

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
August 7, 2022 - 10:00am - 10th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Shall We Gather At The River" by Robert Lowry; arr. Vicki Collinsworth

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 #2282: "I'll Fly Away"**

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| 1) Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away. | 2) When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. |
| Refrain: I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah,
By and by, I'll fly away! | 3) Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To that land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51, 54-57)

L: Hear the good news about the Resurrection of the dead: What is sown in the earth is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable!

P: What is sown in dishonor is raised in glory!

L: What is sown in weakness is raised in power!

P: What is sown as a physical body is raised as spirit.

L: Listen and I will tell you a mystery. We will not all die; rather, we will all be changed.

P: When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

L: Death has been swallowed up in victory." Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

P: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us worship God together!

** Please stand, if you are able*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2058– “Shepherd Me, O God”

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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: “Ain’t-a That Good News”

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: Gracious God, we bring our offerings this day and ask that they might be dedicated to strengthening your church for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ and for the transformation of our world, that it may more closely resemble your reign in heaven, through Christ our Savior. Amen

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

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children

UMH pg. 39

GREETING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

This morning, it is our joy to present Wren Josephine Roberts for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? *I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? *I do.*

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? *I will.*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround the Roberts family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout her lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS / PRAYER

Wren, I baptize you in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Pastor will offer prayer at this time, then:

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ:

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

Family is presented with baptismal certificate and a small gift at this time.

Please join in welcoming little Wren to the Saginaw First UMC Church Family!

Baptismal Chorus FWS #2233: “Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.

Scripture Lesson:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 193

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and are left until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Series: *Questions You Always Wanted to Ask, but Never had the Nerve*

“WEEK FIVE: IS HEAVEN REAL? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?”

Pastor Amy Terhune

Preparatory Chorus W&S #3169: *“Come to the Table of Grace”*

*Come to the table of grace; come to the table of grace
This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

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.
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,
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.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #733: “Marching to Zion”**

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| <p>1) Come, we that love the Lord,
 And let our joys be known;
 Join in a song with sweet accord,
 Join in a song with sweet accord
 And thus surround the throne,
 And thus surround the throne.</p> | <p>May speak their joys abroad,
 May speak their joys abroad. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> |
| <p>Refrain: We're marching to Zion,
 Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
 We're marching upward to Zion,
 The beautiful city of God.</p> | <p>3) The hill of Zion yields
 A thousand sacred sweets
 Before we reach the heavenly fields,
 Before we reach the heavenly fields,
 Or walk the golden streets,
 Or walk the golden streets. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> |
| <p>2) Let those refuse to sing
 Who never knew our God;
 But children of the heavenly King,
 But children of the heavenly King</p> | <p>4) Then let our songs abound,
 And every tear be dry;
 We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
 We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
 To fairer worlds on high,
 To fairer worlds on high. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> |

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go forth in peace to live as those who are prepared to die. And when your days draw to a close, die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in God, from whom nothing in life or in death can separate us, and in whom, we abide in this life and the life to come. Thanks be to God.

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

***Postlude:**

“For All The Saints” by Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: David Marks / Greeters: Bill & Sue Johnson/ Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Larry Kelly, Angie Smith / Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Kelly

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, David Barker, John & Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, 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 all suffering from Covid-19, and for peace in Ukraine and the world.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Beverly Blue, who passed away Friday, 8/5/2022. Funeral services will be held here at the church on Tuesday 8/9/2022 at 10:00am.

WELCOME to Wren Josephine Roberts, born March 13, 2022, being baptized today! Parents are Justin & Taylor Roberts. Grandparents are Jay & Robin Schwellenbach and Dale & MaryJo Roberts.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY given by Pastor Amy in memory of Wes & Bev Brun on what would have been their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RALLY DAY / MINISTRY FAIR is scheduled for September 18, 2022 after worship. Dress casually, invite your friends, and join us to learn more about how you can get involved in ministry here. Posters and exhibits will be set up around Gibbs Hall. Bounce House for the kids. A POTLUCK luncheon following worship will also take place in Gibbs Hall. Bring a dish to pass.

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!

SUMMER MISSION –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. Please give generously on August 21, 2022.

PASTOR AWAY: Pastor Amy is having a hysterectomy on Aug. 8, 2022. She will be on medical leave until Aug. 28, 2022. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at (989) 799-0131. Feel free to contact Pastor Amy on her cell phone (989) 274-6363 while she's away.

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for Congregational Vibrancy and Leadership Development

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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.**