

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
April 21, 2024 - 10:00am - Easter IV / Native American Awareness

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude from Bells On High:** "An American Folk Hymn Sampler"  
"August 9<sup>th</sup> Adagio"

by Fred Gramman  
by Edward Elgar; arr. Chat Etzel

**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 #310:** "He Lives"

1) I serve a risen Savior,  
he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him,  
he's always near.

2) In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading  
through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing  
will come at last. [Refrain]

*Refrain:*

He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.

3) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving,  
so good and kind. [Refrain]

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**The Call to Worship:** (adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/call-to-worship-called-to-reach-out.html>)

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

**All: We are people who have been set free by the forgiveness of the Risen Christ.**

One: We have come not to applaud our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

**All: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.**

One: For we come into God's presence by grace alone, and all are welcome here.

**All: God's grace does not exclude! Thanks be to God!**

*\* 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 #2176:** “*Make Me A Servant*”

*Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant,  
Make me a servant, Make me a servant today.*

**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**

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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:** “*Many and Great*”

*Traditional Dakota Melody; arr. Nicholas Palmer*

**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:** God of Life, as we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts reflect the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, compassion, and hope to a world in need, for we ask in your holy name, Amen.

**Anthem from Bells On High:** “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”

*arr. Katherine Jordahl Larson*

**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:** Acts 6:1-15

*Pew Bible N.T. pg. 116*

<sup>1</sup> Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup> while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” <sup>5</sup> What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup> Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called) – Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others from Cilicia and Asia – stood up and argued with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. <sup>11</sup> Then they secretly instigated some men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” <sup>12</sup> They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. <sup>13</sup> They set up false witnesses who said, “This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup> for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.” <sup>15</sup> And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn of Preparation FWS #2223:** *“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (vs. 1 & 3)*

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| 1) We are one in the Spirit,<br>We are one in the Lord;<br>We are one in the Spirit,<br>We are one in the Lord;<br>And we pray that all unity<br>may one day be restored:<br>And they’ll know we are Christians<br>by our love, by our love;<br>Yes, they’ll know we are Christians<br>by our love. | 3) We will work with each other,<br>We will work side by side;<br>We will work with each other,<br>We will work side by side;<br>And we’ll guard human dignity<br>and save human pride.<br>And they’ll know we are Christians<br>by our love, by our love;<br>Yes, they’ll know we are Christians<br>by our love. |
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**Sermon:**

“SERVICE PLEASE”

Pastor Amy Terhune

**WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2222: “The Servant Song”**

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| <p>1) Brother, sister, let me serve you,<br/>Let me be as Christ to you;<br/>Pray that I may have the grace<br/>To let you be my servant, too.</p> <p>2) We are pilgrims on a journey,<br/>We’re together on this road.<br/>We are here to help each other<br/>Walk the mile and bear the load.</p> <p>3) I will hold the Christ-light for you<br/>In the night-time of your fear.<br/>I will hold my hand out to you;<br/>Speak the peace you long to hear.</p> | <p>4) I will weep when you are weeping;<br/>When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.<br/>I will share your joy and sorrow<br/>Till we've seen this journey through.</p> <p>5) When we sing to God in heaven,<br/>We shall find such harmony,<br/>Born of all we've known together<br/>Of Christ's love and agony</p> <p>6) Brother, sister let me serve you,<br/>Let me be as Christ to you;<br/>Pray that I may have the grace<br/>To let you be my servant, too.</p> |
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**\*Benediction:**

**One:** Beloved, go forth to celebrate God, who is our home forever. Follow Christ’s example in loving God and neighbor. And may the Spirit bless you with the courage to bless the world as you follow.

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

**\*Postlude: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

*by B.F. White; arr. Wilbur Held*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Jane MacQueen and Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Austin Tomlinson / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune

**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.

**THE 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY** is now online. Pastor Amy will offer a brief Tutorial after worship TODAY, April 21. If you need help getting your account set up OR if you'd like to learn how to edit information or upload a picture, please stay for a short while after worship. We have techy people standing by to help as well. We will have print-outs available NEXT SUNDAY 4/28/2024.

**PFLAG** meets today in the Narthex at 2:00pm.

**TRUSTEES COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 7:15pm.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Mexican Night. 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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*Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*  
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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 TODAY – 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.

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