

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
March 26, 2023 - 10:00am - Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Something Beautiful"

by William & Gloria Gaither

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 FWS #2113: "Lamb of God"**

1) Your only son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God,
Sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

2) Your gift of love they crucified;
They laughed and scorned him
as he died.
The humble king they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

3) I was so lost I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. [*Refrain*]

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Unison Prayer of Confession:

(by Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine; <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

Holy God, we confess today our tendency to get comfortable in our routine. Our thoughts can become dismissive and our actions complacent. Like dry bones, we need the movement of your Spirit Breath. Where we function in dark places, hopeless voids, unhealthy habits, or lifeless ruts, call us out. Set us free from our self-imposed bonds. Unwind the sticky wrappings of fear, greed, and pain. And empower us to know and live your compassion, grace, and peace, through Christ, the destroyer of death. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

L: Hear the good news: There is therefore no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and death.” Thus, in his sacred name, we have all been freed and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Please stand if you are able

Prayer Chorus FWS #2108 – “O How He Loves You and Me”

*Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.
Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.*

Time of Prayer – Prior to the time of silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards for 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.

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

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



Offertory: “You Raise Me Up”

by Brendan Graham & Rolf Loveland; arr. Joel Raney

***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 100th)*

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Compassionate God, as you comforted the grieving and breathed life into weary souls and dry bones, so comfort and breathe life into us, that these gifts and we who bring them, may be sent out through your Spirit to comfort, revive, and renew all in need, both in soul and in body, in the name of Christ our Life. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

John 11:1-8, 14-26

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 98-99

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Accordingly,

though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?”... ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Choral Anthem:

“He Became A Lamb”

by Mary Kay Beall

Children’s Message – A special moment just for kids

Scripture Lesson:

John 11:28-44

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 99

²⁸ Martha went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ And Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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 #10*

Sermon: "RULE #10: "NEVER GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED ON A CASE"

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #311: "Now The Green Blade Riseth"

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| <p>1) Now the green blade riseth,
 from the buried grain,
 Wheat that in dark earth
 many days has lain;
 Love lives again,
 that with the dead has been:
 Love is come again like
 wheat that springeth green.</p> | <p>3) Forth He came at Easter,
 like the risen grain,
 Jesus who for three days
 in the grave had lain;
 Quick from the dead
 My risen Lord is seen:
 Love is come again like
 wheat that springeth green.</p> |
| <p>2) In the grave they laid Him,
 Love who had been slain,
 Thinking that He never
 would awake again,
 Laid in the earth
 like grain that sleeps unseen:
 Love is come again like
 wheat that springeth green.</p> | <p>4) When our hearts are wintry,
 grieving, or in pain,
 Jesus' touch can call us
 back to life again,
 Fields of our hearts
 that dead and bare have been:
 Love is come again like
 wheat that springeth green.</p> |

***Benediction:**

L: Jesus calls us out of the tombs of tombs of our existence, the bindings of our past, into a bright new. Day. And as he calls, so Jesus sends us out into a world in need of the life-giving breath of the spirit, carried in our broken humanness, our open arms, our trembling lips, that all may know the Resurrection and the Life.

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

***Postlude:**

"Lord of the Dance"

Shaker Tune; arr. Wilbur Held

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Eileen Ling, Roger Spann / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin, Chuck Priem / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Angie Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski (now at Samaritas), 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: Marilyn Latimer (Bryan Latimer's Mother)

KID'S CLUB will meet Sunday, April 2, following Worship for a Field Trip to Painterly Pottery

MISSION TOUR / NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP – April 22, 2023 – 10am-2pm. See Attached Flyer

FUNDRAISER for Angie Smith – April 30, 11am-1pm. See Attached Flyer. Sign up to help with cooking, set-up, and clean up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-angies>

SIGN UP at the Welcome Desks to help with food for Holy Week or sign up online:

Holy Thursday Soup Supper 4/6/23–6pm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-holy>

Good Friday Sack Lunch Packing 4/7/23–9:30am: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-good1>

Easter Muffins 4/9/23–9:30am: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-easter1>

LENTEN BOOK STUDY will meet Tuesday 3/21 (in person) at 6pm and on Wednesday 3/22 (online) at 7:30pm. We're looking at Chapter 4 this week.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **The next free meal is Tuesday, April 11.** 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>.

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!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:

Monday, March 27 – 7:00pm

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**

Instagram: **saginawfume**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

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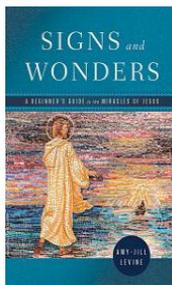
Organist Bryan Latimer

Director of Music & Chancel Choir Rod Bieber

Bell Choir DirectorCatherine McMichael

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LENT 2023 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC



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

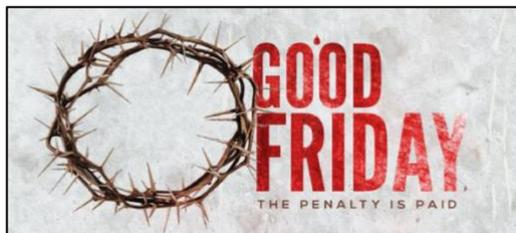
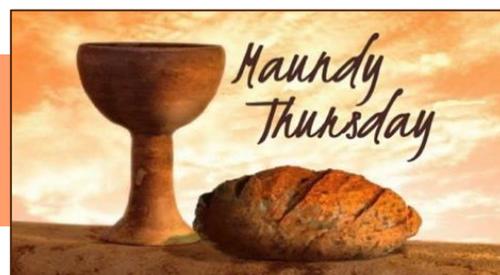
IN PERSON – 6:00-7:00pm Tuesdays 2/21, 2/28*, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4

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.

Downtown Saginaw *Community* **CLEANUP**



*Saginaw First UMC is pleased to announce our first
Community Partnership Clean-Up Event and Mission Tour*

WHEN: Saturday, April 22, from 10am – 2pm

WHERE: We'll meet at the Mustard Seed Shelter at
1325 Cherry Street, Saginaw, MI 49601

WHO: Everyone – all ages/abilities welcome (YES, bring the kids!)

SCHEDULE: 10:00am – Tour of the Mustard Seed Women's Shelter

11:00am-1pm – We'll walk the neighborhood:

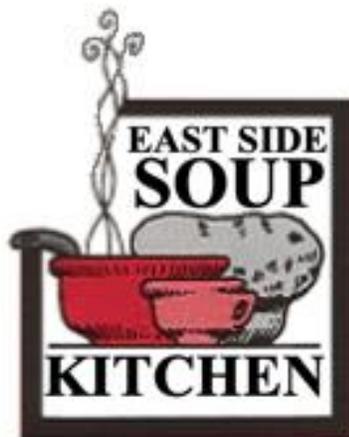
- cleaning up trash
- trimming low-hanging branches
- eliminating trip hazards on sidewalks

1:00pm – Tour of the East Side Soup Kitchen

WHAT TO BRING:

- Lawn bags
- Good Walking Shoes
- Branch Trimmers
- Trash bags
- Work Gloves
- Rakes
- Shovels/Hoes

OUR PARTNERS:



FUNDRAISER BRUNCH For Angie Cowdry Smith

To help offset expenses of Cancer Treatment

Eggs

French Toast

Bacon / Sausage

Fresh Fruit

Coffee

Juice



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023
11:00 am – 1:00pm



No set ticket price – donations requested.
← *Give ONLINE using this QR Code*

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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.