

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
May 22, 2022 - 10:00am - 6th Sunday in Easter

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Shall We Gather At The River"

by Robert Lowry; arr. Gary R. Smoke

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 #2004:** *"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"*

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| 1) Praise the source of faith and learning
That has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
How the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
From the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
And renew our need to pray. | 3) May our faith redeem the blunder
Of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder
Which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error
Which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror
With an antiquated creed. |
| 2) God of wisdom we acknowledge
That our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
Only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
Lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation
And the pulse of life are found. | 4) As two currents in a river
Fight each other's undertow,
Till converging they deliver
One coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning
Till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one, returning
Praise and thanks to you, their Source. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

L: People of God, come rejoice and give thanks to God for the every good and perfect gift: for the beauty of creation, for the wonders of the universe, for the giftedness and creativity of humanity

P: All glory to you, God our Source of Faith and Learning

L: Give thanks to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, the eternal truth.

P: All glory to you, Christ our teacher!

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L: Give thanks to the Spirit, the Revealer of the deep things of God, who gives us awe and wonder and leads us on the path of true wisdom.

P: All glory to you, Holy Spirit!

L: People of God, come rejoice and give thanks for one another, for the gifts of compassion, love, support, encouragement, challenge, and wisdom shared among us.

P: Thanks be to God for the community of faith. Let us worship God together!

Prayer Chorus W&S #3117 – “Rule of Life”

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

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.*

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Offertory:

“The Gift of Love”

arr. Marianne Kim

*** 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: God of the mountains and the valleys, of the dry places and oceans: Your voice speaks to us across creation; the flowers and the trees sing of your majesty; and the stars of the night speak of how much we still don’t know. As we offer gifts to you and speak our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew. Use these gifts to help others. Give us ears to hear, faith to believe, and determination to truly listen to how you would send us into a hurting world. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Choral Anthem: *“I Have Felt the Hand of God”*

by Craig Courtney

Recognizing our Graduates – *please see insert*

Chorus for Graduates FWS #2281 – *“May You Run and Not Be Weary”*

*May you run and not be weary; may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
Any may you run and not be weary; may your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home!*

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:6-15

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 136

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS

Rev. Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #577: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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| <p>1) God of grace and God of glory,
On the people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2) Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.</p> | <p>3) Cure thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.</p> <p>4) Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Nathan Nettleton, LaughingBird.net.)

L: Beloved, go in peace where the Spirit leads. May your minds, your hearts, and your doors be open to receiving others in times of need. And may God's face shine on you with blessing; May Christ Jesus mark you out as his own; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth and peace.

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

***Postlude:**

"I've Got Peace Like A River"

arr. Marvin Gaspard

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Eileen Ling & Angie Smith / Ushers: Bob Bula, Jim Ling, Chuck Priem / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, David Barker, Bev Blue, John & Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, 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.

OUR SYMPATHY To the family of Etelka Thorsby who died on April 22, 2022 at the age of 92. A Memorial Service will be held at Case Funeral Home on Miller Road on June 4, 2022 at 2:00pm.

OUR SYMPATHY To Rev. Richard and MaryLee Turner and family on the loss of their son-in-law Manny Jimenez on May 6, 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sheldon and Bonnie Markley on the birth of their 11th great-grandchild, Aurora Jo Guster was born May 16, 2022.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are in memory of Helen Cowdry, whose 75th birthday would have been yesterday.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Cheryl Marks has been postponed to Friday, June 17 at 1:00pm.

NURTURE, REACH, PREPARE, AND SEND Committee Meetings are tomorrow night, Monday, May 23 – 6:00pm Nurture and 7:00pm Reach/Prepare/Send.

COFFEE HOUR has resumed – hosts needed. Coffee hour hosts pick up donut holes from the Tim Hortons at 4870 State Street (just east of Center Rd.), brew coffee, set up, and clean up. Sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee> or sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling the church office at (989) 799-0131. Thank you!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED on weeks when the choir does sing and for the summer. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044dafac2ba0fd0-special1>

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Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!

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

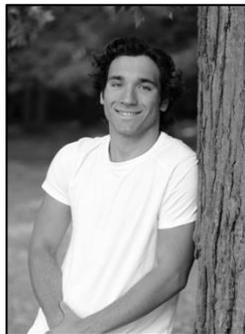
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Nic Courier

Graduating from Herbert Henry Dow High School

Honor Roll

State Team 3 years for varsity swim

Saginaw Valley All Conference first team, three years for varsity swim

Saginaw Valley Conference All Academics -all years

DECA state qualifier

Future Plans: Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI



Isabelle Terhune

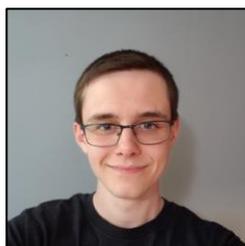
Graduating from Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy

National Honor Society

Achievement in Theatre / MSU Monologue Award

Future Plans: taking a year off of school

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

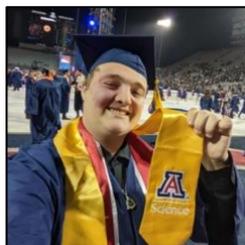


Alex Keeler

Graduating from Kettering University

Summa Cum Laude, with a B.S. in Computer Science

Future Plans: Joining GRID Technologies in Troy, MI
as a Software Engineer



Nathan Miller

Graduation from the University of Arizona

B.S. in Biochemistry

Future Plans: Now looking for work in his field in Tucson, AZ



Dr. Katie Moon

Graduating from the University of South Florida

Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Future Plans: returning to Michigan to begin working.