

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
April 14, 2024 - 10:00am - 3rd Sunday in the Easter Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

“Shepherd Medley”

by Gilbert Martin

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 #344:** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

1) Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy
nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly.

2) You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there my nets and labor.
Refrain

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes
you have searched me
And while smiling
have spoken my name
Now my boat's left
on the shoreline behind me
By your side
I will seek other seas.

3) You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving.
Refrain

4) You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus you call me.
Refrain

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from “Feed My Lambs” by Rev. Quentin Chin, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

One: Beloved, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

All: Together, we'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

All: Together, we'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, guilt, or shame, come here!

All: Christ invites us to know and experience his grace.

One: Come one and all! You are welcome in God's presence!

All: Thanks be to the Risen Christ!

** 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 #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.*

Time of Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

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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Offertory: “*Break Thou the Bread of Life*”

by William F. Sherwin; arr. Joe Galyon

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: Loving Creator, as we bring our offerings today, we are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us reflects our commitment to holy transformation. May these offerings demonstrate our love for you and our desire to be generous as you are generous. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely, for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Anthem: “*Gloryland*” (traditional hymns/spirituals)

arr. Benjamin Harlan

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.

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of Jesus' disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We'll go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were only about a hundred yards off from land. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish – one hundred fifty-three of them – and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" for they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" And Peter said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“WHOLE”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #327: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

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| <p>1) Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.</p> <p>2) Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.</p> | <p>3) Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.</p> <p>4) Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Rev. Quentin Chin, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: Beloved, as you go out into the world, seek the presence of the Risen Christ in each other and in all of Creation. May God give you joyful courage to follow the command of Jesus to feed and tend his flock in every place.

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

***Postlude: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (Duke Street)**

by John Hatton; arr. Hal H. Hopson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Max Mondol / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Angie Smith

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.

KIDS CLUB TODAY, FOLLOWING WORSHIP 11:30am-1:00pm – for kids aged 3 thru 5th Grade.

REBECCA FELLOWSHIP WOMEN'S CIRCLE - All women are invited to join Rebecca Fellowship on **Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00am** in the Narthex. Our speaker will be from the Millet Center, Delores Kowalski, Executive Director Special Needs, Vision Center. Please contact Betty Jo Cloud if you plan on attending at 989-799-8125 or bjcloud@yahoo.com . Thank you!

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, April 16 at 7:15pm online.

SENIOR FUN DAY – Wednesday, April 17, 3:00-5:00pm – Games, fellowship, and snacks.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held next Sunday, April 21 at 8:30am. Speaker is Cynthia Joseph on Geriatric Mental Health. All men and their significant others are invited. Suggested donation is \$5.

2024 SPRING/SUMMER 6-WEEK BOOK STUDY - "The Bible and Borders" by M. Daniel Carroll lends insight from a leading Latino-American biblical scholar on what the Bible says about immigration, offering accessible, nuanced, and sympathetic guidance for the Church. Books available FREE from the main office. Schedule is:

6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21*, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22*, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19

* *Pastor Amy away the last week in May for Annual Conference 2024.*

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk or Sign up to donate food online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>
Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

A NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION: Beginning in May, now that we are largely past the covid epidemic and cold/flu season, we will return to a more environmentally sustainable means of serving Communion called Intinction, where each of us take a piece of bread and dips it into the chalice. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please speak with Pastor Amy if you are willing to help out.

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>.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



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Friday
4/19/24 10am - 2pm



Francis Reh Academy
2201 Owen St.
Saginaw, MI 48601

Our Saginaw community has a wide variety of resources and organizations committed to supporting children, adults, and seniors. Join us and learn more from these agencies and others about how we can all grow stronger together!



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GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

Every four years, United Methodists from all over the world gather together for General Conference, to set the polity and mission/vision for the church worldwide for the next quadrennium. The conference meets to consider revisions to church law and to adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. General Conference also approves plans and budgets for churchwide agencies and programs.

Because of the Pandemic, General Conference was not able to meet in 2020, so our delegates are gathering in **Charlotte, NC from April 23 - May 3, 2024** for the first time since the called special conference in 2019. There are several important topics on the agenda, including more than one thousand petitions, the removal of discriminatory policies against the LGBTQIA+ community, regionalization policies for the US, revamping the pension system, and the schism of the church into two denominations: the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church.

You can follow events unfolding at General Conference by watching online and reading news alerts at the Michigan Conference's Official General Conference Website which can be found at <https://gc.michiganumc.org/>

YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A WORLDWIDE ONLINE PRAYER VIGIL FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21. A link and information are on the Michigan Conference GC Page noted above, but you can also get resources and information for the prayer vigil at <https://welcometogc.org/prayer-guide/> from the Upper Room Prayer Guide. Please hold our delegates, bishops and staff in prayer at this important time in the life of the church.

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Printed copies of the directory will be available after Easter.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

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

Pastor Amy will offer a Tutorial after worship next Sunday, April 21.

Stay tuned for more information.

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