

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
May 21, 2023 - 10:00am - 7th Sunday in Easter

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" by Robert Williams; arr. David Lasky

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 #173:** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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| 1) Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear. | Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart. |
| 2) Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, | 3) Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:** (adapted from Bruce Prewer on <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>)

L: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family dwell together in harmony.

P: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

L: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

P: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaves shall never wither.

L: Therefore, the grace, mercy and peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

P: And also with you. Let us worship God together in love and peace.

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 W&S #2157: "Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

* Please stand if you are able

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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Offertory: “*He Is Exalted*”

by Twila Paris; arr. Fred Bock

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: Holy God, everything we have is a gift from you. We return to you a portion of what you give us, trusting that you care for our needs, and that you will use these to care for the needs of others and bring peace and wholeness to the human family, through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Children's Message – A special moment just for kids

***Hymn FWS #2243:** “*We All Are One In Mission*”

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| 1) We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love. | To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace. |
| 2) We all are called for service,
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
Our purpose is the same: | 3) Now let us be united,
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all. |

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #547: "O Church of God, United"

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| <p>1) O church of God, united
To serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message,
With hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
We follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
Along the upward way.</p> <p>2) From every land and nation
The ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader
They come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
They praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence
Upon his saving word.</p> | <p>3) Though creeds and tongues may differ,
They speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit
We shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
And singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
Of thy redeeming name.</p> <p>4) May thy great prayer be answered
That we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united
In thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness,
To make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness
May find the one true light.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

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

L: As we scatter from this place to so many diverse pursuits throughout this city, this state, this globe, we are one. With gratitude, we share one mission with diverse roles. With gratitude we depart. With gratitude we release one another, trusting in the One who makes us one. Go in the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

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

***Postlude:**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

by Arthur Sullivan; arr. Wilbur Held

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Belinda Hatch & Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Haggerty / Coffee Hour: ? / Welcome Desk: ? / Sound System: Andy Sharrow / Nursery: Katie Moon

WELCOME to Dr. Robert Miller, serving as our guest preacher today. Dr. Miller is a licensed child psychologist serving and overseeing psychological care in City of Saginaw Public Schools.

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, Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Jerry Taylor, and Rev. Richard Turner (now home). Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from illness/famine/oppresion, and for an end to war in Ukraine.

OUR SYMPATHY to Al & Teddy Reichard on the death of Al's brother Fred on May 8, 2023.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING on Monday, June 5 at 7:00pm.

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 MEALS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next free meal is Tuesday, June 13. 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!

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 IS AWAY on family vacation until Friday, May 26, 2023. 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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