

# First United Methodist Church

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

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Prelude:

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

*by Joseph Perry; arr. Phil Lehenbauer*

**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>

Please fill out your yellow prayer cards



**\*Opening Hymn UMH #340:** *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*

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| 1) Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,<br>Weak and wounded, sick and sore;<br>Jesus ready stands to save you,<br>Full of pity, love, and power.      | And true repentance, every grace<br>That brings you nigh. [Refrain]  |
| 2) Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,<br>God's free bounty glorify; true belief  | 3) Come ye weary, heavy laden,<br>Lost and ruined by the fall;<br>If you tarry till you're better,<br>You will never come at all. [Refrain]      |
| Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus;<br>He will embrace me with his arms;<br>In the arms of my dear Savior,<br>O, there are ten thousand charms. | 4) Let not conscience make you linger,<br>Nor of fitness fondly dream;<br>All the fitness he requireth<br>Is to feel your need of him. [Refrain] |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### The Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Lord of All, we confess that like pavement on a sweltering day, we get heated by everything that beats upon us – pressures, needs, fears, worries, expectations, and guilt. We lash out. We draw inward. We double down. We give up. We thirst for what we cannot supply for ourselves by dripping sweat or flowing tears. We are dry. Forgive us our stubborn refusal to admit our need for you. Give your living water to the deepest, driest wells of our souls, that like streams that cause the desert to bloom, we may be refreshed and renewed by your grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The Words of Assurance

**L:** Here the good news: God, in great love for us, forgives our sins and cleanses us of all that corrupts, and it is God who welcomes all of us to come partake of the living water that revives our souls and gushes up within to eternal life.

**P:** Thanks be to God for the cleansing, refreshing, life-giving water of grace! Amen.

*\* Please stand if you are able*

**Prayer Chorus TFWS #2132: “You Who Are Thirsty”** *(Ignore repeats in the music)*

*You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing;  
You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness;  
You who are tired find rest, you who are weak find strength  
You who are thirsty come to the well and drink.*

*He will freely feed all of them who are weak.  
He will quench the righteous thirst of all who humbly seek.*

**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:**

*“As The Deer”*

*by Martin Nystrom; arr. Larry Dalton*

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95  
(old 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church’s ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, that all may know your living water. Amen.

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

**Choral Anthem:**

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

*by George Bennard; arr. Vicki Wright*

**Scripture Lesson:**

John 4:5-29

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 89

<sup>5</sup> Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. So what you say is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming". "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!****Video Introduction:** *NCIS Gibbs' Rule #5***Sermon:** "RULE #5: "DON'T WASTE GOOD"*Pastor Amy Terhune*

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

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3093:** *“Fill My Cup, Lord” (see attached)*

1) Like the woman at the well,  
I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy.  
And then I heard my Savior speaking:  
“Draw from my well  
that never shall run dry.”

2) There are millions in this world  
who are craving  
The pleasures earthly things afford.  
But none can match  
the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;  
Come and quench this thirsting  
of my soul.  
Bread of Heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.  
Fill my cup, fill it up  
and make me whole.

3) So, my neighbor, if the things  
this world gave you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you,  
If you kneel to him and humbly pray:

**\*Benediction:** *(by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/>)*

**L:** Beloved, as you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion, with living waters that restore your soul, and with a heart flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs.

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

**\*Postlude:** *“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”* *by J.S. Bach; arr. Diane Bish*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Judy Gerken & Jackie Moore / Ushers: Bonnie Arnst, Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Piazza / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Angie Smith

**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, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon & Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and Rev. Richard Turner (now home). 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.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Ed Babinski

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the families of Jean Richardson, A.D. McGregor, and Betty Priem.

**VISION TEAM MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY 3/15 from 6:00-7:30pm.**

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** will meet Tuesday 3/14 (in person) at 6pm and on Wednesday 3/15 (online) at 7:30pm. We're looking at Chapter 3 this week.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS** have resumed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>. A list of food items needed is on the welcome desk. Sign up to donate food there OR online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** next Sunday, March 19 at 8:30am. All Men Welcome. Speaker is Domingo Vasquez from Musico.

**REBECCA FELLOWSHIP WOMEN'S CIRCLE** will meet next Tuesday 3/21 at 11:00am. We'll be making cards for Meals On Wheels. Please contact Betty Jo Cloud at 989-799-8125 or email her at [jbcloud@yahoo.com](mailto:jbcloud@yahoo.com) if you plan on attending.

**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!

**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.

**NEW LENTEN BANNERS** are hanging in our sanctuary thanks to the efforts of JoAnn Baker and Jackie Ode, and the support of the Memorial Committee. Beautiful Work! Thank you!!!!!!

**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!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

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# ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

**Saginaw First United Methodist Church**

You can also order online at: <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/order-easter-flowers/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Easter flowers are available to order until Monday, March 27, 2023. We regret that costs have risen and plants now cost \$27 each. Please note: we cannot guarantee colors. However, you are welcome to write a preference below if you have one and we'll do our best to honor it. Fill in how many of each plant you'd like to order.*

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily(s) at \$27 each. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip(s) at \$27 each. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth(s) at \$27 each. \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

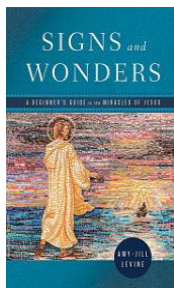
OR

Flowers in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit payment to Saginaw First UMC, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638; or place in Offering Plate at worship. Note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or envelope.*

*Call the church office at (989)799-0131 if you have questions.*

# LENT 2023 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC



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

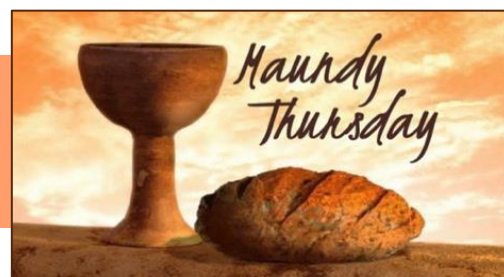
**IN PERSON – 6:00-7:00pm Tuesdays 2/21, 2/28\*, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4**

**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



## **ABOUT THE 2023 LENTEN THEME**

*This year for Lent, our theme comes from the hit CBS crime Drama “NCIS” (which stands for Naval Criminal Investigative Service). Pastor Amy will NOT preach on “NCIS” every week, but she will use rules established by the main character – Leroy Jethro Gibbs – as titles and launch points for sermons. You do not need to be a fan of “NCIS” to follow this sermon series. However, if you’d like some additional context, you can view a montage of Gibbs’ Rules on the Saginaw First UMC Youtube Page at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTrjb-JNdu4>. If you’d like an additional fun little game this Lent, see if you can figure which rule she’s going to use.*

# Fill My Cup, Lord

3093

Ab Ab Eb7 Eb7

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing for things that could not sat-is-  
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing the pleas-ure earth-ly things af-  
 3. So, my neigh-bor, if the things this world gave you leave hun-gers that won't pass a-

4 Ab Ab Ab7 Db

fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw from my  
 ford; but none can match the won-drous treas-ure that I  
 way, my bless-ed Lord will come and save you, if you

7 Eb7 Ab Refrain Ab

well that nev-er shall run dry."  
 find in Je-sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it  
 kneel to him and hum-bly pray:

10 Eb7/Bb Eb7 Eb7 Ab

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; bread of

13 Ab Ab7 Bbm7 Eb7 Ab

heav-en, feed me 'til I want no more — fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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 Irr. with Refrain