

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
September 25, 2022 - 10:00am - 17th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara Scott; arr. Robert J. Powell

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
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***Opening Hymn UMH #139:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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| 1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of Creation.
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy Health and Salvation.
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration. | Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with his love doth befriend thee. |
| 2) Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigning
Bears thee on eagle's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all,
whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining? | 4) Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish
thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks
that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need,
God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee. |
| 3) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee. | 5) Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him.
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore him! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship: (by Michael Leunig in "A Common Prayer"; <http://www.harpercollins.com.au/books/1863717404>.)

L: We come to worship this morning to enter God's presence.

P: We come to change both ourselves and our world.

L: Change hurts, yet we know the need for it.

P: We must deal with the pain of it.

L: We may yet feel the joy of it.

P: We undertake this journey still uncertain of the destination, but sure of the One who leads us in the art of resurrection. Thanks be to God

Prayer Chorus W&S #3040: “You Are My All In All”

*You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel; Lord to give up I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name; Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, you fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name; Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.*

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: “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

By Beethoven; arr. Mark Rippe

*** 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, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power, and use these gifts, so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty and oppression, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Anthem:

“Lord, Make Us Holy and Pure”

by John Parker / David Lantz III

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #434: “When the Poor Ones”**

1) When the poor ones who have nothing
share with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness
strengthen others,

[Chorus: *Then we know that*
(2X) *God still goes that road with us.*]

2) When at last all those who suffer
find their comfort,
When we hope though even hope
seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times
seems all around us... [Chorus]

3) When our joy fills up our cup
to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words
other than true,
When we know that love for
simple things is better... [Chorus]

4) When our homes are filled
with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace
instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet
is called a neighbor... [Chorus]

***Benediction**

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L: Beloved, Go now and take hold of the life that really is life. Shun greed, but be rich in good works. Pursue faithfulness, love, and kindness. And may God be your refuge and fortress; May Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you; And may the Holy Spirit provide you with everything for godliness and contentment.

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

***Postlude:**

“Festive March”

by Murray C. Bradshaw

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Eileen Ling and Angie Smith / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin, Jim Ling, Chuck Priem

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.

THE NURSERY is resuming full operation beginning today. We are pleased to welcome back our trained/vetted Nursery staff: Katie Moon will run the nursery on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, and Diane Maturen will run the nursery on 2nd and 4th Sunday. Little ones age 4 and under are welcome at any point during the service. The Nursery is located down the hallway just east of the lobby kitchenette.

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!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TONIGHT – Sunday, Sept. 25 – 6:00pm – we will be discussing where to go for the 2023 Mission trip, other activities for the year, and will also play some games and have pizza. All teens in 6th-12th grade are welcome!

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Sunday, October 16, at 8:30am.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

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

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE – Wednesday, September 28, 10:00am

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE – Wednesday, October 12, 10:00am

SPRC – online with the District Superintendent – Monday, October 24, 7:30pm

CHARGE CONFERENCE – here at Saginaw First UMC, Sunday, October 23, 3:00-5:00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DATA ENTRY – This Fall, First UMC would like to begin entering its historical data (baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.) into an electronic database. We need volunteers to enter the info on the computers in the main office. We will train you. Minimal computer experience recommended. If you can help, please contact Dina Draper or Pastor Amy in the main office at (989) 799-0131 or firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. Thank you!

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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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Winter Wonderland CRAFT BAZAAR

Last Sunday, Pastor Amy and the team that went on the 2022 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico gave a presentation regarding the need in places they go. The devastation left behind by natural disasters is sometimes incomprehensible. They go with God to do God's work and help out as needed.

Would you like to help raise money for the Youth Mission Trip in 2023, but aren't sure how? We have a suggestion!!

We are looking for crafty people to participate in a Winter Wonderland Bazaar on November 12, 2022 here at First UMC. The Bazaar will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We need BOTH vendors and customers!!

If you'd like to be a vendor, contact Kathy Winkowski at (989) 245-1036, or sign up online on the church website at <http://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/winter-wonderland-bazaar/>. You can both register AND pay the registration fee online at the church website or use the QR Codes at the bottom of this page. Or you can mail your fee into Kathy or the church office. In addition to the basic table fee, vendors will be asked to donate one item to a raffle.

If you're not "crafty", come and look at the many vendors. There will be great Christmas Gift ideas and lunch from the Men's Group. If you can't come Saturday, a few donated items will also be available after church on Sunday, November 13, and you can pick something up then.



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