

# *First United Methodist Church*

*Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community*  
*March 24, 2024 - 10:00am - Palm Sunday*

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Prelude:** *"The Holy City"*

*by Stephen Adams; arr. Albin C. Whitworth*

**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 FWS #2113:** *"Lamb of God"*

1) Your only son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

2) Your gift of love they crucified;  
They laughed and scorned him  
as he died.  
The humble king they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Refrain:* O Lamb of God,  
Sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

3) I was so lost I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *[Refrain]*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**The Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Long ago, O Lord, your people cried "Hosanna!" It means, "Save us!" And still today, we cry hosanna. Save us. Save us from our arrogance. Save us from our callous disregard for the feelings and needs of others. Save us from our greed and our sense of entitlement. Save us from our blindness to the suffering of our neighbors. And save us from ourselves – from those inward dialogues that deflate our hope and belittle our gifts. Save us for your glory, that we may be co-builders of the Kingdom with you and strong in faith to withstand times of trial, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**The Words of Assurance**

Beloved, hear the good news: the Lord is gracious and compassionate, endlessly patient, loving, and faithful even when we are not; forgiving sin, extending mercy to millions, and empowering true amendment of life. Thanks be to God for such amazing grace.

*\*Please stand, if able*

**Prayer Chorus FWS #2154: “Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna”** *(if you’re reading the music, no repeats)*

*Please enter my heart, hosanna. O, please lead my life today.*

*Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the Anointed One, won’t you enter my heart today?*

*O, please hear my prayer, hosanna, these words that I need to say.*

*Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the Anointed One, won’t you enter my heart to stay?*

*O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna! O Come, Jesus come today! Come to stay!*

**Time of Prayer** — *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.*

**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 continue to support your church family as we recover from this season of pandemic. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

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**Offertory:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*by Melchior Teschnor; arr. John Carter*

**\*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 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**\*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – our savior, Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Choral Anthem:**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

*by Berta Poorman / Sonja Poorman*

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

**\*The Parade of Palms**

**\* Hymn UMH #280:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, To thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.	3) The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went; Our prayer and praise and anthems Before thee we present. [Refrain]
1) Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One. [Refrain]	5) Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

**Scripture Lesson: Mark 11:1-11** *Pew Bible N.T. pg. 44-45*

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Response to the Word**  
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God  
**P: Thanks be to God!**

<b>Sermon:</b>	<b>“PEOPLE’S CHEERING”</b>	<i>Pastor Amy Terhune</i>
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## WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2111:** “We Sang Our Glad Hosannas” (vs. 1, 3-5)

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| 1) We sang our glad hosannas,<br>And waved our branches high,<br>But some were silent, frowning,<br>As Jesus rode on by.<br>They sought a royal Savior<br>But did not understand<br>A king could rule by loving,<br>Instead of by command.                      | 4) We saw a suffering Jesus<br>Alone, without a friend,<br>And heard the voices shouting<br>Abuse until the end.<br>We wept as we stood watching<br>Love's light grow dim and die,<br>And cried, "Why did this happen?<br>God, tell us, tell us why!"           |
| 3) We served him at the table<br>With wine, unleavened bread.<br>"The one who will betray me<br>Now eats with me," he said.<br>His friends would not believe him,<br>But one by one that night,<br>As soldiers came to take him,<br>They scurried out of sight. | 5) We buried him, not knowing<br>That on the third day morn<br>A risen Christ would greet us<br>And hope would be reborn.<br>Though evil had extinguished<br>The life that burned so bright,<br>The love of God would triumph<br>Like dawn that ends the night. |

**\*Benediction:**

(adapted from Cheryl Lawrie, <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>)

**L:** And now we lay down the palm branches. And with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God. The week stretches ahead – glory-less and painful. We look towards the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys. Travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith, into this holiest of weeks. Amen.

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

**\*Postlude:**

*“Ride On in Majesty”*

by John Dykes; arr. David Paxton

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you all for your service!!** Liturgist: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Sue Arceo, Belinda Hatch / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Ushers: Chuck Priem, Andy Sharrow, Cal & Pam Mott / Coffee Hour: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Xenny & Keeli Johnson

**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, Patricia Parks, Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Rev. Kathy Snedeker, Mac Thompson, MaryLee Turner, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine/Israel/Gaza.

**YOUTH FUN DAY TODAY – 4:30pm – Airborne Adventure Park – See Reverse Side!**

**2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY** – See Attachment!

**GRIEF GROUP** tomorrow, Monday, March 25 at 11:00am.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, April 9, 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>

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – Saturday, April 13, 9:30-11:30am for anyone interested in joining First U.M.C. or learning more about U.M.C. Beliefs.

### **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 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.

**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>.

### **HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:**

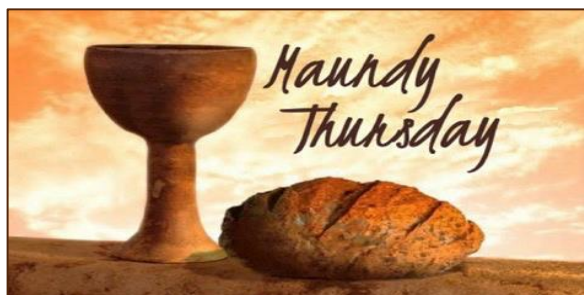
- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper – Thursday 3/28 – 6:00pm
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Thursday 3/28 – 7:00pm
- Good Friday Pack Lunches – Friday 3/29 – 9:30am
- Good Friday Worship Services – Friday 3/29 – 12:00pm & 12:30pm
- Easter Worship Service (special coffee hour before/after) – Sunday 3/29 – 10:00am

### **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**      Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**      Instagram: **saginawfumc**

# LENT 2024 at SAGINAW FIRST UMC



## **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



## **SPRING BREAK FUN DAY FOR ALL KIDS AND YOUTH**

**TODAY, MARCH 24, 4:30pm.**

**MEET AT AIRBORNE ADVENTURE PARK  
2572 TITTABAWASSI ROAD, SAGINAW**

Cost is \$5 per child, age 3-18. Each kid may bring 1 friend. Parents/Guardians may stay for free. Scholarship available from Pastor Amy.

All Kids/Youth under 18 must provide a signed parental waiver online [HERE](#).

RSVP to Pastor Amy at [pastoralbt@outlook.com](mailto:pastoralbt@outlook.com) or (989) 274-6363. Thank you!



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Printed copies of the directory will be available after Easter.

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## Need help or have questions?

Call the Church office at (989) 799-0131.

Pastor Amy will offer a Tutorial after worship in April.

Stay tuned for more information.

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