

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
March 20, 2022 - 10:00am - Third Sunday in Lent

\* Please Stand if you are able

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Bell Choir Prelude:

*“Allegro Con Moto”*

by Jason Krug

**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 FWS #2076: *“O Blessed Spring”*

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| 1) O blessed Spring, where Word and sign<br>Embrace us in to Christ the Vine:<br>Here Christ enjoins each one to be<br>A branch of this life-giving Tree.        | Then through us warm, the Christ will move<br>With gifts of beauty wisdom, love.  |
| 2) Through summer heat and youthful years,<br>Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,<br>Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,<br>The boughs will shout for joy again. | 4) As winter comes, as winters must,<br>We breathe our last, return to dust;<br>Still held in Christ, our souls take wing<br>And trust the promise of the spring. |
| 3) When autumn cools and youth is cold,<br>When limbs their heavy harvest hold,  | 5) Christ, Holy Vine, Christ, Living Tree,<br>Be praised for this blest mystery:<br>That Word and water thus revive<br>And join us to your Tree of Life.          |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### The Unison Prayer of Confession:

*(adapted from Luke 13:1-9 and Galatians 5:22-23)*

**Holy God, in dry places, you bring forth springs of water. In barren wilderness, you are the Shepherd that leads us to green pastures and still waters. In storms, you shelter us. With such tender care, we should flourish. But we confess that often, we see only the problems and not the opportunities. We focus on our fears instead of our faith. We dwell on the dryness, the barrenness, the storm. Forgive us our failure to thrive. By your grace, give us hearts to know your nourishment and tender care for us, that we might bear the fruit of the Spirit in a world craving love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.**

### The Words of Assurance

*(adapted from Colossians 1:9-12)*

L: Hear the good news: Having been forgiven our sin, God fills us with wisdom from the Spirit, that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in every way, growing in the knowledge of God, being made strong by his glorious power, that we are thus prepared to endure with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God.

**Meditative Music from the Bell Choir:** *The Ukrainian National Anthem* arr. Catherine McMichael

**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:** “*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*”

*by William Bradbury; arr. Malcolm Kogut*

**\*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 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bear fruit in the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire, through our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

**Bell Choir Anthem:**

“*My Lord, What A Morning*”

*Traditional Spiritual; arr. Sandra Eithun*

**Scripture Lesson:**

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 71

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable...:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years, I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still, I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> The gardener replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, then you can cut it down.’”

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:**

FRUIT BASKET UPSET

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3155:** *“The Lord of Life, A Vine Is He”*

*(see attached)*

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| <p>1) The Lord of Life, a vine is he<br/>And grafted to him we must be;<br/>And thus, we yield abundantly<br/>Sweet fruit for all to taste and see.</p> <p>2) If we be joined to him, we know<br/>His strength and power will help us grow.<br/>His Spirit’s grace through us will flow<br/>To prune and shape us as we go.</p> | <p>3) The vine is he, the branches we,<br/>For now and to eternity.<br/>His word sown deep in us will be<br/>Both sun and rain – sufficiency.</p> <p>4) The Lord of Life, the Source Divine<br/>Calls us to come with him entwine.<br/>Will we, unhearing, dare decline<br/>The call of Christ, the One True Vine?</p> |
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**\*Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go forth in Christ’s name to a transformed existence, bearing fruit for all the world to see and enjoy, that the Reign of God may take shape in and among us.

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

**\*Postlude:**

*Toccata on “Amazing Grace”*

*by Christopher Pardini*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner /  
Greeters: Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Hagerty, Tom Miller

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Bev Blue, 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.

**COFFEE HOUR will resume Easter Sunday.** The Nurture Committee will serve coffee, fruit, and muffins on Easter. We will need volunteers to brew coffee and pick up donut holes from the Tim Hortons at 4870 State Street (just east of Center Rd.) beginning Sunday, April 24. View instructions and sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>

**GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH PACKING** – 9:30am Friday, April 15, 2022 – help pack sack lunches for those who come to the Good Friday Worship Service on their lunch break. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-good>

**EASTER MUFFINS** needed for the Easter Morning Coffee Hour. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-easter>

**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 school year 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 in the office. Julian of Norwich was a 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jason@freshairesamaritan.org) to register and receive specific instructions for participating.

**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**

## The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He

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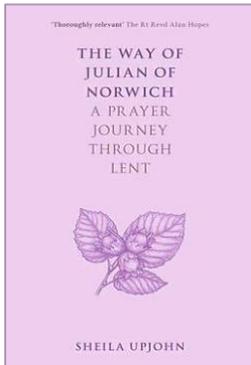
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## Congregation: Unison

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 MUSIC: John Carter

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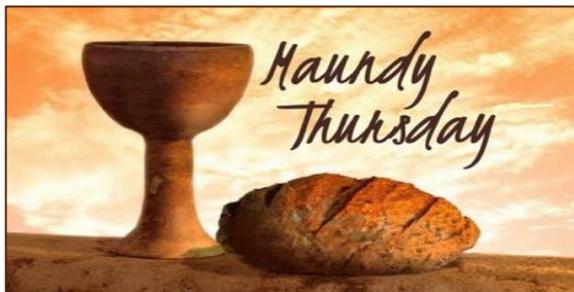
# LENT 2022 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC



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

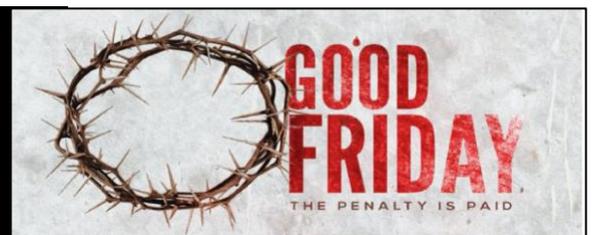
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**Palm Sunday Worship**  
Sunday, April 10 – 10:00am



**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



# 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.*