

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
September 11, 2022 - 10:00am - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH #519 by J. Rosamund Johnson; arr. Catherine McMichael

**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:** "Hymn for September 11" (please see attached)

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| 1) When sudden terror tears apart<br>The world we thought was ours.<br>We find how fragile strength can be,<br>How limited our powers.<br>As towers fell, we watch, aghast<br>With disbelieving eyes;<br>And numbly heard, mid ash-filled air,<br>So many anguished cries. | From that abyss of doubt and fear,<br>We sought words to pray<br>And heard our stammering tongues<br>embrace a timeless Kyrié*.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2) Yet most of all, we were aware<br>Of emptiness and void:<br>Of lives cut short, of structures razed,<br>Of confidence destroyed.                                                                                                                                        | 3) Have mercy, Lord, give strength and<br>peace, and make our courage great.<br>Restrain our urge to seek revenge,<br>To turn our hurt to hate.<br>Help us to know you steadfast love,<br>Your presence near as breath;<br>Rekindle in our hearts the hope<br>Of life that conquers death. |

\* Kyrié – from the ancient Latin liturgy, meaning "have mercy".

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**The Opening Prayer:** (In unison) *(written by Roddy Hamilton, <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>)*

**Loving God, let this be a welcoming place, a home to which all may return. Let this people be built by a love that bends to embrace all who come. For love has been waiting, like a candle in the window, ever lighting the way back, and never willing to let go the hope that each child will return home. Let it be the place where the only appropriate response is to gratefully feast and celebrate for that which has been lost has returned to be among us once more.**

**Prayer Chorus W&S #3119:** "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

*Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

**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:**

*“Amazing Grace”*

*UMH #378 arr. Catherine McMichael*

**\* 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:* God of Relentless Love, we thank you for never giving up on us. May the gifts we give today reflect a deeper commitment to you and your reign among us, and so help others who are lost find their way to your gifts of love, grace, peace, and purpose, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson:**

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 73

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



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

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #103: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

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| <p>1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,<br/>       In light inaccessible<br/>       hid from our eyes,<br/>       Most blessed, most glorious,<br/>       the ancient of days,<br/>       Almighty, victorious,<br/>       Thy great name we praise.</p> <p>2) Unresting, unhasting,<br/>       and silent as light,<br/>       Nor wanting, nor wasting,<br/>       Thou rulest in might;<br/>       Thy justice like mountains<br/>       high soaring above<br/>       Thy clouds which are fountains<br/>       of goodness and love.</p> | <p>3) To all, life thou givest,<br/>       to both great and small;<br/>       In all life thou livest, the true life of all;<br/>       We blossom and flourish<br/>       as leaves on a tree,<br/>       And wither and perish,<br/>       but naught changeth thee.</p> <p>4) Thou reignest in glory;<br/>       Thou dwellest in light;<br/>       Thine angels adore thee,<br/>       all veiling their sight;<br/>       All laud we would render:<br/>       Oh help us to see<br/>       'Tis only the splendor<br/>       of light hideth thee.</p> |
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**\*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: “Faith, While Trees Are Still In Blossom”** UMH #508 by V. Earle Copes; arr. C. McMichael

*\* Please stand, if you are able*

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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**

**TOMORROW 9/12 – 7:00pm**

**Saginaw First UMC**

**4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638**

**firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com (989)799-0131**

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** given by Bill & Sue Johnson in memory of James M. Sexton.

**THANK YOU** to Catherine McMichael, playing today while Bryan Latimer is on vacation.

**RALLY DAY / MINISTRY FAIR** is scheduled for next Sunday, 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 \$3608 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

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

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

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

**CHANCEL CHOIR** resumes with first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7:15pm. Full Schedule available at the Welcome Desk.

**ADULT BOOK STUDY** – Six Week Adult Book Study on “Sabbath as Resistance” by Walter Brueggemann begins in person on Tuesday Sept. 27 at 6pm and begins online on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30pm. Books available at the Welcome Desk for \$10. Free books available upon request.

**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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## HYMN FOR SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

1. When sud-den ter - ror tears a - part the world we thought was ours,  
 2. Yet most of all, we were a - ware of emp - ti - ness and void:  
 3. Have mer - cy, Lord, give strength & peace, and make our cour - age great.

We find how frag - ile strength can be, how lim - i - ted our powers.  
 Of lives cut short, of struc - tures razed, of con - fi - dence de - stroyed.  
 Re - strain our urge to seek re - venge, to turn our hurt to hate.

As tow - ers fell we watched, a - ghost with dis - be - liev - ing eyes;  
 From that a - byss of doubt and fear, we sought words to pray,  
 Help us to know your stead - fast love, your pres - ence near as breath;

And numb - ly heard, mid ash - filled air, so ma - ny an - guished cries.  
 And heard our stamm - 'ring tongues em - brace a time - less Ky - ri - è\*  
 Re - kin - dle in our hearts the hope of life that con - quers death!

\* Kyriè - from the ancient Latin liturgy, meaning "have mercy".