

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
March 6, 2022 - 10:00am - First Sunday in Lent

* Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Take Time to Be Holy"

by George Stebbins; arr. Don Chilcote

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
or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>

Please fill out your yellow prayer cards



***Opening Hymn UMH #269:** *"Lord, Who, Throughout These Forty Days"*

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| 1) Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins
And close by thee to stay. | To die to self, and chiefly live
By thy most holy word. |
| 2) As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
In thee to conquer sin. | 4) And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide. |
| 3) As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord, | 5) Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

(from Service of Word and Table I, UMH pg. 8)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. Too often, we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbor; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

L: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer Chorus TFWS #2133: “Give Me A Clean Heart”

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow thee.*

Time of Prayer – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.*

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

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/>



Offertory: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Hugh Livingston Jr.

***The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95
(old 100th)*

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Holy God, as we remember the strength of Jesus as he was tempted in the wilderness, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and of power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants are needs and that more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message – *A special moment just for kids*

Special Music:

“Beyond the Days”

by Ricky Manalo

Jane MacQueen, Terry Moon, Peg Wilken, and Bryan Latimer

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 57

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“WILDERNESS WANDERINGS”

Pastor Amy Terhune

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 brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth, you formed us, male and female, in your image,
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for 40 days and 40 nights,

You bore the ark upon the waters, saved Noah and his family,
and made covenant with every living thing on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights,

You gave us the commandments, and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant,

your prophet Elijah prayed and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights;
and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

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.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,

Your Spirit led him into the wilderness,
where he fasted 40 days and 40 nights to prepare for his ministry.

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.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,
that during these 40 days of Lent, we may be gifted and graced
to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which 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: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.
and on each person within reach of my voice.

Bless our offerings of bread and juice, that they may be for us the body and blood
of Christ; that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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.

ALL: Amen.

Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward, take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats. When all have been served, we will eat the bread and drink the juice together. Leave your plastic waste in the pew and it will be gathered following worship for recycling.

Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.

***Music During Communion W&S #3168: “Come to the Table of Grace”**

*Come to the table of grace; * Come to the table of grace; *
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine; Come to the table of grace!**

** peace; * love; * hope; * joy; * grace*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn TFWS #2268: “As We Gather At Your Table”**

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| <p>1) As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love’s victory known.</p> <p>2) Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.</p> | <p>Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.</p> <p>3) Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(by Joanna Harader, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>)

L: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God; walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High; walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

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

***Postlude: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

Plainchant; arr. Wilbur Held

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Bill & Sue Johnson, Kay Mertz / Ushers: Wayne Henney, Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Walt Maltman

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Walt & Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Wendy Southgate, Mac & Joanna Thompson, and all who are grieving. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from Covid-19, for the war in Ukraine, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

MASK UPDATE – Last week, the CDC revised and relaxed the masking guidelines in places where covid cases are continuing to drop. Saginaw County reported a 21% positivity rate on February 11. By February 18, it had fallen to 10%, and was reported at 8% on Feb. 25. According to CDC Guidelines, as long as numbers stay below a positivity rate of 10%, we are at low risk and are therefore free to worship without masking. (11% to 20% = moderate risk; over 21% = high risk.) However, those with health concerns or vulnerable family may choose to continue to wear masks. Please help us create a comfortable atmosphere where all are free to live their choice.

WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACKS – Sign up to pack bags of food for the weekend for elementary children and/or deliver packed bags to Westdale and Arrowwood Elementary. To help, sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food> or call (989) 799-0131.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY - *The Way of Julian of Norwich: A Prayer Journey Through Lent*. Books available from the main office for \$10.00. Julian of Norwich was a 14th century Mystic and the first published female author in the western world. Her fresh perspectives on sin and judgement, anger and forgiveness, the Incarnation and the Crucifixion were once thought so controversial that her writings were kept hidden for centuries. Exploring her writings alongside passages from Scripture, Sheila Upjohn shows us how Julian of Norwich can still challenge and enlighten us today.

6:00-7:00pm **Tuesdays** (in person) 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12

7:30-8:30pm **Wednesdays** (online) 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13

GRIEF GROUP – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider being a part of this six-week group. It will be facilitated by Jason Greve, a professional counselor with Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center. The group will meet weekly via Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - Noon from March 23 through May 4. Simply email Jason at jason@freshairesamaritan.org to register and receive specific instructions for participating.

SAGINAW CHORAL SOCIETY YOUTH CHOIR – 2022 Winter Concert – TODAY at 3:00pm here at Saginaw First UMC .

PASTOR AMY is in Board of Ordained Ministry Meetings online this week 1pm – 9pm (Monday, 9am-9pm (Tues-Thurs) and 9am-5pm (Friday). Please leave a message in the main office or text in the case of pastoral emergency, or if you need to reach her. Thank you!

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!

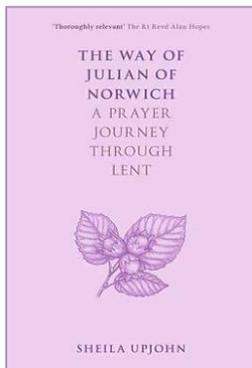
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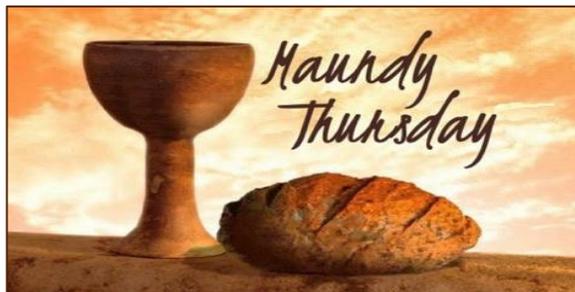
LENT 2022 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC



**Lenten Book Study – *The Way of Julian of Norwich:
A Prayer Journey Through Lent***

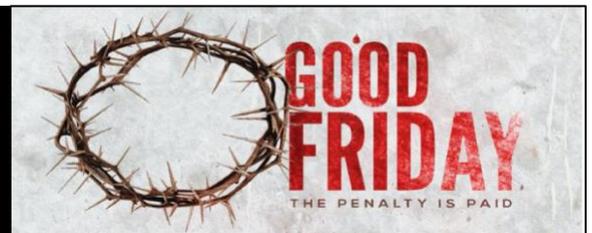
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Palm Sunday Worship
Sunday, April 10 – 10:00am



Maundy Thursday
Worship and Communion
Thursday, April 14 – 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 15
12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm
Come for one service or stay for both!
Sack lunches provided.



Easter Celebration Worship
Sunday, April 17 – 10:00am



You can also order online at: <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/order-easter-flowers/>

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Easter flowers are available to order until Monday, March 28, 2022. We regret that costs have risen and plants now cost \$25 each. While we cannot guarantee colors, you are welcome to write a preference below if you have one and we'll do our best to honor it. Fill in how many of each plant you'd like to order.

I would like to order _____ Easter Lily(s) at \$25 each.

I would like to order _____ Tulip(s) at \$25 each.

I would like to order _____ Hyacinth(s) at \$25 each.

Please submit payment to Saginaw First UMC, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638; or place in Offering Plate at worship. Note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or envelope.

Call (989)799-0131 if you have questions.