

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
May 7, 2023 - 10:00am - 5th Sunday in Easter Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight" by Hugh Wilson; arr. Marianne Kim

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
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Please fill out your yellow prayer cards

***Opening Hymn UMH #178:** "Hope of the World"

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| 1) Hope of the world,
Thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts
by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people,
from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes
and aims are spent. | Walk thou beside us
lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee to endless night. |
| 2) Hope of the world,
God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls
the bread of life,
Still let thy spirit unto us be given,
To heal earth's wounds
and end all bitter strife. | 4) Hope of the world,
who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair,
from sin and guilt,
We render back the love
thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives,
and use them as thou wilt. |
| 3) Hope of the world,
afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wandering souls
the path of light, | 5) Hope of the world,
O Christ o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst
conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful
to thy gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord!
Thou dost forever reign. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:** (by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship, <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>)

L: We need your presence on the long road, Lord; the road between fear and hope,

P: The road between the place where all is lost, and the place of resurrection.

L: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

P: Jesus, stand among us in your risen power, and strengthen us through worship.

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 FWS #2267: “Taste and See” (Chorus Only)

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord; of the Lord!*

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

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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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Offertory: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

by Paul Beloche; arr. Larry Dalton

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 who was made known in the breaking of the bread, we bring before you our gifts and lives. May the breaking open of our hearts and accounts continue to make you known that all may experience your compassion, through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

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

Special Music: “In the Breaking of the Bread”

by Bob Hurd

Peg Wilken, Terry Moon, Jane MacQueen and Bryan Latimer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 84-85

¹³ That same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then

one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

MADE KNOWN

• *Pastor Amy Terhune*

Chorus FWS #2255: *“In The Singing

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| 1) In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open;
In the blessing, in the breaking,
in the presence at this table: | 2) In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance;
In the heart’s cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people: |
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Chorus: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sung Responses, Musical Setting A, UMH pg. 17-18

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 formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and set before us the way of life.
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 He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
whom you raised from death to life.
By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
called out of darkness into his marvelous light.
On the night in which 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.
On the day you raised him from the dead,
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
And in the power of your Holy Spirit, your church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them 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 God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward, take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats. 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: "One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley; arr. John Carter

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn W&S #3179: *"The Risen Christ" (see attached)*

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| 1) O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise,
That we may know the risen Christ. | 3) O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice,
That we may know the risen Christ. |
| 2) O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the risen Christ | 4) May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness, let us unite,
That we may know the risen Christ. |

***Benediction:**

(adapted from Nathan Nettleton; <https://laughingbird.net/>)

L: Because the tomb is empty, life is full. Go now as witnesses of God's eternal presence. As the risen Christ has made himself known to you in the breaking of bread, so set your faith and hope on God. May the Love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be yours as you live your faith.

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

***Postlude:**

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Traditional; arr. Steven K. Tedesco

** Please stand, if you are able*

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The Risen Christ

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1. O breath of God, come fill this place; re - vive our
 2. O Word of God, so clear and true, re - new our
 3. O love of God, so un - re - strained, re - fresh our
 4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the

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6 hearts to know your grace; and from our slum - ber
 minds to trust in you; and give to us the
 souls in Je - sus' name. Let us re - flect your
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11 make us rise that we may know the ris - en Christ.
 bread of life that we may know the ris - en Christ.
 sac - ri - fice that we may know the ris - en Christ.
 us u - nite that we may know the ris - en Christ.

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THE RISEN CHRIST
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Kay Mertz, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith / Coffee Hour: Bill & Xenny Johnson / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / 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/famine/oppression, and for an end to war in Ukraine.

FUNDRAISER for Angie Smith – Thank you to all who worked, and to all who supported Angie's fundraiser so faithfully. We earned just over \$12,000 to help offset Angie's expenses for treatment.

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 fristumcsaginaw@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 MEALS 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.

THE MEN'S CLUB will meet Sunday, May 21 at 8:30am. The program will feature Dr. Lou Constan speaking about his trip to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Spouses and significant others are invited to attend.

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!

PASTOR AMY WILL BE AWAY from Friday, May 12 – Friday, May 26, 2023 on family vacation in Germany before her oldest daughter Catharine moves out to Boston to begin her career. While away, Rev. Rob Richards from Four Points UMC (Swan Valley, Hemlock, LaPorte, and Nelson) will be covering pastoral emergencies and St. Mary’s hospitalizations on her behalf. He may be reached at (989) 751-5818. Also, Rev. Janet Myers, Covenant Hospital Chaplain, will be covering Covenant Hospitalizations. She may be reached at (989) 583-6042.

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