

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 2, 2023 - 10:00am - 6th Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

from "Thesaurus Musicus", 1745; arr. James Mansfield

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 #696:** "America the Beautiful"

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| 1) O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea. | America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine. |
| 2) O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life! | 3) O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

L: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

P: We come weary – weary from the tasks we face, weary from the cruelty of the world, weary of conflict or divisiveness, weary from carrying the weight of our own sin.

L: We come in need of rest, not just for our bodies, but for our minds, our spirits, and our emotions.

P: We come to worship the One who calls us to take time apart for rest and prayer.

L: Jesus invites us to take his yoke upon you and learn from him, for he is gentle and humble in heart, and his yoke fits you well.

P: We come hungry to learn the way of gentleness and humility

L: We come in need of Christ's companionship and wisdom through life's journey

P: We come to worship the One who saves us. Thanks be to God for all God's gifts!

* Please stand if you are able

Prayer Chorus W&S #3094: “Come to Me”

Come to me, come to me, weak and heav-y lad - en; —
lad - en, lad - en;
lad - en; —
trust in me, lean on me. I will give you rest. —

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.

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.*

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



Offertory: “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

by William Bradbury; arr. Malcolm Kogut

*** 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, Scripture reminds us that you invite us to take on your yoke, but it's not another burden; it's a way of partnering with you to be community together. May the gifts we bring and the lives we lead be yoked with your abiding presence, and so bless other and advance your reign in this community and around the world, for we ask in the name of Christ, Amen.**

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

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 11

¹⁶“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another: ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds”... ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

WEARY AND CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS

Pastor Amy Terhune

Special Music: *“Firework”*

by Katy Perry, Esther Dean, Tor Erik Hermansen, Katheryn Hudson, Mikkel Storleer Eriksen, Sandy Julien Wilhelm

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

UMH pg. 17-18, Musical Setting A

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 spoke to us through your prophets.
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 healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
In Jesus' suffering and death, you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, our Savior,
Who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.
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: Let us pray: Holy God, 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 Father, now and forever. 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: "Come to the Table of Grace" by Barbara Hamm

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn UMH #437: "This Is My Song"

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| <p>1) This is my song,
 O God of all the nations,
 A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
 This is my home,
 the country where my heart is;
 Here are my hopes, my dreams,
 my holy shrine;
 But other hearts in other lands
 are beating with hopes and dreams
 as true and high as mine.</p> <p>2) My country's skies
 are bluer than the ocean,
 And sunlight beams on cloverleaf
 and pine;
 But other lands have sunlight too,</p> | <p>and clover, and skies are everywhere
 as blue as mine.
 O hear my song, thou God of all nations,
 A song of peace for their land
 and for mine.</p> <p>3) This is my prayer,
 O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;
 Thy kingdom come,
 on earth thy will be done.
 Let Christ be lifted up
 till all shall serve him,
 And hearts united learn to live as one.
 O hear my prayer,
 thou God of all nations
 Myself I give thee, let thy will be done.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go forth into this week resting the presence of God. May Jesus' yoke fit you well and remind you of his presence beside you. And may the peace of God, the love of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit bless you along the way.

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

***Postlude:** *"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"*

by John Dykes; arr. Robert L. Hughes

** Please stand, if you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Bill & Sue Johnson and Kay Mertz / Ushers: Bill Cowdery, Dr. Larry Kelly, Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Host: Bill & Xenny Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

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, Marion Hoffman, Sarah Kettlehohn, 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, Joanna Thompson, and Rev. Richard Turner. Also, please pray for UMCOR, all suffering from illness/famine/oppresion, those suffering from wildfires, and an end to war in Ukraine.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marilyn Ashmall, Al Reichard

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Dina Draper and family on the death of Dina's mother Barb Garcia yesterday, and to the family of Rev. Doug Leffler, who passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2023, and to Jane MacQueen and family upon the death of Jane's mother Rose Prevost on June 16, 2023.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP – This Wednesday, July 5, at 7:00pm in person and online.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – Next Sunday, July 9 following worship. Lunch will be provided for those who stay. Please dress in your work clothes for worship. You can plan to stay and be assigned a job somewhere in the building OR if you prefer, you may sign up for a specific job/room online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-allchurch>

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next free meal is Tuesday, July 11. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>
Sign up to donate food at the welcome desk or online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>

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!

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!!

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Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK WHILE DINA'S ON VACATION:

M 7/3 – 9am-Noon

M 7/10 – 9am-Noon

T 7/4 – Office Closed

T 7/11 – 9am-Noon

W 7/5 – 9am-Noon

W 7/12 – 9am-Noon

Th 7/6 – 9am-Noon

Th 7/13 – 9am-Noon

Office is Closed Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays