

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
June 4, 2023 - 10:00am - 2nd Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

“Reflections on the Spirit”

by Joel Raney

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 #92:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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| 1) For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies; | 4) For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild;
(Refrain) |
| Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise. | 5) For thy church, that evermore
Lifts its holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
A pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain) |
| 2) For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light; (Refrain) | 6) For thyself, best Gift Divine,
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
(Refrain) |
| 3) For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound & sight; (Refrain) | |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship:

by Katherine Hawker, 2006; <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

L: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

P: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

L: Come with your gifts, come with your brokenness!

P: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

L: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

P: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

L: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

P: For the God who sets aside and makes holy this Sabbath meets us in this place.

* Please stand if you are able

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 #2164: “Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With Thanksgiving, I’ll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

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

♪ *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: *Offertory on “Old 100th”*

by Michael Joseph

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 of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. You give creativity, grace, and boldness that we would never find on our own. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality in your holy name. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons: **Genesis 2:1-3**

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 2

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

Hymn FWS #2202: “Come Away With Me” (vs. 1, 3-5)

- 1) Come away with me to a quiet place,
 Apart from the world with its frantic pace,
 To pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
 Come away with me. Come away.
- 2) Come today with thoughts
 of the countless ways that
 God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
 And join with me in silent praise.
 Come away with me. Come away.
- 3) Come and say,
 in words whispered from your soul,
 The feelings and actions you can't control.
 Your spirit needs to be made whole.
 Come away with me. Come away.
- 4) Come away with me to a quiet place,
 To God's loving arms waiting to embrace
 All those who come in hope of grace.
 Come away with me. Come away.

Scripture Lessons:

Mark 2:23-28

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 34

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Response to the Word

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

KEEPING SABBATH

Tatyana Spaulding, Guest Preacher

Tatyana graduated from Alma College last spring, and will begin her graduate education at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary this fall.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #395: “Take Time To Be Holy” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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| 1) Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always,
And feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek. | By looking to Jesus,
Like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see. |
| 2. Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone. | 4. Take time to be holy,
Be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive
Beneath his control.
Thus led by his Spirit
To fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted
For service above. |

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go forth from this place of Sabbath rest nourished and refreshed for the week's work to which God has called you. And may the blessings of God our Creator, Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our inspiration and guide surround you and sustain you in the week ahead and always.

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

***Postlude:**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

by John B. Dykes; arr. Jim Martinez

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza Wistehuff /
Greeters: Bill & Sue Johnson and Kay Mertz / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith
Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding / Sound System: Izzy Terhune /
Nursery: Katie Moon

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, Sarah Kettleohn, 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, all suffering from illness/famine/oppression, and an end to war in Ukraine.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marilyn Ashmall, RuthAnn Hilton, Joanna Thompson

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

For Sheldon Markley is here on Saturday, June 10 at 1:00pm, with visitation for an hour before.

For Carol Brown is here on Saturday, June 24 at 12:00pm, with visitation for an hour before.

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, June 13. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>
Volunteer to donate food at the Welcome desk or online here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families facing food insecurity. Thank you to all who helped pack bags, who delivered food, and who supported this mission financially. Please consider adopting a student or two for the 2023-24 school year. It costs the church \$150 per child to feed them for an entire school year. Currently, we feed 72 children every weekend. Thank you all!!

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!

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2023

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

WE NEED YOU!

Where: Covenant Neighborhood

Homebase - Bliss Park

When: June 14,15,16,17 and 21,22,23

Daily Shifts - 7:30am-12pm and 12:30pm-5pm

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- ✓ Event Sponsor
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