

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
October 23, 2022 - 10:00am - 21st Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Beachspring Reflection" Attributed to B.F. White; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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The Stewardship Moment:

Mr. Bryan Latimer

*Opening Hymn FWS #2236: "Gather Us In"

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| <p>1) Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears
 and our dreamings, Brought here
 to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in—the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.</p> <p>2) We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout
 all of history; Called to be light
 to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.</p> | <p>3) Here we will take the wine & the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth;
Here you shall call
 your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy & hearts that are true.</p> <p>4) Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place
 the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.</p> |
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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship:

L: God invites us into this space to unplug from all that distracts

P: We set aside this time to rest from projects and screens; from earbuds and noise.

L: Christ invites us to step back from the drive to consume, to work, to economize.

P: We enter this time of rest and worship to be renewed and restored in holiness.

L: The Spirit invites us to breathe deep, to dream, to be grateful, to abide in hope.

P: We devote ourselves to this time, that we may find strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Thanks be to God!

Prayer Chorus W&S #3117 – “Rule of Life”

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

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 help support your church family. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

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<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



The Offertory: “Humble Thyself / Awesome God” *by Bob Hudson / Rich Mullins; 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: Caring God, we humble ourselves today by returning to you a small bit of your generosity with us. Help us to be unassuming in our service but bold in our witness, that we may faithfully expand the circle of your love, through Christ, who modeled service for us on earth. Amen.

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

Baptismal Chorus FWS #2233: “Where Children Belong”

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.*

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children

UMH pg. 39

GREETING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price. And so, this morning, it is our joy to present Theodore William Visuri for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? *I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? *I do.*

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example, he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? *I will.*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround the Visuri family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout her lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS / PRAYER

Theodore, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Pastor will offer prayer at this time, then:

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ:

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

Baptismal certificate and a small gift presented. Please join in welcoming little Theo to our Church Family!

Choral Anthem:

“Send the Light”

by Mark Hayes / Charles H. Gabriel

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 18:9-17

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 76

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹⁵People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

STEWARDSHIP III: "BRIGHT HOPE"

Rev. Amy Terhune

Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #451: "Be Thou My Vision"**

1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2) Be thou my wisdom

and thou my true word

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord

Thou and thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

3) Great God of heaven, my victory won

May I reach heaven's joys

O Bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall

Still be my vision O Ruler of all

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go in peace knowing that God's mercy is yours to begin each day afresh, and may you know the love of God, the friendship of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit throughout the activities of your week.

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

*** Postlude:**

"When I Can Read My Title Clear"

by J.C. Lowry; arr. David Paxton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Liturgist: Bill Cowdry / Greeters: Eileen Ling & Angie Smith / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin Jr, Jim Ling, Chuck Priem / Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Nursery: Diane Maturen / Sound Board: Angie Smith

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.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet this Tuesday, October 25 at 7:15pm via ZOOM (postponed from last week)

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>

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

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

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families struggling with food insecurity has begun. Sign up to pack bags 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**

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023
Saginaw First United Methodist Church

I need God. It really is that simple. On my own, the weights and burdens I carry are too much to bear. Going solo, I find myself inclined towards my lesser self - the part of me that's greedy, selfish, and uncharitable in word and action. Alone, I become lonely, and begin to feel disconnected from others.

I need God. I need God's companionship. I need God's guidance. I need God's grace when I mess up. I need God's empowerment to do the work I'm called to do. I need God's creative inspiration in a challenging world. I need God's reassurance that the future is indeed one full of bright hope.

This Sunday, we'll look at another who knew he needed God: a despised tax-collector in Luke 18:9-14. He knew he had hurt people. He knew he was full of sin, greed, and callousness. He knew he needed to change and grow. And he knew he needed God's mercy and presence in order to do that.

Today, it's easy to lose sight of our need for God. It's easy to buy into the illusion that we have earned what we have - that our gifts, bodies, energy, and resources are of our own making. And it's easy to blame ourselves, become depressed or cynical, and grow bitter when we assume that we must handle life's harder moments by ourselves. God is the author of love, the source of faith, and the giver of gifts. We need God. Our faith is our strength today. God is our bright hope for tomorrow.



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.

Use the form on the back of this sheet to set up automatic withdrawals. Support your church even when away for the winter or out of town on vacation. Cancel anytime.

Are You Interested In Making Your Life Just A Bit Easier?

Then why not consider having your Pledge Contribution automatically withdrawn from your Checking or Savings Account?

It is easy, convenient and helps your church stabilize its budget. There are no checks to write or stamps to buy but best of all, it is FREE! Additionally, some banks and credit unions offer specials for signing up for automatic services...check with yours!

Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred from your specified account to the church's account on the date you choose. If the date you choose falls on a weekend or holiday, then the money is transferred on the next business day.

Should you sign up for the electronic contribution and find you don't like it for any reason, you may withdraw from the program at any time, in writing.

NOTE: You MUST sign a new authorization each year whether or not your contribution amount changes. This means you must sign a new authorization even if you were enrolled the previous year. Thank you!

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This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization in writing.*

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.



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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 _____

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