

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
August 13, 2023 - 10:00am - 12th Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

“Wade In the Water”

Spiritual; arr. David Christensen

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 #368:** “My Hope Is Built” (vs. 1-3)

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| 1) My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. | 2) When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. <i>Chorus</i> |
| <i>Chorus:</i> On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand. | 3) His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around, my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. <i>Chorus</i> |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***Call to Worship:**

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

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

All: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

One: Here, in this time, we remember that God comes to us when we least expect it.

All: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

One: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'

All: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown.

One: Here, in this age of hyper-security, God calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives.

All: Here, in this worship, Christ invites us to risk the adventure of faith. Let us worship God together!

* 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 #2057 – “*Be Still and Know*”

Be still and know that I am God; Be still and know that I am God!

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



Offertory:

“Love Lifted Me”

by Howard Smith; arr. Sharon Wilson

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, the first gift you ask of us in our very selves. As we bring our offerings to you, we bring ourselves. But we also bring our fears and doubts, that you may help us see past them and give us the courage to step out in faith. Bless our giving and our risking, and so bring your will to bear in and through us, in the name of Christ, who goes before us. Amen.

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

Hymn FWS #2212: “*My Life Flows On*” (*How Can I Keep From Singing?*- vs. 1, 2, 4)

1) My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

2) Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Chorus*

Chorus:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

4) The peace of Christ
makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Chorus*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2191: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

- 1) Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2) O Savior, whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3) O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4) O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

***Benediction**

(adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/commission-benediction-matthew-1422-33.html>)

L: Jesus calls us to step out in faith, to follow where he leads even if what he calls us to do seems impossible. So let’s arise with courage, trusting in God’s presence, and eager to do God’s will. And may the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Spirit be among you and within you wherever you find yourself this week.

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

***Postlude: Toccata on “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”**

by William Walter; arr. Gilbert Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Bonnie Arnst, Keith Courier, Max Mondol / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Hosts: Bill & Xenny Johnson / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Katie Moon

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Al Reichard, Sharon Mueller

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the families of Florence Alever, Joanna Thompson, Lt. Com Ken Kelly, and Rev. Richard Turner, all of whom passed on to eternity within the last month.

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, 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 September 12. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL COMMITTEE MEETING to plan for the fall is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 immediately following Worship. All interested in helping or meal planning should attend.

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!!

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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