

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
February 12, 2023 - 10:00am - Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** "Bind Us Together"

by Bob Gillman

**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>



**\*Opening Hymn UMH #545:** "The Church's One Foundation"

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| 1) The church's one foundation<br>Is Jesus Christ her Lord;<br>She is his new creation<br>By water and the Word.<br>From heaven he came and sought her<br>To be his holy bride;<br>With his own blood he bought her,<br>And for her life he died. | Yet saints their watch are keeping;<br>Their cry goes up, "How long?"<br>And soon the night of weeping<br>Shall be the morn of song.   |
| 2) Elect from every nation,<br>Yet one o'er all the earth;<br>Her charter of salvation,<br>One Lord, one faith, one birth;<br>One holy name she blesses,<br>Partakes one holy food,<br>And to one hope she presses,<br>With every grace endued.   | 4) Mid toil and tribulation,<br>And tumult of her war,<br>She waits the consummation<br>Of peace forevermore;<br>Till, with the vision glorious,<br>Her longing eyes are blest,<br>And the great church victorious<br>Shall be the church at rest.     |
| 3) Though with a scornful wonder<br>We see her sore oppressed,<br>By schisms rent asunder,<br>By heresies distressed,   | 5) Yet she on earth hath union<br>With God the Three in One,<br>And mystic sweet communion<br>With those whose rest is won.<br>O happy ones and holy!<br>Lord, give us grace that we<br>Like them, the meek and lowly,<br>On high may dwell with thee. |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Call to Worship:**

(by Thom Shuman, <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>)

L: When God speaks, all creation answers:

**P: The pale winter moon cries, 'Glory!' and the sun hums a song as it warms the earth.**

L: When God speaks, lives are changed:

**P: Hostages of oppression are set free; The voiceless shout the story of salvation.**

L: When God speaks, everything is turned inside out:

**P: The wise learn grace from little children;**

**The strong take lessons from the powerless.**

**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 #2058:** “Shepherd Me, O God”

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

**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 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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**Offertory:** “We All Are One In Mission”

*Finish Folk Tune; arr. David Christensen*

**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:** Loving God, may the gifts we offer be milk and meat to the hungry. May it be peace and reconciliation in a violent world. May it shower others with grace and patch the potholes poverty has created in the roadways of the kingdom, for we ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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

**Choral Anthem:** “The Light of the World”

*by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

**Scripture Lesson:**

I Corinthians 3:1-11

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 156-157

<sup>1</sup> And so, beloved, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as people of the flesh; as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. As long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters

is anything, but only God, who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters share one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:**

WORKING TOGETHER

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2222: “The Servant Song”**

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| 1) Brother, sister, let me serve you,<br>Let me be as Christ to you;<br>Pray that I may have the grace<br>To let you be my servant, too.           | 4) I will weep when you are weeping;<br>When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.<br>I will share your joy and sorrow<br>Till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2) We are pilgrims on a journey,<br>We're together on this road.<br>We are here to help each other<br>Walk the mile and bear the load.             | 5) When we sing to God in heaven,<br>We shall find such harmony,<br>Born of all we've known together<br>Of Christ's love and agony                        |
| 3) I will hold the Christ-light for you<br>In the night-time of your fear.<br>I will hold my hand out to you;<br>Speak the peace you long to hear. | 6) Brother, sister let me serve you,<br>Let me be as Christ to you;<br>Pray that I may have the grace<br>To let you be my servant, too.                   |

**\*Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go in peace to be agents of peace in a contentious world. May you feel and know the nourishment of faith, the showers of grace, and the deep foundation of love, and may God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – be your companion in all things.

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

**\* Postlude: “In Christ There Is No East Or West”**

*African-American Spiritual; arr. Gilbert Martin*

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**TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Ushers: Bonnie Arnst, Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Angie Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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:** Jean Richardson, Rev. Richard Turner

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS** have resumed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next free meal is this 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>. Please leave food donations in the Kitchen.

**SPRC MEETING** – Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm in the Office Tech Room and on Zoom

**TRUSTEES MEETING** – Tuesday, February 14 at 7:15pm in the Office Tech Room

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Tuesday, February 21 at 7:15pm on Zoom

**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>.

**“SOUPER BOWL” SILENT AUCTION TODAY.** The opening bid will be what it cost us to buy the bowl. All proceeds go towards the Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia Service Project.

**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](mailto:jillspaulding@yahoo.com) or (989) 295-9593.

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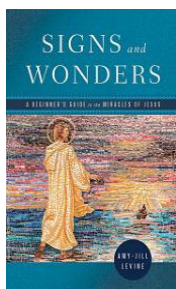
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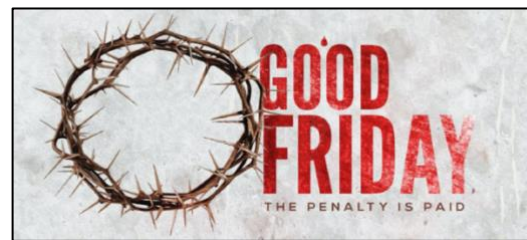
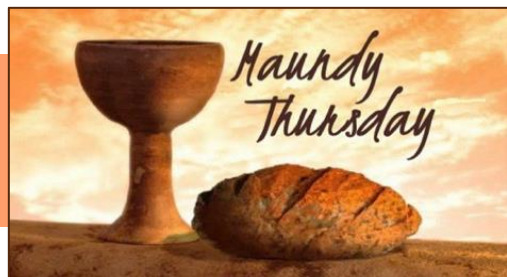
**Drive-thru Ashes and Prayer**  
*(under the front portico)*  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023,  
8:30-9:00am and 12:30-1:00pm

**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
*(in the style of Taizé)*  
Wednesday, February 22, 2022 – 7:00pm



**Lenten Book Study – “Signs and Wonders”** by Amy-Jill Levine  
IN PERSON – 6:00-7:00pm Tuesdays 2/21, 2/28\*, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4  
ONLINE – 7:30-8:30pm Wednesdays 2/15<sup>†</sup>, 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.*  
*<sup>†</sup>Note: the online course will start a week earlier so as to NOT meet on Ash Wednesday 2/22/23.*


**Maundy Thursday**  
**Tenebrae Worship and Communion**  
Thursday, April 6 – 7:00pm




**Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 7**  
12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm  
*Come for one service or stay for both!*  
*Sack lunches provided.*

**Easter Celebration Worship**  
Sunday, April 9 – 10:00am






**26th ANNUAL**  
**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
*Prayer Breakfast*  
**2/25/2023 @ 9:00-11:30AM**  
**Horizons Conference Center**  
 6200 State St, Saginaw, MI 48603  
**THEME**  
*"Listening for The Voice of God"*

## Help for Syria and Turkey



A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude. More than 5,000 people were killed, with deaths expected to rise.

The earthquake also heavily impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. The majority are women and children. At this time, Syrian

communities are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather events, including heavy rain and snow. The humanitarian response is overstretched due to the devastation and cold weather.

UMCOR has released an initial solidarity grant to a longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has offices in Turkey. The grant will provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals and basic first aid kits.

YOU can help support UMCOR's relief efforts in Syria and Turkey by giving to the International Relief Fund through your local congregation. Write Advance # 982450 on the Memo Line of your check to your local congregation, and thank you for helping those who need it most in the name of Jesus Christ.

