

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
February 5, 2023 - 10:00am - Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

by Kathleen Thomerson; arr. Paul Manz

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 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

Call to Worship:

(written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>)

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

P: We are the light of the world.

L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

P: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth and light for the world.

P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Time of Prayer – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2255: “In The Singing”

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open;
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the presence at this table;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.
In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance;
In the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

Time of Silent Meditation

The Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

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: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

by Peter Scholtes; arr. Lani Smith

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: God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, we remember that we are called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be like salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be like light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you,

P: And also with you.

L:: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give our thanks and praise!

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
In the fullness of time, you gave your only son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation
He is God from God, light from light, true God from true God
Begotten, not made, of one being with our Creator
And he has led diverse peoples from far places to his light.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said
“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me.
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

L: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.
and on each person within reach of my voice.

Bless our offerings of bread and juice, that they may be for us the body and blood
of Christ; that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward, take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats. When all have been served, we will eat the bread and drink the juice together. Leave your plastic waste in the pew and it will be gathered following worship for recycling.

Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

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

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| <p>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!</p> <p><i>Chorus: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!</i></p> <p>2) You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!</p> | <p>Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>4) We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey & love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! <i>Chorus.</i></p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go forth to add flavor and brightness to a needy world. May your words, actions, and living share love and light in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

*** Postlude: “This Little Light of Mine”**

by Harry Dixon Loes; arr. Sangah Noona

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Kay Mertz, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Izzy Terhune

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, 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, Jean Richardson, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and all who are grieving. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from illness, for an end to war in Ukraine, for those suffering famine in East Africa, for our Southern Border, and for peace/equity for humankind.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Sheldon Markley, Jean Richardson

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next free meal is Tuesday, Feb. 14. Call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to help set up, serve, cook, or clean-up, or sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>. Sign up to donate food at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>.

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families facing food insecurity. To deliver food to schools on Mondays, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>. Please stay today and help pack up food bags. Thank you!

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!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PRAYER BREAKFAST – sponsored by Ezekiel Project. Saturday, February 25, 9:00-11:30am. Tickets available from Pastor Amy for \$40 each. See attached flyer.

CRAFT SUPPLY SALE – Saturday 2/18, 9:30am-3:30pm. Tables are \$10. See Jill Spaulding for more information or contact her at jillspaulding@yahoo.com or (989) 295-9593.

LENT BEGINS on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – **Worship at 7:00pm.**

Drive-Thru ashes for those unable to attend evening worship: 8:30-9:00am and 12:30-1:00pm

LENTEN BOOK STUDY on *Signs and Wonders* by Amy-Jill Levine, explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context, and in modern life. Books available for \$10 in the office or at the welcome desk on Sunday mornings. Class dates/times are as follows:

IN PERSON CLASS – 6:00-7:00pm on Tuesdays 2/21, 2/28*, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4

ONLINE CLASS – 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays 2/15[†], 3/1*, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

*Note: Pastor Amy is away the first week of March for Board of Ordained Ministry.

[†]Note: the online course will start a week earlier in order to NOT meet on Ash Wednesday 2/22/23.

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