

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community

April 2, 2023 - 10:00am - Palm Sunday

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

by Melchior Teschnor; 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 #278:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" (vs 1 & 3)

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| 1) Hosanna, loud hosanna,<br>the little children sang;<br>Through pillared court and temple<br>the lovely anthem rang.<br>To Jesus, who had blessed them<br>close folded to his breast,<br>The children sang their praises,<br>the simplest and the best. | 3) "Hosanna in the highest!"<br>that ancient song we sing,<br>For Christ is our Redeemer,<br>the Lord of heaven our King.<br>O may we ever praise him<br>with heart and life and voice,<br>And in his blissful presence<br>eternally rejoice! |
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## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**The Unison Prayer of Confession:** Long ago, O Lord, your people cried "Hosanna!" It means, "Save us!" And still today, we cry hosanna. Save us. Save us from our arrogance. Save us from our callous disregard for the feelings and needs of others. Save us from our greed and our sense of entitlement. Save us from our blindness to the suffering of our neighbors. And save us from ourselves – from those inward dialogues that deflate our hope and belittle our gifts. Save us for your glory, that we may be co-builders of the Kingdom with you and strong in faith to withstand times of trial, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### The Words of Assurance

Beloved, hear the good news: the Lord is gracious and compassionate, endlessly patient, loving, and faithful even when we are not; forgiving sin, extending mercy to millions, and empowering true amendment of life. Thanks be to God for such amazing grace.

**Prayer Chorus FWS #2154: "Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna"** (music readers: no repeats)

*Please enter my heart, hosanna. O, please lead my life today.*

*Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the Anointed One, won't you enter my heart today?*

*O, please hear my prayer, hosanna, these words that I need to say.*

*Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the Anointed One, won't you enter my heart to stay?*

*O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna! O Come, Jesus come today! Come to stay!*

**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.**

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

### **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:** “*The Holy City*”

*by Stephen Adams; arr. Albin C. Whitworth*

**\*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:** *(from “Prayers for an Inclusive Church”, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)*

**Loving God, we are reminded in scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: “Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need.” The need remains, in us, and around us. We enter this Holy Week bringing our gifts to your altar in hopes that you will use them to meet needs and make the world more loving, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Choral Anthem:**

*“More Like You, Lord”*

*By Jay Althouse*

**Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11**

*Pew Bible N.T. pg. 21-22*

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey; and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had

directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### **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 #35*

**Sermon:** “RULE #35: “ALWAYS WATCH THE WATCHERS”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

### **Hymn W&S #3169:** *“You Feed Us, Gentle Savior (vs 1-2)”*

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| 1) You feed us, gentle Savior,<br>the bread that makes us whole,<br>The wine of your compassion<br>poured out into our soul.<br>The food of your own presence,<br>your spirit, strong, within,<br>The grace that heals us deeply<br>and overcomes our sin. | 2) You bind us, gentle Savior,<br>and weave us into one,<br>One flesh and blood, made holy,<br>the Body of your Son.<br>We gather here in hunger,<br>one hunger, all the same;<br>And with one grace you bless us<br>together in his name.. |
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### **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 brought all things into being and called them good.  
You created us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
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,  
who emptied himself into human form to guide us back to you.  
Through his teaching and his actions,  
he demonstrated that the time had come when you would save your people.  
When he processed into Jerusalem on a colt,  
the people gathered and cried, “Hosanna! Save us!”  
because he lived your salvific love in our midst.  
And as the enthusiasm began to dim in the shadow of plots to crucify him,  
he did not waver in the love and grace he extended to all.  
On the night before 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 via the center aisle,  
take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats via the side aisles.*

*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.*

*Music During Communion: “Hallelujah”*

*by Leonard Cohen; arr. Marianne Kim*

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

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2111:** “We Sang Our Glad Hosannas” (vs. 1, 3-5)

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| <p>1) We sang our glad hosannas,<br/>And waved our branches high,<br/>But some were silent, frowning,<br/>As Jesus rode on by.<br/>They sought a royal Savior<br/>But did not understand<br/>A king could rule by loving,<br/>Instead of by command.</p> <p>3) We served him at the table<br/>With wine, unleavened bread.<br/>"The one who will betray me<br/>Now eats with me," he said.<br/>His friends would not believe him,<br/>But one by one that night,<br/>As soldiers came to take him,<br/>They scurried out of sight.</p> | <p>4) We saw a suffering Jesus<br/>Alone, without a friend,<br/>And heard the voices shouting<br/>Abuse until the end.<br/>We wept as we stood watching<br/>Love's light grow dim and die,<br/>And cried, "Why did this happen?<br/>God, tell us, tell us why!"</p> <p>5) We buried him, not knowing<br/>That on the third day morn<br/>A risen Christ would greet us<br/>And hope would be reborn.<br/>Though evil had extinguished<br/>The life that burned so bright,<br/>The love of God would triumph<br/>Like dawn that ends the night.</p> |
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**\*Benediction:**

*(adapted from Cheryl Lawrie, <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>)*

**L:** And now we lay down the palm branches. And with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God. The week stretches ahead – glory-less and pain-full. We look towards the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys. Travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith, into this holiest of weeks. Amen.

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

**\*Postlude:**

*“Ride On in Majesty”*

*by John Dykes; arr. David Paxton*

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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:** Ed Babinski

**KID'S CLUB** will meet TODAY, following Worship, for a Field Trip to Painterly Pottery in Bay City.

**TAIZÉ WORSHIP** – This Wednesday 4/5 at 7:00pm, both in person and on livestream

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** will have it's final class meeting on Tuesday 4/4 (in person) at 6pm and on Wednesday 4/5 (online) at 7:30pm (after Taizé). We're looking at Chapter 6 / Conclusion this week.

**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>

**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>

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS** have resumed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Thursdays, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>.

**NEEDED FOR BACKPACK KIDS at the Middle School and High School** – Reusable water bottles (no more drinking fountains in school) and sanitary pads/tampons for girls. Donate in the box in the front entryway or at the Welcome Desk. 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!

**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**

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Instagram: **saginawfumc**

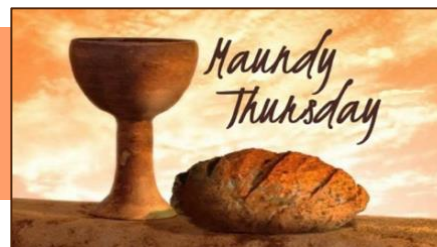
# LENT 2023 AT SAGINAW FIRST UMC

**HOLY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER** – 6:00pm Thursday, April 6, 2023 before worship. Sign up to bring soup or help with set up or clean up at the welcome desk or using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-holy>

**GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH PACKING** – 9:30am Friday, April 7, 2023 – help pack sack lunches for those who come to the Good Friday Worship Service on their lunch break. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-good1>

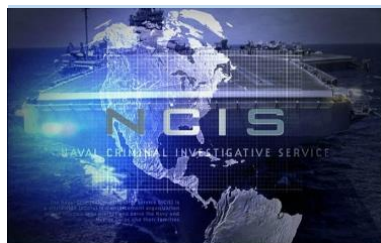
**EASTER MUFFINS** needed for the Easter Morning Coffee Hour. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-easter1>

**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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