

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
November 20, 2022 - 10:00am - Reign of Christ Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude:

"A Festive Toll"

by Chris D. Burton

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 #203:** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

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| 1) Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity. | 3) He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow. |
| 2) He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Are precious in his sight. | 4) To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever;
That name to us is love. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(by Bruce Prewer w/ Psalm 100, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/call-to-worship-christ-king.html>)

L: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the Reign of Christ.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing!

L: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above
all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

P: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people, the sheep of
God's pasture.

L: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

P: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving! Come into God's courts with praise! For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations!

Prayer Hymn UMH #488 – “Jesus, Remember Me”

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

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



Offertory: *Variations on “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

David Brensinger

*** 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: Almighty God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On Calvary's cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule. In his living, Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we, in this season, live and give in a way that reflects Jesus' reign in the world and Jesus' life within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Bell Anthem:

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

arr. Kevin McChesney

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

Hymn UMH #285: *“To Mock Your Reign*

- 1) To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
Set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;
That thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.
- 2) In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;
Your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,
You will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
- 3) A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,
And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
Your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 23:32-43

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 83-84

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

KING OF PAIN AND PARADISE

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #102:** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

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| <p>1) Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.</p> <p>2) O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;</p> | <p>And keep us still in grace,
And guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.</p> <p>3) All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.</p> |
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***Benediction:** *(adapted from Christian Aid & Ecology, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/09/closing-commission-walk-gently-upon.html>)*

L: May we always walk gently upon the Earth, in right relationship, nurtured by your love, open to the wind of the Spirit, taking only what we need, always open to the needs of others, making choices that bring wellbeing, living with generosity, striving for justice, reconciling and peacemaking, mindful of those who will come after, recognizing our proper place as part of your creation. Grant us the strength and courage, Lord, for such a radical transformation into your Kingdom.

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

***Postlude:** *“Rejoice! The Lord Is King!”* by John Darwall; arr. Raymond H. Haan

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS / STAFF: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Belinda Hatch and the Sharrow Family / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Hagerty, Tom Miller / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound Board: Izzy Terhune

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.

FLOWERS on the altar today are given by the Cowdry Family in memory of Audrey Cowdry on what would have been her 107th Birthday.

KID'S CLUB – TODAY 11/20 after worship

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Next Sunday, November 27 following worship. Please dress casually and plan to stay for an hour or so to help us ready the building for the Advent and Christmas. Thank you!

COMMUNITY DINNERS – We are exploring the possibility of resuming the free community dinners on the Second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30pm. However, we need to find out if there are enough willing volunteers to cook, set-up, and clean-up each month. If you are interested in being part of Community Dinners, please join us for an ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, December 4 immediately following worship. If you're interested in being a part of things, but cannot attend the meeting, please let the church office know of your interest. Thank you!

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families struggling with food insecurity. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food> to deliver food to schools on Mondays.

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!

NEEDED – ADVENT WREATH READERS/LIGHTERS – we are in need of families, couples, or individuals to light the Advent Wreath each week and lead the accompanying litany. If you're interested, please let Pastor Amy know. Thank you!

SING IN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS! – you may not be able to commit to singing in the choir all year long, but maybe you can help us out for the Advent/Christmas Season. Rehearsals for the Christmas Season are on Thursdays from 7:15-8:15 beginning December 1, 2022.

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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Invites the community to the Sixth Annual

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TODAY – 3:30pm

Saginaw Valley State University

**Banquet Rooms D & E (2nd floor of Curtiss Hall) Groening Commons
7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI 48710 – park in lots J-1 or J-2**

Please RSVP to:

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

Come even if you didn't RSVP!



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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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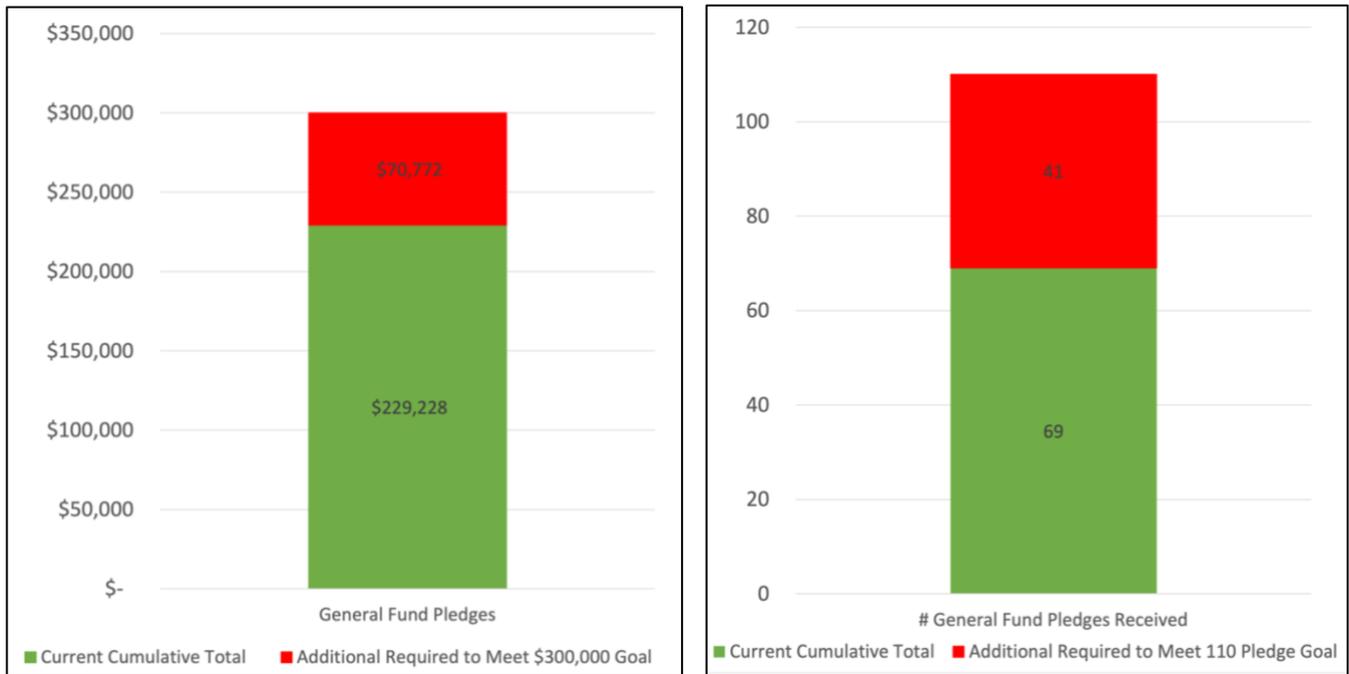
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2023 General Operating Pledge Status as of 11/16/2022



Dear Members and Friends of Saginaw First U.M.C.

Above, you can see that as of this week, we have received 69 pledge cards, totaling \$229,228 in pledges for 2023. Last year at this time, we had a similar number of pledge cards, but it totaled about \$15,000 less than this year. The finance committee celebrates the growth we have witnessed in giving this year, and are grateful for all those who have pledged in a timely manner to help with the budgeting process.

However, while we are significantly ahead of where we were last year, we still have about \$70K to go to get us to where we want to be in order to fully fund our future aspirations. Remember that the budget not only pays the staff and the bills associated with maintaining the building, but also represents our mission commitment to the denomination and to local organizations and charities, as well as all of the programming and services we want to provide for our community and our members. If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late to do so. It is VERY HELPFUL in our budgeting process to have the pledges in so we can plan and dream accordingly. Pledge cards are on the Welcome Desk or you can pledge online at our website at <http://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/pledge/> or using the QR Code here. →



A draft proposal of the 2023 Budget will be presented at the Administrative Council Meeting on Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm. If you are in leadership here at First U.M.C. and wish to make adjustments/proposals to the budget, please reach out to our finance chairperson, Mr. Ed Cunningham, before December 11, 2022.