

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
August 14, 2022 - 10:00am - 11th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "My Lord, What A Morning" *Traditional Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim*

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 UMH #529:** "How Firm A Foundation"

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| 1) How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say
than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? | For I will be with thee,
thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. |
| 2) "Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God
and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. | 4) "When through fiery trials
thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient,
shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine. |
| 3) "When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe
shall not thee overflow; | 5) "The soul that on Jesus
still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake." |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Opening Prayer: *(adapted from Maren C. Tirabassi in "Touch Holiness, 2nd Edition, pg. 98-99)*

L: Let us rejoice, for a new day has dawned and we are alive to enjoy it!

P: We celebrate the beauty of creation, the wonder of human love. We remember those who have shaped our lives, and those whose struggles for justice have bettered our world

L: We gather to worship God, to share our prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

P: May God work within us, that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and build grace and hope in the world through Christ.

Prayer Chorus FWS #2057: “Be Still and Know”

Be still and know that I am God; Be still and know that I am God.

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: “How Can I Keep From Singing” *by Robert Lowry; arr. John Carter*

* **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: Creator God, who brought forth the world as your vineyard, provided every needed resource, and asked only that we bear good fruit: As we give our offerings, help us use them for true and lasting fruitfulness in the world. In the name of your son, our teacher and savior, we pray. Amen

Scripture Lesson:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 212

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Special Music:

“Jesus Loves Me” (with ASL)
Alexa Sharrow and Hailey Sharrow

Warner/McGuire/Bradbury

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

Hymn UMH #577: *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 12:49-56

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 71

⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Response to the Word

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon:

Pastor Brad Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #711: “For All The Saints” (vs. 1-2, 5-6)**

1) For all the saints,
 who from their labors rest,
 Who thee by faith
 before the world confessed,
 Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

2) Thou wast their rock,
 their fortress, and their might;
 Thou, Lord, their captain
 in the well-fought fight;
 Thou, in the darkness drear,
 their one true light.
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

5) And when the strife is fierce,
 the warfare long,
 steals on the ear
 the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again,
 and arms are strong.
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

6) From earth's wide bounds,
 from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl
 streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son,
 and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Benediction**

Rev. Brad Terhune

***Postlude:**

“God of Love and God of Power” by Joachim Neaner; arr. Phil Leenbauer

** Please stand, if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Mac Thompson, Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza

OUR SYMPATHY to the Family of Beverly Blue, who passed away Friday, August 5. Funeral Services were held here this week.

THANK YOU to Nic Courier, who has worked sound and A/V for us for several years. Today is Nic's last Sunday with us for a while as he is heading to Calvin University next week to begin college.

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 and end to war in Ukraine and for peace/equality for humankind.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Next Sunday, August 21 at 8:30am. Program by Cal Mott on their trip to Europe. All men welcome. RSVP to Bill Cowdry at bcowdry@chartner.net or 989/280-8550.

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 – please give generously next Sunday for 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 raising \$7000 to feed 48 children.

PASTOR AWAY: Pastor Amy had 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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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

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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.**