

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 31, 2022 - 10:00am - 9th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"

by Johann Ahle; arr. Michael Burkhardt

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 #2246:** *"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"*

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| 1) Deep in the shadows of the past,
Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with their God
Across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
By them was sensed and shown;
A promise calling them ahead,
A future yet unknown. | 3) From Exodus to Pentecost
The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past,
Recorded what they knew,
Or with their letters and laments,
Their prophecy and praise
Recovered, kindled, and expressed
New hope for changing days. |
| 2) While others bowed to changeless gods
They met a mystery,
Invisible, without a name:
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
And by their tents, around their fires,
In story, song, and law,
They praised, remembered, handed on
A past that promised more. | 4) For all the writings that survived,
For leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, copied, and preserved
The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its story yet
Our promise, strength, and call,
The model of emerging faith,
Alive with hope for all. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from the Gospel of John 1:1-4; 14)

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the beginning, Jesus was with God, and through Him, all things came into being.

L: And what has come into being in Him is life, and the life is the light of all people.

P: In the beginning was the Word.

L: The Word is not a book. The Word is not law. The Word is God.

P: The Word became flesh and dwelled among us.

L: We have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

P: Thanks be to God for His Holy Word: Christ Jesus!

Prayer Chorus FWS #2157– “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

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:

“Wonderful Words of Life”

by Philip P. Bliss; arr. Sharon 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: Holy Word made flesh among us, accept these gifts, and with them, our lives, and use them for your glory, that we may follow your lead and embody your word to a world in need of truth, love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

Hymn UMH #601: “Thy Word”

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (2X)

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| 1) When I feel afraid; think I've lost my way;
Still, you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. [Chorus] | 2) I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end. [Chorus] |
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WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #595:** *“Whether the Word Be Preached or Read” (see attached)*

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| 1) Whether the Word be preached or read,
No saving benefit I gain
From empty sounds or letters dead;
Fruitless be all, and thus in vain,
Unless by faith thy Word I hear
And see its heavenly character. | 3) If God enlighten through his Word,
I shall my kind Enlightener bless;
But void and naked of my Lord,
What are all verbal promises?
Nothing to me, till faith divine
Inspire, in-speak, and make them mine. |
| 2) Unmixed with faith, the Scripture gives
No comfort, life, or light to see,
But me in darker darkness leaves,
Implunged in deeper misery,
Overwhelmed with nature's sorest ills.
The Spirit saves, the letter kills. | 4) Jesus, the appropriating grace
'Tis thine on sinners to bestow.
Open mine eyes to see thy face,
Open my heart thyself to know.
And then I through thy Word obtain
Sure present, and eternal gain. |

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, Go from this place in peace, and in the power of God’s Word. May the love of God carry you; may the grace of Jesus Christ live within you; may the fire of the Holy Spirit give you passion and strength to be faithful disciples in all you do and say.

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

***Postlude:**

“The B-I-B-L-E”

Traditional Children’s Chorus; arr. Hal Wright

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Bill Cowdry / Greeters: ??? / Ushers: Bob Bula, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe Kozumplik, Kevin Malotka, / Coffee Hour Host: Suzanne Clark

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Wayne Henney (now at Heathsource), Marion Hoffman (Covenant)

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.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP – This Wednesday, August 3, 7:00pm – in person AND online.

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

Pastor Amy is doing a sermon series on your questions. Thank you to all who submitted questions!

July 10: Is Jesus the only way to heaven? (3 different people submitted this question!)

July 17: What makes United Methodists different than other Christian denominations?

July 24: Does God lead us into temptation, as it says in the Lord's Prayer?

July 31: Is the Bible inerrant? (without mistakes)

August 7: Is heaven real? What happens when we die?

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 at the Welcome Desk.

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 for the summer. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044dafac2ba0fd0-special1>

CHARGE CONFERENCE – here at Saginaw First UMC, Sunday, October 23, 3:00-5:00pm.

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!

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

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YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

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WORKSHOP

on SINGLE BOARD GOVERNANCE / SIMPLE ACCOUNTABILITY STRUCTURE

Presented by Rev. Dirk Elliott, Michigan Conference Director
for Congregational Vibrancy and Leadership Development

MISSION: POSSIBLE



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

Monday, September 12 – 7:00pm

Saginaw First UMC

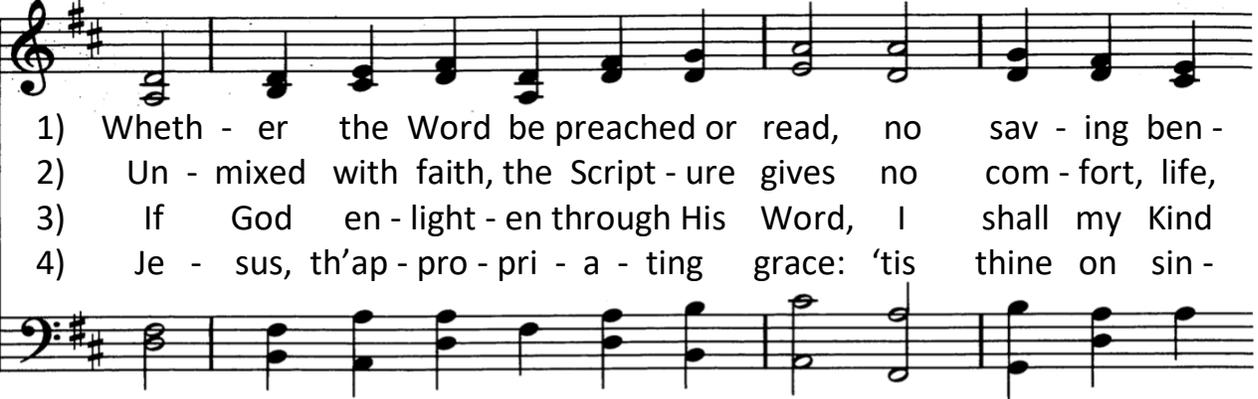
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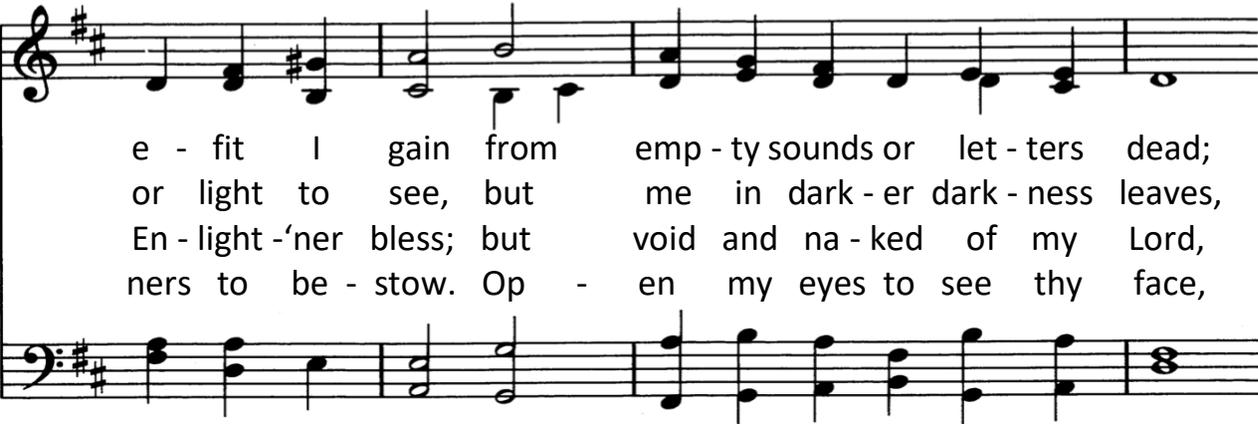
Join us in person OR via livestream*!

*** NOTE: this event is open to all churches in the Area. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!
However, Saginaw First UMC Administrative Board Members, Trustees, Finance
Committee Members, Staff/Parish Relations Committee Members, and Staff are
expected to attend. Please let Pastor Amy know if you CANNOT be here. Thank you.**

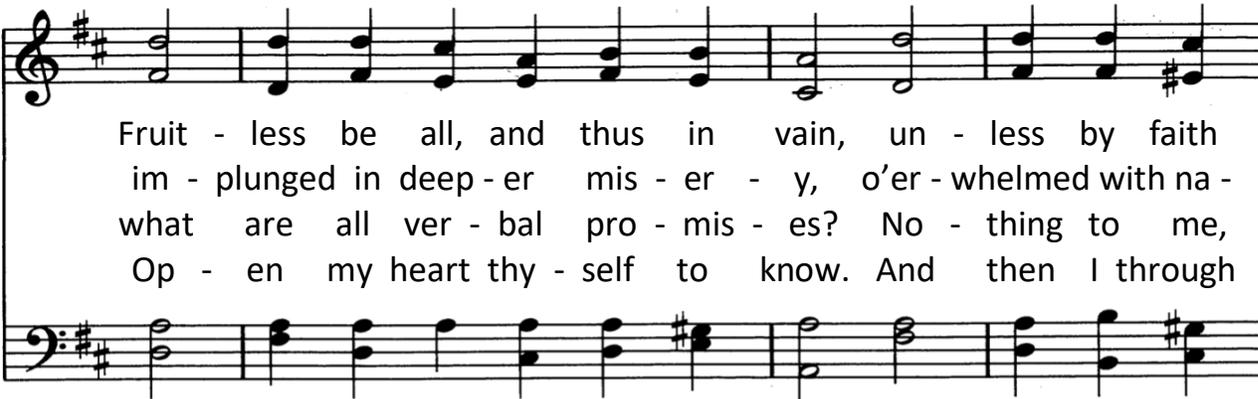
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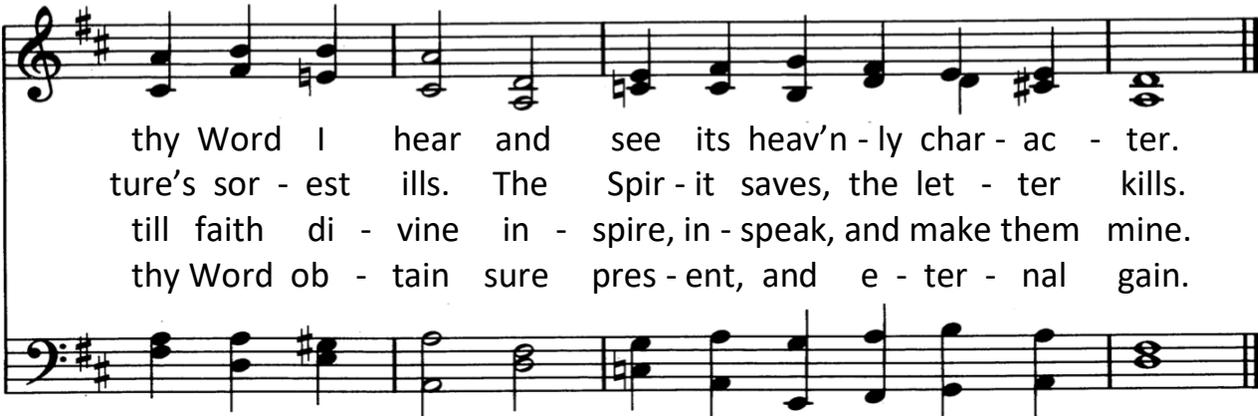
1) Wheth - er the Word be preached or read, no sav - ing ben -
 2) Un - mixed with faith, the Script - ure gives no com - fort, life,
 3) If God en - light - en through His Word, I shall my Kind
 4) Je - sus, th'ap - pro - pri - a - ting grace: 'tis thine on sin -



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