

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 30, 2023 - 10:00am - 9th Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"

by Albert Peace; arr. Robert Powell

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 W&S #3185:** *"Send Us Your Spirit, O Lord"* (See Attached)

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| 1) Send us your Spirit, O Lord.
Evening enfolds us,
and holds us too near.
Wake the morning light;
make our living bright.
Shine on our darkness, O Lord. | 3) Teach us your wisdom, O Lord.
Shadows have clouded,
have crowded our sight.
Give us hearts that see.
Set our loving free
Hear us and help us, O Lord |
| 2) Hold us with mercy, O Lord.
Sorrow has spoken,
has broken our hearts.
Clothe us in your care;
Be the life we bear.
Feed us and fill us, O Lord. | 4) Send us good summer, O Lord.
Winters have chilled us,
have stilled us too long.
Give us love's own fire;
Be our true desire
Send us your Spirit, O Lord |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***Call to Worship:**

One: The sun has risen; the morning is come; God's people gather to worship.

All: **We come with joy and thanksgiving, grateful for the breath in our lungs, the movement of our bodies, and all the possibilities of a new day.**

One: We come with quiet thoughts and deep reverence, open to that which is holy.

All: **We come with dreams—some that pulse with the energy of promise, and some that lie shattered in the wreckage of time.**

One: We come, some of us, from dark nights spent struggling with pain, with fear, with need, with grief. But we come.

All: **And in the morning light, we look for your presence, trusting that your nature and your name is Love itself, in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* 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 UMH #328 – “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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!
Use the QR code to the right or give online here:*

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



Offertory: “*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*”

by Stuart Townsend; arr. James Koerts

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, we bring our tithes and offerings today mindful all the blessings we have received. As we hear again the story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger to receive his blessing, remind us that the best blessings come when we give our all, break a sweat, and get our hands dirty working for justice, compassion, and mercy for all your children. Steer us away from contentment with that which requires little effort. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 29

²² The same night, Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #451: “Be Thou My Vision**

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| 1) Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light. | 2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. |
| | 3) High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. |

***Benediction:**

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

L: Beloved, go forth open to an encounter with our Holy God, who comes among us when we least expect it, who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts, who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name, that we may witness the sunrise and be a means of hope and blessing to a world still struggling to find the dawn.

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

***Postlude:**

“Postlude in Classic Style”

by Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Alexa Sharrow / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Bob Bula, Lou Constan, Joe Kozumplik, Kevin Malotka / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Katie Moon / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: David Marks

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Joanna Thompson, who passed on to eternity Friday, July 21. Funeral Services were held Friday, July 28.

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>
Sign up to donate food 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!

THE SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM helps families facing food insecurity. 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!!

NOT JUST ANOTHER MARCH against gun violence. Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10am-12pm. March begins at Riverview Plaza Shopping Center at 250 W. Genesee and goes to Broadway Beauty Supply at 2710 E. Genesee. Event sponsored by Jackie Jones and the office of Saginaw Mayor Brenda Moore.

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!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!
YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC** Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**
Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw** Instagram: **saginawfumc**

Send Us Your Spirit

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 4. Send us good sum - mer, O Lord. _____

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 Shad - ows have cloud - ed, have crowd - ed our sight.
 Win - ters have chilled us and stilled us too long.

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