

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
March 13, 2022 - 10:00am - Second Sunday in Lent

* Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Joncas; arr. Fred Bock

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 #116:** *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

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| 4) The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!"
Cry "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
We worship thee!" | 2) The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
And sing the wonders of God's grace
Forevermore. |
| 3) The heavenly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty,
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned. | 1) The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
And God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Unison Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, you call us to be born from above—to let the Holy Spirit work in our hearts, minds, and lives. But we lose focus, and are easily distracted by the concerns of our daily life. You call us to take up our cross and follow where you lead. But we're reluctant to surrender control and be that vulnerable. You call us to confront the obstacles in our path with courage and determination. But we turn a deaf ear, for we are afraid of the pain or sacrifice that such a call demands of us. O Lord, forgive our distractedness, our stubbornness, our fear and distrust. Have patience with us, and lead us to a better understanding of your call, we pray through Christ. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

(II Corinthians 12:9)

L: Hear the good news: Jesus says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Arise and live in the power of the Almighty, who loves and forgives you through the grace of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Meditative Music from the Bell Choir: *The Ukrainian National Anthem*

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 – Amen. forever glory the and, power the and, kingdom the is thing for, evil from us deliver but, temptation into not us lead And. us against trespass who those forgive we as trespasses our us forgive and; bread daily our day this us Give. heaven in is it as earth on done be will thy, come kingdom thy, name thy by hallowed, heaven in art who, Father Our.

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.*

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



Offertory: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Traditional Swedish; arr. Raymond H. Haan

***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:** Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, empower us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won’t turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them with compassion and mercy. We journey in Christ’s steps, following Christ’s lead, praying in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Galatians 5:16-21

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 179

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law...

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissonance, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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

Choral Anthem: “*Into The Woods, My Master Went*” by Sidney Lanier & Austin C. Lovelace

Scripture Lesson: Luke 13:31-35 Pew Bible N.T. pg. 72

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for me to be here.’”

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Response to the Word

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “OBSTACLE COURSE” *Rev. Brad Terhune, Guest Preacher*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn TFWS #2112: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**

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| <p>3) You must go and stand your trial;
 You have to stand it by yourself.
 Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
 You have to stand it by yourself</p> <p>2) We must walk this lonesome valley;
 We have to walk it by ourselves.</p> | <p>Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
 We have to walk it by ourselves.</p> <p>1) Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
 He had to walk it by himself.
 Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
 he had to walk it by himself.</p> |
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(p) Barbara K. Lundblad, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>

***Benediction:**

I Beloved: Like an eagle lifting up her weary children, God will carry you. Like a mother
 hen gathering her brood, Jesus Christ will shelter you. Like the murmur of the dove's
 song, the Holy Spirit will dwell with you. Do not be afraid or deterred by obstacles.
 Go forth in God's peace. Amen.

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

***Postlude:**

“Love Lifted Me”

by Howard Smith; arr. James Pethel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Greeters: Judy Gerkan and Jackie Moore
Ushers: Mac Thompson, Keith Courier, and Norm Jones / Liturgist: Pastor Amy Terhune / Guest
Preacher: Rev. Brad Terhune

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. NOTE: The Weekend Food Backpack Fund for 2021-22 has been depleted, and there is still the last term of the schoolyear to go. If you are looking for a worthwhile mission to support this Lent, consider donating to the Weekend Food Backpack Fund. Thank you!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY - *The Way of Julian of Norwich: A Prayer Journey Through Lent*. Books available for \$10.00 at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby. 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.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE – tonight from 7:00-9:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 3427 Adams Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48630



ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Saginaw First United Methodist Church

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. _____

Flowers in Memory of: _____

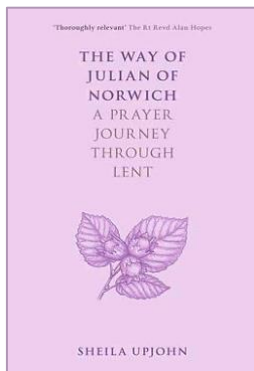
OR

Flowers in Honor of: _____

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.

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