SALE IS THIS WEEK. Last chance to bring your donations of clean clothes, jewelry, toys, housewares, functional kitchen appliances, books, and furniture. **NO TVS, PRINTERS, COMPUTERS, OR MONITORS!** If you need to arrange a drop-off outside of office hours, please contact Suzanne Clark at 792-7637.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLEASE SIGN UP [HERE](#).

- Tuesday 9/28 and Wednesday 9/29 we need a team of people to move everything to Gibbs Fellowship Hall. We will also begin sorting.
 - Thursday 9/30 & Friday 10/1 Sale and pack-up leftover rummage for pickup on Friday.
- If you have any questions, email Mary Whitman at librawhitman@yahoo.com or call at 781-9223.

ADULT BOOK STUDY on “Half Truths” by Adam Hamilton begins this week. In Person on Tuesday Nights from 6-7pm. Online on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30pm. Books have been backordered, but should arrive Monday. Get a copy of Chapter 1 from Pastor Amy today. An invitation with the online link for Wednesday will go out Tuesday afternoon.

YOUTH GROUP GOING TO LEAMAN'S ORCHARD October 10 from 4-6pm. Free Event for teens. Meet here at 3:30pm if you want a ride.

KIDS CLUB begins after worship on October 17. We still need two adult volunteers – one to help with lunch and one to help out during the event. Sign up on the Lobby Bulletin Board near the Sound Booth or call the church office at 799-0131.

For the 7th consecutive year, Evie Kraynak is participating in **LIGHT THE NIGHT** to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan. As a representative of Pfizer working to help patients with blood cancers, Evie knows how frightening diagnosis and treatment can be. LLS is on the frontline of education, financing and research to help patients now and find cures in the future. If you would like to support Evie's efforts, go to <https://pages.LLS.org/LTN/mi/Detroit21/EKraynak>

WORLD COMMUNION DAY

PRAY FOR PEACE.

STOP THE VIOLENCE

Date: Oct 3rd, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: 4 City Parks:

- Stop 1: Wickes Park
- Stop 2: Borchard Park
- Stop 3: Unity Park
- Stop 4: Vet's Park



" If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV



STOP THE VIOLENCE

- BUS ROUTE & SCHEDULE -

**Route starts and ends at - New Birth Missionary Baptist
4:30pm - 6:30 pm**

- 4:30 Starts at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church
 - 3121 Sheridan Ave.
- 4:45 leave
- 4:52 Arrive Wickes Park
 - 101 Naval Reserve Dr.
- 5:10 Leave
- 5:17 Arrive at Borchard Park
 - 100 N. Michigan Ave.
- 5:35 Leave
- 5:42 Arrive at Unity Park
 - 1410 N. 12th St. (next to First Ward Community Center)
- 6:00 Leave
- 6:07 Arrive at Veteran's Memorial Park
 - 802 S. 20th St.
- 6:25 Leave
- 6:30 Arrive at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church
 - 3121 Sheridan Ave.