

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
August 28, 2022 - 10:00am - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:**

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

by S. Webbe; arr. Raymond H. Haan

**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 #261:** “Lord of the Dance”

1) I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

3) I danced on the sabbath  
when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.  
(Refrain)

*Refrain:*

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all \  
wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4) I danced on a Friday  
and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil  
on your back;  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.  
(Refrain)

2) I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on.  
(Refrain)

5) They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
(Refrain)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**The Call to Worship:**

**L:** Come, people of God, and bring your needs and burdens before the Lord.

**P:** We come in search of healing and wholeness for our pain-riddled bodies,  
our stressed-out spirits, our sinful souls.

L: Come, people of God, and bring your joys and gifts for God's service

**P: We come to rejoice and live our thanks for God's love and grace poured out.**

L: Come, people of God, and enter God's presence with awe and reverence

**P: We come to worship the Holy One, who heals us, forgives us, empowers us, and delights in us. Thanks be to God for a new day to embrace.**

**Prayer Chorus FWS #2064:** "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

*O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;  
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.*

*O Lord, you're wonderful, your touch is all I need;  
And when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.*

**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:**

*"He Touched Me"*

*by William Gaither; arr. Steven Tedesco*

**\* 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 God, as we return to you a portion of your gifts to us, open our minds to the prompting of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see your work among us, open our ears to hear the cries of the needy, open our hearts to those who are suffering, open our spirits to your touch, and open our hands to share generously all that you have given, that your reign may take shape on earth among us, through Jesus Christ our Leader and Lord. Amen.

**Special Music:** "In Jesus' Name" by Katy Nichole  
Signing by Stacy Sharrow

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

**Hymn FWS #2213:** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

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| 1) You who know our fears and sadness,<br>Grace us with your peace and gladness;<br>Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.<br>[Refrain] | 3) Give us strength to love each other,<br>Every sister, every brother;<br>Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.<br>[Refrain]         |
| 2) In the pain and joy beholding<br>How your grace is still unfolding,<br>Give us all your vision, God of love.<br>[Refrain]             | 4) You who know each thought and feeling,<br>Teach us all your way of healing;<br>Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.<br>[Refrain] |

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 13:10-17 Pew Bible N.T. pg. 71

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon:** *WHEN THINGS AREN'T LOOKING UP* *Pastor Amy Terhune*

***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #444:** “*O Young And Fearless Prophet*” (vs. 1, 3-5)

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| 1) O young and fearless Prophet<br>Of ancient Galilee,<br>Thy life is still a summons<br>To serve humanity;<br>To make our thoughts and actions<br>Less prone to please the crowd,<br>To stand with humble courage<br>For truth with hearts uncowed. | 4) Stir up in us a protest<br>Against our greed for wealth,<br>While others starve and hunger<br>And plead for work and health;<br>Where homes with little children<br>Cry out for lack of bread,<br>Who live their years sore burdened<br>Beneath a gloomy dread. |
| 3) O help us stand unswerving<br>Against war's bloody way,<br>Where hate and lust and falsehood<br>Hold back Christ's holy sway;<br>Forbid false love of country<br>That blinds us to his call,<br>Who lifts above the nations<br>The unity of all.  | 5) O young and fearless prophet,<br>We need thy presence here,<br>Amid our pride and glory<br>To see thy face appear;<br>Once more to hear thy challenge<br>Above our noisy day,<br>Again to lead us forward<br>Along God's holy way.                              |

**\*Benediction**

**L:** Beloved, as you return to the world, may you be blessed into the week to come with tenderness for your sorrows, energy for your hope, a sweet awareness of the world around you, and recognition of the face of God in everyone you meet.

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

**\*Postlude:**

*“Gigue on a Theme of Beethoven”*

*by Michael Joseph*

*\* Please stand, if you are able*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow & Eileen Ling / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin, Jim Ling, Chuck Priem / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Abbe, David Barker, Bev Blue, 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 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.

**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** – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mission offerings go towards this project.

**SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS** – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Note that some dates/times have changed due to scheduling conflicts related to the District Workshop:

**NURTURE COMMITTEE** – Monday, September 12, 5:00pm

**REACH/PREPARE/SEND** – Monday, September 12, 5:30pm

**SOUP/BREAD SUPPER BEFORE THE WORKSHOP** – 6:30pm – please RSVP to the church office if you're planning to eat with us before the One Board Governance Workshop.

**ONE BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP** – Monday, September 12, 7:00pm

**TRUSTEES** – Tuesday, September 13, 7:00pm

**LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** – Wednesday, September 14, 10:00am

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Tuesday, September 20, 7:00pm ON ZOOM

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** – Monday, September 26, 7:00pm

**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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# 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.**