

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
March 10, 2024 - 10:00am - Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Praxis Pietatis Melica (1656); arr. Paul Manz

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



***Opening Hymn UMH #340:** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

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| 1) Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power. | And true repentance, every grace
That brings you nigh. [Refrain] |
| 2) Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify; true belief | 3) Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. [Refrain] |
| Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me with his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms. | 4) Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him. [Refrain] |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Unison Prayer of Confession:

(adapted from Thom M. Shuman; <http://prayersfortoday.blogspot.ca/>)

All: Holy God, because we have we have put a tight lid on our joy, stashing it away for the long winter of despair, storing them in the dark corners of our souls, we have forgotten its gritty taste; because we are so busy using your words about the poor always with us as an excuse for inaction, we ignore your words which anoint them as your children; because we have put up the shutters and storm doors to keep your future from blowing in, we have missed the sweet breeze carrying your hope to us; because we are who we are, restore us, Holy Grace, and make us a fragrant offering to the world. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

One: Here the good news: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ... For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. Thanks be to God for amazing grace. Amen. *(Ephesians 2:4-5, 8)*

** 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 #2159 – “Jesus, Draw Me Close”

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. For I desire to worship and obey.

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.*

Use the QR codes or pledge/give online here:

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



Offertory: “More Precious Than Silver”

by Lynn DeShazo; arr. Phillip Keveren

***The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95
(old 100th)*

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** *(from “Prayers for an Inclusive Church”, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)*

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: as we bring our gifts this day, inspire us to give with generosity, to love life so that we may find it again, and thus the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

Choral Anthem:

“Jesus Paid It All”

by John T. Grape; arr. Howard Helvey

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.

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #189: “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

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| 1) Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. | 3) Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast. |
| 2) Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing. | 4) Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine. |

***Benediction:**

(by Jan L. Richardson, <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>)

One: When we see the brokenness of this world and of God’s people, may we meet it with lavish grace and pour ourselves out with extravagant love, that the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit may fill the world.

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

***Postlude: “My Song Is Love Unknown”**

by John D. Edwards; arr. Dale Wood

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YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC** Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw** Instagram: **saginawfumc**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you all for your service!! Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Max Mondol / Coffee Hour: NEEDED / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

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 Kettleohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Pat Parks, Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Angie Smith, Rev. Kathy Snedeker, Mac Thompson, MaryLee Turner, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine/Israel/Gaza.

GRIEF GROUP will resume tomorrow, Monday, March 11 at 11:00am.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing THIS Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk.

or Donate food online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>

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

MEETINGS TOMORROW, MONDAY MARCH 11

6:00pm – Nurture Committee in the Office Conference Room

7:00pm – Reach/Prepare/Send Committees in the Office Conference Room

IMPORTANT SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE WELCOME DESK:

- Sign up to get a NAMETAG if you're relatively new to First U.M.C.
- Sign up to participate in this year's Talent Show, Sunday March 17 at 4:30pm
- Sign up to provide soup/bread for the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, 3/28 at 6:00pm
- Sign up to help pack lunches on Good Friday, March 29 at 9:30am
- Sign up to make muffins for Easter Coffee Hour on March 31.

CRAFT SUPPLY SALE – Saturday, March 16, 10:00am-3:30pm

KID'S CLUB – TODAY after worship, for all kids age 3 thru 5th grade. Lunch provided.

PFLAG – TODAY at 2:00pm

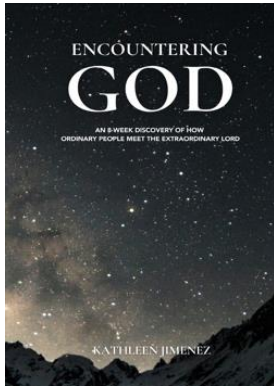
TALENT SHOW – **Sun. March 17 at 4:30pm.** If you'd like to participate with a performance, sign up with Kathy Winkowski at kmwinkowski2003@yahoo.com or 989-245-1036 or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-47627267-talent>. Skits, solos, instrumentals, etc. welcome.

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 have already occurred but can be watched virtually by those still interested in going.

NAMETAGS are one of the ways we can make our church more welcoming and friendly. If you do NOT have a nametag on the magnetic board, please sign up with your preferred name at the Welcome Desk.

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>.

LENT 2024 at SAGINAW FIRST UMC



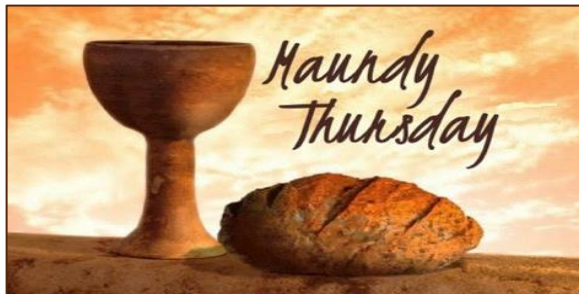
Lenten Book Study – “*Encountering God*” by “our own” Kathy Jimenez, who is leading Tuesday’s group. Books available at the Welcome Desk or the office for \$12.

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

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

**off the following week while Pastor Amy at BOM.*

Palm Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 24 – 10:00am



Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

Thursday, March 28 – 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion

Thursday, March 28 – 7:00pm

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

Craft Supply Sale

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Church**

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**4790 Gratiot
Saginaw, MI 48638**

Saturday March 16th

10am - 3:30pm

15 vendors
Sewing items
Yarn
Jewelry making supplies
Card making
Scrapbooking supplies



**TALENT
SHOW**

**Sunday
March 17
4:30pm**

Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FDO-47627267-talent> OR at the Welcome Desk to:

- Sing a solo/duet/choir
- Play an instrument
- Perform a skit
- Do Mime
- Tell Jokes



ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Saginaw First United Methodist Church

You can also order online at: <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/order-easter-flowers/>

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Easter flowers are available to order until Thursday, March 21, 2024. We regret that costs have risen and plants now cost \$25 each. Please note: we cannot guarantee colors. However, you are welcome to write a preference below if you have one and we'll do our best to honor it. Fill in how many of each plant you'd like to order.

I would like to order _____ Easter Lily(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Tulip(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Daffodil(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Hyacinth(s) at \$25 each. _____

Flowers in Memory of: _____

OR

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Please submit payment to Saginaw First UMC, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638; or place in Offering Plate at worship. Note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or envelope.

Call the church office at (989)799-0131 if you have questions.