

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
September 4, 2022 - 10:00am - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Prelude:

*"Have Thine Own Way"*

*by Greg Stebbins; arr. Eric Schrotenboer*

**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>



### \*Opening Hymn UMH #617: *"I Come With Joy"*

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| 1) I come with joy to meet my Lord,<br>Forgiven, loved and free,<br>In awe and wonder to recall<br>His life laid down for me,<br>His life laid down for me.     | And strangers now are friends,<br>And strangers now are friends.  |
| 2) I come with Christians far and near<br>To find, as all are fed,<br>The new community of love<br>In Christ's communion bread,<br>In Christ's communion bread. | 4) And thus with joy we meet our Lord.<br>His presence, always near,<br>Is in such friendship better known;<br>We see and praise him here,<br>We see and praise him here.   |
| 3) As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,<br>Each proud division ends.<br>The love that made us makes us one,  | 5) Together met, together bound,<br>We'll go our different ways,<br>And as his people in the world,<br>We'll live and speak his praise,<br>We'll live and speak his praise. |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### The Call to Worship:

**L:** Come, you who labor—who teach and discover, power and build, sell and produce, plant and harvest; who heal, protect, and serve in many ways.

**P: We come to the one who gives strength, intelligence, passion, and creativity.**

**L:** Come, you who are weary from long days of labor; you who are drained by the pressures of interdepartmental relations and office complexities.

**P: We come to the one who offers rest from our burdens.**

**L:** Come, you who volunteer, giving of your time and energy for the sole compensation of making a difference in the life of another.

**P: We come to the one who promises to be with us in our efforts.**

**L:** Come, you who sustain your families; who cook and clean, tend and grow. Come, you who labor in learning and study. Come, you who struggle in the search for employment and fulfillment. Come worship God.

**P: We come to the one who lived as we live and loves without end. Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer Chorus FWS #2255: “In the Singing”**

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.  
In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

**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:** “God’s Still Workin’ On Me” *by Joel Hemphill; arr. Bryan Latimer*

\* **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, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call, albeit incompletely and imperfectly. Lord, we know that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is not really the cost of discipleship. Empower us to follow more completely, and to invest ourselves more fully, that we might be a part of your renewal and transformation of the world through Christ. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 677

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Children’s Message** – *A special moment just for kids***Chorus UMH #191:** “Jesus Loves Me”

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Scripture Lesson:**

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 73

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P:** Thanks be to God!

**The Sermon:***THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**Pastor Amy Terhune*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

UMH pg. 17 – 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,  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captive and recovering of sight to the blind;  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

On the night 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 those gathered here,  
and on all who worship within the sound of my voice.

Bless our offering of bread and juice,  
that they may 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 FWS #2197: “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

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| 1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,<br>Whose trust, ever childlike,<br>no cares could destroy:<br>Be there at our waking,<br>and give us, we pray,<br>Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,<br>at the break of the day.          | 3) Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,<br>Your hands swift to welcome,<br>your arms to embrace:<br>Be there at our homing,<br>and give us, we pray,<br>Your love in our hearts, Lord,<br>at the eve of the day.      |
| 2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,<br>Whose strong hands were skilled<br>at the plane and the lathe:<br>Be there at our labors,<br>and give us, we pray,<br>Your strength in our hearts, Lord,<br>at the noon of the day. | 4) Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,<br>Whose voice is contentment,<br>whose presence is balm:<br>Be there at our sleeping,<br>and give us, we pray,<br>Your peace in our hearts, Lord,<br>at the end of the day. |

### **\*Benediction**

**L:** Beloved, May God, Creator of the universe, maker and shaper of all things, bless your labor as well as your rest. May Christ Jesus the Carpenter shape your labors to do good in the world and not just bring a paycheck. And may the Holy Spirit, ever working for the new creation, bless your service and keep you in God’s purpose, now and always.

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

**\*Postlude:** “Once to Every Man and Nation”

*by Thomas Williams; arr. Phil Lehenbauer*

*\* Please stand, if you are able*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Bill & Sue Johnson and Kay Mertz / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith  
Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Kelly

**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.** 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** – Thus far, we've only collected about \$3500 of the \$7000 needed to feed 48 kids on weekends over the school year. It's not too late! Please give generously.

**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!*

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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.**