

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
February 19, 2023 - 10:00am - Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

arr. Julie Turner

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 FWS #2173: "Shine Jesus Shine"

1) Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood,
I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land
with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations
with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light!

3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here,
may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Call to Worship:

L: Jesus took Peter and James and John and went up the mountain to pray.

P: He was transfigured before them, shimmering with the light of divine radiance.

L: It was not only Jesus that experienced the transformative power of God that day.

P: Our eyes are transfixed on the one who transfigures who we see, and what we see, and even how we see.

L: Our hearts are aglow with the fire of love for those in the valley of darkness, death, or despair.

P: We cannot stay where we are. Jesus calls us upward, onward, and outward.

L: We have come to worship in this sacred space—to be touched by the warm radiance of God's grace.

P: We have come in order to go out again—to be the touch of God to those in need in Christ's name. Amen.

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 UMH #349: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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:

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish Tune; arr. Ian Wei

Catherine McMichael & Bryan Latimer, Piano Duet

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, may these gifts transform both we who give them and those who benefit from them, until your Kingdom thrives on earth as it does in Heaven, through Christ our light and our redeemer. Amen.

Bell Anthem:

Meditation on “Beautiful Savior”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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

Hymn FWS #2103: “We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding”

1) We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

2) Light breaks thru our clouds & shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness
stands transfigured and complete.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn W&S #3043:** *“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”* (see attached)

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| <p>1) You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
 Of the way you took and gave.
 You the everlasting instant;
 You, whom we both scorn and crave.</p> <p>2) Clothed in light upon the mountain,
 Stripped of might upon the cross,
 Shining in eternal glory,
 Beggared by a soldier’s toss,
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are both gift and cost.</p> | <p>3) You, who walk each day beside us,
 Sit in power at God’s side.
 You, who preach the way that’s narrow,
 Have a love that reaches wide.
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are our pilgrim guide.</p> <p>4) Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
 Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
 Worthy your defeat and victory.
 Worthy still your peace and strife.
 You, the everlasting instant;
 You, who are our death and life.</p> |
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***Benediction:** (adapted from Joanna Harader, <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

L: In the coming week, may you experience the presence of God with joy. May the holy cloud comfort you. May the divine voice encourage you. May the power of the Spirit transform you, transform us, transform our world. May God’s light shine thru you!

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

*** Postlude:** *“Shiny, Happy People”* by R.E.M. / arr. Jennifer Eklund

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Audio Visual Technicians.....	Andy Sharrow, Angie Smith, Izzy Terhune

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

3043

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up -
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

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prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach the way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory.

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of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg - gar'd by a sol - dier's toss, You, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

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in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

Congregation: Unison

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*Classic Legacy Band
of Saginaw*



2023 Winter Concert

Conductor David Fitts

At



**First United
Methodist Church**

4790 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw

Sunday February 26th, 3:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Belinda Hatch and Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Bill Draper, Tom Kraynak, Larry Hagerty / Coffee Hosts: Bill & Xenny Johnson / Welcome Desk: Cory Sursely / 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 (now at Senior Care at Weiss & Mackinaw), Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Rev. Richard Turner (now home) 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, for peace/equity for humankind, and for the MSU community.

THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING – on the third Sunday of each month, we collect an additional offering in globes to help support our mission commitment to the church and the world. In our to maintain our status as an ENGAGE-MI CHURCH (formally known as a Spotlight Church), we give annually to local, state, national, and international projects. We also support our Michigan Conference Covenant partnership with Haiti and Liberia, and a missionary in service. And finally, we give to UMCOR projects in emergencies.

This month, our offering will go to support Liberia's Ganta Hospital, which provides healthcare for the rural population of northern Liberia. Most patients walk to the hospital, sometimes for a few days. Ganta hospital charges fees based on a sliding scale of one's ability to pay. Many patients pay nothing at all because of the generosity of United Methodists around the world.

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

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>.

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 – get them THIS WEEK.

USHERS NEEDED – We are currently looking for 4-5 women to serve as ushers and/or usher captains. All it takes to become an usher is dedication to the job and be at worship when scheduled! If you are interested or want more info, contact Bob Bula at 989-781-1126.

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LENT 2023 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC



DRIVE  THRU
ASHES

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)

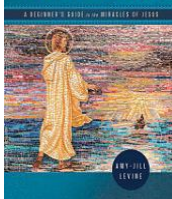
Wednesday, February 22, 2022 – 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship

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SIGNS and
WONDERS



Lenten Book Study – “*Signs and Wonders*” by Amy-Jill Levine

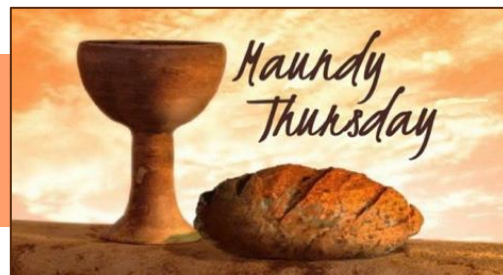
IN PERSON – 6:00-7:00pm Tuesdays 2/21, 2/28*, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4

ONLINE – 7:30-8:30pm Wednesdays 2/15[†], 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 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

