

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
November 13, 2022 - 10:00am - 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"How Firm A Foundation"

Traditional; arr. Wilbur Held

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 #368:** *"My Hope Is Built"*

1) My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3) His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around, my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Chorus*

Chorus: On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4) When he shall come
with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
Chorus

2) When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from Rev. Mindi, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/contemporary-call-proper-27a.html>)

L: People of God, are you awake? Are you alert?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

P: Christ is coming into our world in a new way.

L: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

P: Christ is coming into our church in a new way.

L: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

P: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth. Thanks be to God for the Spirit's movement among us!

Prayer Hymn FWS #2284 – “Joy In The Morning”

- 1) *There'll be joy in the morning on that day (2X)
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*
- 2) *There'll be peace and contentment evermore (2X)
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice;
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.*
- 3) *There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere (2X)
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.*

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: “*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*”

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Peggy Tolson

* **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 who calls us, sometimes the chaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that draws us closer to you. As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to you, may you draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that you put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us to kingdom presence! For we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

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

Receiving New Members:

GREETING

Pastor: Beloved 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. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Pastor: This morning, I would like to present the following persons for membership:

Leslee Jacoby & Cyndy Smith

Bill & Xenny Johnson

Keeley Johnson

Roger Spann

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Pastor addresses the candidates:

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.*

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? *I will.*

The Pastor addresses the congregation

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 these persons 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.

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP:

The Pastor addresses the candidates:

Friends, remember your baptism and be thankful.

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? *I will.*

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? *I will.*

The Pastor will offer a prayer of blessing for the candidates.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new siblings in faith:

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. 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, and our service, 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, strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Amen. *(Please take time after worship to greet our new members in the lobby area)*

Choral Anthem:

"God of Grace"

by Keith Getty / Jonathan Rea; arr. Tom Fettke

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 80

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by many because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

ADVANCED WARNING

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2190:** *“Bring Forth the Kingdom”*

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| 1) You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! | Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i> |
| <i>Chorus:</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;</i>
<i>Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,</i>
<i>Bring forth the City of God!</i> | 3) You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i> |
| 2) You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God! | 4) We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey
and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i> |

***Benediction:** *(adapted from Joanne Carlson Brown, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4387/worship-elements-november-17-2019>)*

L: Beloved, Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Embrace the dream until it becomes reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation!

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

***Postlude:**

“We’re Marching to Zion”

by Robert Lowry; arr. Kenneth D. Varner

** Please stand, if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS / STAFF: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Nursery: Diane Maturen / Sound Board: Angie Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, David Barker, 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 end of war in Ukraine, for those plagued by famine in East Africa, for an end to division in our nation, and for peace/equality for humankind.

OUR SYMPATHY to Barry Brown and Family on the death of Carol Brown on November 9. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

TONIGHT – 6-8pm – Visioning Meeting for Trustees and the CCR Team-of-Ten.

MEETINGS: Monday 11/14, 6pm – Nurture Committee; 7pm – Reach / Prepare / Send Committee
Tuesday 11/15, 7pm – Finance Committee (on Zoom)

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Next Sunday 11/20 at 8:30am

REBECCA FELLOWSHIP – Tuesday 11/15 at 11:00am – Program features Ann Hoffman from Covenant Healthcare on "Healthy Eating for Disease Prevention and Cooking Nutritiously for One". Please let Betty Jo Cloud know today if you are coming, or indicate your intention to come on the attendance form in your pew. Thank you!

KID'S CLUB – Next Sunday 11/20 after worship

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families struggling with food insecurity. Stay after worship TODAY to help pack bags for FOUR weeks. 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!

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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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Sat. Nov. 19

The logo for the Winter Wonderland Craft Bazaar features the words "Winter Wonderland" in a large, blue, bubbly, 3D-style font. Two blue snowflake icons are positioned on either side of the word "Winter". Below "Wonderland", the words "CRAFT BAZAAR" are written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background.

**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!! Join us for the Winter Wonderland Bazaar!!!

If you'd like to be a vendor or need more information, please contact Kathy Winkowski at (989) 245-1036

We have more than 30 crafters participating in this year's Winter Wonderland Bazaar. The Bazaar will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm on Nov. 19 here at First UMC. We need YOU to be customers!! Come shop with friends and have lunch courtesy of the Men's Club. There will be great Christmas Gift ideas and lots of sweets and goodies. 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. All proceeds from table rental to vendors and the raffle go to benefit the Youth Mission Trip 2023.



Invites the community to the Sixth Annual

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 3:30pm

Saginaw Valley State University

**Banquet Room A, Curtiss Hall, Groenings Commons
7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI 48710**

PLEASE RSVP TO:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49a5ae2ea7fe3-interfaith>

