

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
April 30, 2023 - 10:00am - 4th Sunday in the Easter Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Awake My Heart With Gladness" by Johann Cruger; arr. Wilber Held

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 #138:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

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| 1) The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever. | 4) In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. |
| 3) Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me; And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6) And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from Roddy Hamilton,, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

L: The Lord is our Shepherd.

P: God sees to our needs.

L: We come seeking the will of God,

P: And God goes before us, leading us in right paths.

L: We come seeking the strength of God,

P: And God feeds us in peace and safety.

L: We come seeking the grace of God,

P: And our cups overflow!

L: How precious is the love of God, embracing us all the days of our lives.

P: We lack nothing. Therefore, we worship deep gratitude. Thanks be to God!

* Please stand if you are able.

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

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

♪ *You can support your church family by giving in person or online.*

Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!

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



Offertory: “That Sheep May Safely Graze”

by J.S. Bach; arr. Jack Schrader

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: God our Good Shepherd and Open Door, we bring our gifts to you this day, and ourselves as well. Guide us to follow faithfully, to live courageously, and to give generously, that all may come to know your grace and abiding presence in even the darkest valley, for we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 474-475

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Children’s Message – A special moment with the Pastor just for kids

Special Music:

“Christ is the Spring”

by Vincent Malatesta

Peg Wilken, Terry Moon, Bryan Latimer

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2162: “Grace Alone”**

1) Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
 is only by his grace
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
 is only by his grace.
Grace alone, which God supplies
Strength unknown he will provide
Christ is us, our cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

2) Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace
 is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
 is only by his grace.
Grace alone, which God supplies
Strength unknown he will provide
Christ is us, our cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone. (2X)

***Benediction:**

L: May the God of peace – who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Gate and Great Shepherd of the sheep – may God equip you with all you need for following faithfully. May God produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to God, and so bless your way with grace and goodness that you may bless others in Christ’s name.

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

***Postlude:**

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

by Melchior Vulpius; arr. Christopher Gale

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: David Marks / Greeters: Sue Arceo, Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Bob Bula, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe Kozumplik, Kevin Malotka / Coffee Hour: Carla Piazza Wistehuff. / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Sound System: Izzy Terhune

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski (now on hospice 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, 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.

FUNDRAISER for Angie Smith TODAY – Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch following worship to help raise funds for Angie's cancer treatment moving forward. Thank you!

GRADUATES – If you have a student graduating this year from High School, College, University, Grad School, Trade School, or Military, please be sure to get their information into the main office. **Please do not assume we know!!!** Email firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. WE NEED TO KNOW: Name, Where graduating from, Degree (*if applicable*), Honors, and Future Plans. Also, please send a picture!! Graduation Sunday this year is later than usual, scheduled for June 11, 2023.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next free meal is Tuesday, May 9. We'll follow a slightly belated *Cinco de Mayo* theme serving tacos and nachos. Sign up to donate food here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>
Volunteer to work here: <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!

REBECCA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be collecting supplies for His Restoration Ministries at their May 16th meeting, but **the whole church is encouraged to support this effort.** At this time their needs are:

- Diapers size 6-18 months
- Boys clothes size 6-12 months
- Cleaning supplies (laundry/dish soap Pinesol, bleach, window cleaner and toilet bowl cleaner.)

A crib will be set up in the Narthex to collect these items. All are encouraged to support this project.

NOW HIRING: FUMC is in need of an additional person to work the Sunday morning nursery during worship – preferably someone who can work every other weekend. The candidate must be at least 18 years old, willing to submit to a background check and participate in training required by the Michigan Conference. This is a paid position. If interested, submit a resume or apply online at: <https://form.jotform.com/231084936036153>. 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**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**



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

WHEN: rescheduled for Saturday, May 6, 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
- Branch Trimmers
- Trash bags
- Rakes
- Work Gloves
- Shovels/Hoes
- Good Walking Shoes

OUR PARTNERS:



FUNDRAISER BRUNCH For Angie Cowdry Smith

To help offset expenses of Cancer Treatment

Eggs

French Toast

Bacon / Sausage

Fresh Fruit

Coffee

Juice



TODAY

11:00 am – 1:00pm



No set ticket price – donations requested.
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