

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
May 19, 2024 - 10:00am - Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: Variations on "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

by Orlando Gibbons; arr. Michael Burkhardt

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 #539:** "O Spirit of the Living God"

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| 1) O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease. | 3) Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done. |
| 2) Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal. | 4) So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
Till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/pentecost-call-to-worship.html>)

One: Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day's call to worship. For today we ask God's Spirit to fill us, that we may dream dreams, and see visions, and give voice to truth that must be said. This day is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

All: Even now the flames may dance above our heads!

One: Even now the Spirit moves like a mighty wind, blowing away the fear and hate.

All: Even now, our hearts hear words of hope. There is Good News for the hurting.

One: Even now, the Spirit is awakening us to God's incredible possibilities!

All: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us worship God with gratitude and courage!

* 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: “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.—". The second system continues the melody and bass line, with the lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come— to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Silent Meditation and the 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!
Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

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



Offertory: “O Come and Dwell in Me”

by William Crotch; arr. Bryan Latimer

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: Holy God, we are reminded today of the transformative power of your Spirit, igniting the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today witness to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.

Special Music: “The Spirit is Moving In My Heart”

by Kathy Galloway

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 2:1-18

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 111

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn FWS #2120:** “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Chorus: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.*

1) You moved on the waters,
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep; and
Over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings.” *Chorus*

- 3) You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence
When the whole world was still; and down in the city, you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Chorus*
- 4) You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow,
The captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Chorus*

Sermon:

“FIRE IN A CROWDED THEATER”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2238:** “*In the Midst of New Dimensions*”(vs. 1-3, 5)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways? <p><i>Refrain:</i> God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever, now and ever,
Now and evermore!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Through the flood of starving people,
Warring factions and despair, | <p>Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? <i>[Refrain]</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) As we stand a world divided
By our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
Might envision wider dreams. <i>[Refrain]</i> 5) Should the threats of dire predictions
Cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
Resurrect the church again. <i>[Refrain]</i> |
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***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, Go out into the world to dream dreams and pursue vision, and may the God of hope guide you; may the love of Christ ground you, and may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide you in all you say and do this week.

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

***Postlude:** “*Every Time I Fell the Spirit*”

Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff, Austin Tomlinson / Welcome Desk: Robin Schwellenbach / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / 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, Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Ron and Noreen Southgate and family on the death of their daughter Wendy Southgate Murphy on April 28, 2024. A celebration of life will be held here at Saginaw First United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00pm.

THE REBECCA FELLOWSHIP women's group will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 11:00am. Roger Spann will share his experiences in Education in Africa. Please RSVP to Betty Jo Cloud or the church office.

SENIOR GAME DAY is this Wednesday, May 22 from 3:00-5:00pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 7:15pm

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, June 4 at 7:15pm

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD will meet Monday, June 17 at 7:00pm

KIDS CLUB will meet next Sunday, May 26, following worship from 11:15am – 12:30pm. For all kids thru 5th grade. Bible Story, Crafts, Projects, Games, and Lunch provided.

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 Michigan Annual Conference 2024.*

GRADUATES – If you have a student graduating this year from High School, College, University, Grad School, Trade School, or Military, we want to celebrate. **Please do not assume we know!!** Email firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. WE NEED TO KNOW: Name, Where graduating from, Degree (*if applicable*), Honors, and Future Plans. Also, please send a picture!! Graduation Sunday this year is scheduled for June 2, 2024.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Sloppy Joes. Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk or Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

HELP NEEDED over the summer for Coffee Time & Special Music. Sign up online using links below:
Coffee Time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>
Special Music: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-special1>

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Faith Unity CELEBRATION

LED BY PASTOR HURLEY COLEMAN AND THE WORLD OUTREACH CAMPUS

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
JOLT CREDIT UNION EVENT PARK

Use the power of music and the in-depth talent in our community to celebrate with all churches and all ethnicities the things we all have in common in our Christian faith. The event will be faith-oriented through a celebration giving Glory to God for Saginaw, hosting the 2024 CHL Memorial Cup presented by Dow. A Final Song, "Believe For It," will conclude the celebration as dozens of pastors will be on stage with musicians and choirs to perform the song. Very appropriate, as many in our community "Believed for It" as they prayed over the Memorial Cup Bid to be awarded to Saginaw.

Preceded by an Ice Cream Social starting at 12 noon, presented by: Michigan Sugar

Participate in the Choir!!
Rehearsal Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm
at World Outreach Campus
2405 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603
(at the corner of Bay Rd. and Deindorfer)



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