

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 3, 2022 - 10:00am - 5th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Johann Walter; arr. Rudy Davenport

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
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Please fill out your yellow prayer cards

***Opening Hymn UMH #696:** "America the Beautiful"

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| 1) O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea. | America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine. |
| 2) O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life! | 3) O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from UMH #696 'America the Beautiful' by Katharine Lee Bates)

L: O God, we give you thanks for this beautiful land—for purple mountains, fruitful fields, shining waters—and for the fine diversity of its people.

P: **Pour out your grace, O Lord, that we—bound together by respect for liberty and justice—may grow in community with one another.**

L: We give you thanks for those who have gone before us, who were willing to make sacrifices for the sake of freedom and the equitable rule of law.

P: **Remind us again, O Lord, that true success is to have lived in such a way that the world is better for our having been here.**

L: We give you thanks for those visionaries who have inspired our best efforts and ideals, and have challenged us to become a better nation.

P: **Gracious God, perfect our people, our leaders, and our laws, until they reflect the best of who we are and yet may be. Amen.**

Prayer Chorus FWS #2150: “*Lord, Be Glorified*”

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified! In our lives, Lord, be glorified today!
In our land, Lord, be glorified, be glorified! In our land, Lord, be glorified today!
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified! In your world, Lord, be glorified today!*

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: “*Down By The Riverside:*

Traditional Spiritual; 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: Mighty God, we have read of the prophets of old, and how your power was often made known to them in small gestures or in a still small voice. We bring our gifts to you this day confessing that we have often missed (or dismissed) your miracles because they did not present themselves in dramatic, startling events or grand transformations. Give us eyes to see the small and subtle ways you make yourself known to us, and faith that our gifts will be multiplied to bring hope and healing! In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Scripture Lesson:

II Kings 5:1-14

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 320

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife.

³She said to her mistress, ‘If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’ ⁴So Naaman went in and told his king just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, ‘Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.’ He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, ‘When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.’ ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’ ⁸But when Elisha, the prophet of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ ¹⁴So Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the prophet of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Pastor Amy Terhune

Special Music:

*“Come As You Are” by David Crowder, Benjamin Glover, Matt Maher
Mark Ode, Guitar/Vocals*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

UMH pg. 17-18, Musical Setting A

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 formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

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

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.
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,
who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
In Jesus' suffering and death, you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, our Savior,
Who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.
On the night before 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: Let us pray: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them 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. 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: "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" by Stuart Townsend; arr. James Koerts

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #605: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

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| <p>1) Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright & sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.</p> <p>2) We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.</p> | <p>God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.</p> <p>3) Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, use your freedom to be a blessing to others, obeying God’s will for your life. As you go into this week, may your eyes be open to see God at work in the simple and the ordinary. And may the peace of God, the love of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit bless you along the way.

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

***Postlude:** *“Once to Every Man and Nation”* by Thomas J. Williams; arr. Lani Smith

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Kay Mertz and Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith / Coffee Hour Host: Mary Whitman

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Wayne Henney

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, for an end to division in our nation, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jill Spaulding in memory of H. Jeanne Sheldon.

TAIZE WORSHIP – This Wednesday, July 6, 7:00pm

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Questions You Always Wanted to Ask, but Never Had the Nerve!!

Pastor Amy is doing a sermon series on your questions. Is there something you never understood, or always wanted to hear more about? Submit questions in the wooden lock box at the welcome desk. It might just show up in a sermon this summer!! So far, Pastor Amy has only received one question. We need a few more to make a sermon series work.

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!

4-WEEK SUMMER BOOK STUDY: “Woven Together: Faith and Justice for the Earth and the Poor” by James S. Mastaler. Join Pastor Amy to study the intersection of faith, environmental science and economic justice. Books will be available for \$15 from the main office by next Sunday.
Tuesdays (in person) 6:00-7:15pm on 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, and 8/2.
Wednesdays (online) 7:30-8:30pm on 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3

SUMMER MISSION – this summer, we will not be doing our traditional Back to School Bash since so many other organizations give away school supplies for fall. Instead, this summer, we will be raising funds for the School Backpack Food Program, which ensures that children have meals on the weekend. It costs approximately \$150 to feed one child for a school year. Saginaw First is committed to feeding 48 children. Our goal is to raise \$7000 to provide for families facing food insecurity in our area. Money collected during 3rd Sunday mission offerings in June, July, and August will go towards this project.

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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