

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 23, 2023 - 10:00am - 9th Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

“Something Beautiful”

by William J. Gaither

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 for Christmas in July–UMH #246: “Joy to the World”**

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| 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, & nature sing. | 3) No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found. |
| 2) Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | 4) He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***Call to Worship:**

(adapted from J.W. Howell in “Touch Holiness”, 2nd Ed; page 187)

One: Like empty jars, we come to be filled.

All: Like aged wine in a cask, we come to be poured out.

One: Like ornamental candles, we come to be set ablaze.

All: Like weary travelers, we come to find rest.

One: Like lovers drifted apart, we come to be reconciled.

All: Like little children, we come open to surprises.

One: And so, come, people of God, for all are welcome here.

All: We bring our needs and our gifts, and we come to worship the one who meets our needs; the giver of every good and perfect gift. Thanks be to God!

* 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 #2065 – “Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver”

*Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.*

Silent Meditation and 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:

“Hymn of Promise”

by Natalie Sleeth; arr. Marianne Kim

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 blessings, Jesus taught us to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact: a tiny mustard seed, or a bit of yeast. By your grace, bless these gifts we offer, and we ourselves, so that both they and we may have a powerful impact, for we ask in your holy name. Amen.

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

Special Music:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by Matt & Beth Redman

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 14

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened”...

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #572: “Pass It On”**

1) It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.
That’s how it is with God’s love.
Once you’ve experienced it,
You spread his love to everyone.
You want to pass it on.

That’s how it is with God’s love,
Once you’ve experienced it.
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

2) What a wonderous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.

3) I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I’ve found.
You can depend on God,
It matters not where you’re bound.
I’ll shout it from the mountaintop,
I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like a roof, God is over our heads. Like the horizon, God is beyond us. Like a pearl tucked in a clam, God is within us. Like a pebble in the sea, we are in God. Therefore, go out into the world today to pass on the grace and love you’ve experienced with God, and know that God goes with you.

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

***Postlude: “We All Are One In Mission”**

Finish Folk Tune; arr. David Christensen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Roger Spann / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin Jr, and Chuck Priem / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Katie Moon / Coffee Hour Host: Suzanne Clark

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: David Marks

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Joanna Thompson. Joanna passed on to eternity Friday, July 21. Funeral Services will be held Friday, July 28 at Snow's Funeral Home at 11:30am. Visitation will take place for one hour beforehand from 10:30-11:30am. She will be laid to rest at Roselawn Cemetery, and then people may greet the family and share desserts/coffee here at the church after the burial.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Marilyn Ashmall, 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, Marilyn Latimer, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Mac Thompson, Rev. Richard Turner, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, the sick, all suffering from famine/oppression/wildfires, and an end to war in Ukraine.

ADULT SUMMER BOOK STUDY – each summer, Pastor Amy leads a book study on a relevant social issue. This summer, we're studying "Common Ground: Talking About Gun Violence in America" by Donald V. Gaffney. Books are \$12 from the office, but no one will be excluded if they can't buy the book. IN PERSON CLASS – Tuesdays at 6pm on 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, and 8/15. ZOOM ONLINE CLASS – Wednesdays at 7:30pm on 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, and 8/16.

DISTRICT BLOCK PARTY AT AMES UMC BUILDING – Thursday, August 24 from 2:00-5:00pm. Volunteers need to help cook hot dogs and set up food, oversee kids bounce house / crafts, hand out school supplies, and talk to neighborhood residents about needs and dreams.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, August 8. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

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!!

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY is in the works to be published by Sept. 10, but we need your help. Please view the preliminary print-out at the Welcome Desk to check your information and correct as needed. If you're new and your information isn't there, please add it. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to check your information and make corrections. Thank you!

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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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March begins @
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250 W. Genesee
Ave, Saginaw,
MI 48602

NOT JUST ANOTHER MARCH!

THIS IS A COMMUNITY CRY!!!
A CALL TO ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE!!!
SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH 2023 | 10AM - 12PM



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