

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 16, 2022 - 10:00am - 20th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Balm In Gilead"

African-American Spiritual; arr. Peggy Tolson

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>



The Stewardship Moment:

Ms. Jane MacQueen

***Opening Hymn UMH #57: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace! | His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me. |
| 2) My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name. | 5) He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe. |
| 3) Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace. | 6) Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy. |
| 4) He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free; | 7) In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
Shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own that love is heaven. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

L: Come, people of God, and worship God with gladness and thanksgiving!

P: We come to know God's peace in the midst of busy lives, and to quiet our thoughts in prayer.

L: Come, people of God, and experience God's love through words and music.

P: We come to know God's call in the midst of busy lives, and to awake to opportunities for service.

L: Come, people of God, and find your strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

P: We come to give thanks, in the midst of busy lives, for God's presence and blessings. Thanks be to God!

Bible Presentation to Children

Children Receiving Bibles Today: Jude Mertz, Hailey Sharrow, Bonnie Snook

Pastor: Receive this Bible. Learn its stories and study its words. These stories belong to all of us: they tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another. They tell us about God's love for us. Will you receive these Bibles with your hands, your hearts, and your minds, so that you can learn more about your faith?

Children: We will! We will read and study it together.

People: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, and here in worship and learning. Together, we will grow in our love for God and for God's Word.

Pastor: Let us pray: Loving God, may this Bible be a blessing to these children and those who love and care for them, that all may grow to know your love and grace even better, for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message – A special moment just for kids

Chorus UMH #601: *"Thy Word" (Chorus only)*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Choral Anthem:

"Sharing the Love"

by Nancy Price & Don Besig

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 75

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

STEWARDSHIP II: "STRENGTH FOR TODAY"

Rev. Amy Terhune

Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn W&S #3139:** *“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” (music attached)*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1) We cannot measure how You heal
Or answer every sufferer’s prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, tho’ bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.</p> <p>2) The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.</p> | <p>But present too is love which tends
The hurt we’d never hope to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.</p> <p>3) So some have come who need Your help
And some have come to make amends,
As hands that shaped and saved the world
Are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make your broken people whole.</p> |
|--|--|

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go from this place with new eyes, to see goodness and blessings, even in the midst of challenges, that you may be filled with hope and gratitude, that you may be blessed to bless others. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of Holy Spirit be yours.

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

*** Postlude:**

“Caccia”

by Norman Dello Jolo

* * * * *

Music reproduced by permission. CCLI License # 1003593

<i>First United Methodist Church</i>	
4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638-6242; (989) 799-0131; Fax (989) 799-4240	
e-mail: firstumsag@aol.com website: http://firstumcsaginaw.org	
Senior Pastor	Rev. Amy Lee Brun Terhune
.....	pastoralbt@outlook.com / (989) 274-6363 (cell phone)
Office Administrator/Treasurer.....	Dina Draper
Custodian.....	Tina Castle
Organist.....	Bryan Latimer
Director of Music & Chancel Choir.....	Rod Bieber
Bell Choir Director.....	Catherine McMichael
Nursery Supervisors	Diane Maturen and Katie Moon
Audio Visual Technicians	Nic Courier, Andy Sharrow, Angie Smith, Izzy Terhune

3139 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

F C Am Gm C

1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal or
 2. The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3. So some have come who need your help and

5 F Bb F Gm C F

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be -
 guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of
 some have come to make a - mends, as hands which

10 C Am Gm C F Gm7

lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u -
 what the fu - ture holds are pres - ent as if
 shaped and saved the world are pres - ent in the

15 F/A F F/A F/A Am C/E

nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
 meant to last. But pres - ent, too, is love which tends the
 touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to

21 Gm/Bb F/A Gm C F C

vive to hold and heal and warn, to car - ry all through
 hurt we nev - er hope to find, the pri - vate ag - o -
 mend the bod - y, mind and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle

27 Am Gm C F Gm C F

death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 peace from pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

WORDS: John L. Bell

MUSIC: Traditional Scottish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young

CANDLER
LMD

Words © 1989 WGRG, The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.; harm. © 1964 Abingdon Press,
 admin. by The Copyright Company

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023 Saginaw First United Methodist Church

They say that there are two types of people in the world: those who feel grateful and those who feel entitled. I don't know if that assessment is entirely fair, but I think I understand. Some people see every thing, every experience, every person as a gift. Even when things don't go their way, they can cope, because they don't expect everything to their way. They stay positive, hopeful, and trust that this will pass. They find reasons to be thankful. But others go through life feeling entitled. And when things don't go their way, there's a deep anger or resentment at life's unfairness, as if things should have turned out better or differently. I am not one to advocate for accepting true injustice, but the pragmatist in me long ago realized and accepted that life would not always be fair, but it could still be good. I feel a deep sense of empathy for those who choose to suffer because they never learned to see gifts around them; never learned to cope with life's unfairness.

In our scripture lesson today, ten lepers have been ostracized from their community for an unknown amount of time because they have leprosy (known today as Hansen's Disease). Even though they don't call out, Jesus sees them and has compassion, instructing them to go to the priest for healing. And as they go, their sores disappear and their deadened nerves find new sensory perception. Seeing this, one returns, falls at Jesus' feet, and gives thanks. And Jesus holds him up as an example, not merely because he was polite, but because Jesus understands that gratitude gives us eyes to see God at work around us. Gratitude is vital to spiritual health. It lends life meaning, purpose, and perspective. This one is not only healed, but made whole.

I believe that our ability to see and recognize the good around us -to recognize the unmerited grace of both God and neighbors - is part of what makes us strong today. It under-girds our service and our work in the world. And it feeds our hope, for we choose to see good even in trouble and difficult. We choose to trust. We refuse to harden within and grow cynical.



As we remember our gifts, our strong past, our many blessings, our potential, we celebrate what God is doing in our spirits, our families, and our church. These are challenging times, but there is much for which to be thankful. If you share God's passion for a brighter, kinder, and gentler world, please support the church's mission. Prayerfully consider your blessings and your response, including your financial commitment to the church. Commitment Sunday, when we've traditionally turned in our pledge cards, will be held October 30, 2022. If that's too soon, you may send in or drop off your pledge cards any time before December 2, 2022 to help us in our budgeting for 2023. Thank you for all the ways you have sacrificed, given, prayed, and worked to ensure we have strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS / STAFF: Thank you for your service!!

Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: The Sharrow Family / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Haggerty, Tom Miller / Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound Board: Izzy Terhune

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, 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 & Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, 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 in honor of Jim and Anne Marks-Gaertners' 15th Wedding Anniversary.

KID'S CLUB – TODAY 11:30am-1pm includes lunch, Bible lesson, crafts, & fun for elementary kids.

HALLOWEEN SUPPER – On Monday, Oct. 31, we will hand out free hot dogs, chips, water, and candy to families out Trick or Treating. **PLEASE DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY TO HAND OUT.** There's a collection bin in the Lobby Area. We also need volunteers on Halloween Night. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-halloween> to help out or call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to volunteer. Thank you!

THE 2023 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE is currently underway. Celebrating Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow. Please plan to return your pledge cards on October 30.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Saturday, November 12, 9:30-11:00am. RSVP with Pastor Amy at (989) 274-6363 or pastoralbt@outlook.com or with the church office. Fill out the information form online: <https://form.jotform.com/210435188031144>

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Rebecca Fellowship – Tuesday, October 18 at 11:00am.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, October 18, 7:00pm on ZOOM.

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.

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM for hungry kids begins today. Stay after worship and help pack bags. Sign up to pack bags on Sundays or deliver bags to schools on Mondays here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>

COFFEE HOUR hosts needed. Sign up at the welcome desk or sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to sign up. Thank you!

THE NURSERY is resuming full operation. 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.

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**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

Sat. Nov. 19

Winter Wonderland CRAFT BAZAAR

This fall, 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 19, 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. Paper registration forms are located at the Welcome Desk.

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 20, and you can pick something up then.



← register
here

pay→
here



All Saints Remembrance - November 6, 2022

Each November, we remember those members of our congregation who have passed on to eternity since November 1 of last year. Families of those persons will receive a letter regarding our celebration of remembrance, inviting them to submit the information below along with a photo and a brief biography or tribute to be read during the service.'

Of course, we would also like to remember those loved ones who have passed on since November 1 who may not have been members here church member, but who are near and dear to our hearts. If you have lost a close family member since November 1, 2021, you are invited to submit a photo and the following information to Pastor Amy via email (pastoralbt@outlook.com), dropping it off, or calling in the information to the church office (989) 799-0131. If you have lost a more distant family member or friend, you may still submit the information, although we anticipate that there will be too many names submitted to read biographies, but all submitted names will be printed in the bulletin on November 6, and you will have the opportunity to light a candle in their memory on the altar if you'll be here in person.

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here in person to light a candle? Yes No

If you have mobility issues or can't be here and wish for a worship leader to light the candle, check this box

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here in person to light a candle? Yes No

If you have mobility issues or can't be here and wish for a worship leader to light the candle, check this box

Full name of Loved One: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Member of this church? Yes No Member at State Street UMC? Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death _____

Submitted by: _____

Will you be here in person to light a candle? Yes No

If you have mobility issues or can't be here and wish for a worship leader to light the candle, check this box