

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community

February 11, 2024 - 10:00am - Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Be Thou My Vision"

traditional Irish tune; arr. Raymond H. Haan

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 write out a yellow prayer card if you have prayer concerns and joys to share.



*Opening Hymn FWS #2173: "Shine Jesus Shine"

1) Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land
with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations
with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light!

2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood,
I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. *[Refrain]*

3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here,
may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *[Refrain]*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship

(adapted from Lisa Hancock, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>)

One: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth

One: God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

All: And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

One: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

All: And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

One: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and serve.

All: God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

**Please stand if you are able*

Time of Prayer – *During the prayer chorus, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards to deliver to the pastor.*

Prayer Chorus UMH #349: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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 choose to support your church family in this exciting and challenging time of mission/ministry. 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/>



The Offertory: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

by Helen Lemmel; arr. Fred Bock

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: Gracious God, as we remember Christ’s transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives, and so transform hearts and lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem: “*The Power and the Glory*”

w/m by Joyce Elaine Eilers

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

Chorus UMH #191: “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture Lesson:

Mark 9:2-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 41-42

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn FWS #2103: *“We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding”*

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| 1) We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain. | Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness
stands transfigured and complete. |
| 2) Light breaks thru our clouds & shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard. | 3) Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless. |

The Sermon

THE OVERVIEW EFFECT

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn W&S #3043:** *“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”* (see attached)

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| 1) You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave. | 3) You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God’s side.
You, who preach the way that’s narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide. |
| 2) Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggared by a soldier’s toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost. | 4) Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life. |

***Benediction:** (adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>)

One: Beloved, go now in the strength and power of what you have witnessed today,
knowing that the glory that leads us into transition also comforts us in our growing
pains and sustains us as we take up our mantle and cross over to the other side.

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

*** Postlude:** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

by Charles Wesley; arr. M.J. Montague

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9:00 AM- 11:30AM

\$45
PER PERSON

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Bowling
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You are Invited!!!

Join us Sunday February 25th

Noon-3pm at

Bowling Alley

\$25 per person includes 3

games & shoes

There will be drawings & raffles!

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PRE-PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED!

Food and Drinks Available
for an Additional Cost



LENT 2024 at SAGINAW FIRST UMC

A graphic with a dark, textured background. The words "DRIVE+THRU" are in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized cross symbol replacing the plus sign. Below it, the word "ASHES" is in a similar font.

Drive-thru Ashes and Prayer
(under the front portico)
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
11:30am – 1:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship
(in the style of Taizé)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship

in the style of Taizé



ENCOUNTERING
GOD

AN 8 WEEK ENCOUNTER OF HOW
CHRISTIANITY MEETS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CALL

KATHLEEN JIMENEZ

Lenten Book Study – “*Encountering God*” by “our own” Kathy Jimenez, who is leading Tuesday’s group. Books available at the Welcome Desk or the office for \$12.

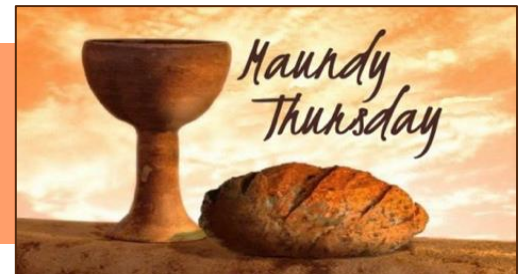
In Person on Tuesdays at 6:00pm: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27*, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Online Wednesdays at 7:30pm: 1/31, 2/7, 2/13†, 2/21, 2/28*, 3/13, 3/20, 3/17

†held on a Tuesday to avoid Ash Wednesday;

*off the following week while Pastor Amy at BOM.

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Worship and Communion
Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 7:00pm
Soup Supper – 6:00pm



Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29
12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm
Come for one service or stay for both!
Sack lunches provided.

Easter Celebration Worship
Sunday, March 31 – 10:00am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you all for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Greeters: Judy Gerken & Jackie Moore / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Max Mondol / Coffee Hour: Jill Spaulding / Sound System: Angie Smith

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are from the family of Camille Marek, who passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23. They wish to offer a special thank-you to the Rebecca Fellowship and the Memorial Committee for support during this time – your words have been a comforting blessing. The family has asked that we remember Camille with Jesus' words from John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; I do not give as the world gives, so do not let your heart be troubled or afraid."

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Dr. Larry Kelly, Pete & Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Angie Smith, Rev. Kathy Snedeker, Mac Thompson, MaryLee Turner, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and an end to war in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza.

"SOUP"ER BOWL SILENT AUCTION TODAY – bid on bowls made by our children and youth to help raise money for the youth mission trip. Bidding is open until 11:20am.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing THIS Tues. February 13, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu: Roast Pork Loin and Cheesy Potatoes. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

MEN'S BREAKFAST is NEXT SUNDAY, February 18 at 8:30am.

KID'S CLUB will meet NEXT SUNDAY, February 18 from 11:30am-1:00pm.

REBECCA FELLOWSHIP Women's Circle will meet Tuesday, February 20 at 11:00am.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING – Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:00-7:00pm for all ushers and greeters and anyone else that would like to learn more about how to keep the congregation safe. Outside groups that use our building are also welcome to attend. Training is required to maintain church insurance.

27TH ANNUAL MLK JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held Saturday, February 24 at Horizons Banquet Center from 9:00-11:30am. Pastor Amy has a limited number of free tickets, available first come first serve. Reserve your ticket today! See attached flyer (reverse) for more information.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER FOR EAST SIDE SOUP KITCHEN is Sunday, February 25 from Noon-3:00pm. Cost is \$25 per person for 3 games and shoes. Food / drinks available at additional cost. RSVP to Pastor Amy to be put on a First U.M.C. team so we can have a good showing!

TALENT SHOW – Sun. March 17 at 4:30pm. If you'd like to participate with a performance, sign up with Kathy Winkowski at kmwinkowski2003@yahoo.com or 989-245-1036 or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-47627267-talent>. Skits, solos, instrumentals, etc. welcome.

ADVOCACY DAY – Wed. March 13, 2024 in Lansing. United Methodists from across Michigan will gather again to advocate with our elected representatives this year that all persons have access to affordable mental health care and to reduce the stigma of mental health that impacts every family in Michigan. Register with Pastor Amy. Cost is \$30. Scholarships available. Online training sessions on Tuesday 2/20 at 7pm and Monday 2/26 at 7pm are mandatory.

COFFEE HOUR – For 2024, treats are now here instead of having an additional stop to get donuts. Sign up to help with coffee hour at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up -
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

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 prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach the way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory.

10
 of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg - gar'd by a sol - dier's toss, You, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

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 in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

Congregation: Unison

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