

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
June 2, 2024 - 10:00am - Third Sunday in the Season of Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

by César Malan; arr. Wilbur Held

**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 FWS #2051:** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

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| 1) I was there to hear your borning cry,<br>I'll be there when you are old.<br>I rejoiced the day you were baptized,<br>To see your life unfold.   | I'll be there to make your verses rhyme<br>From dusk 'till rising sun.                                                                           |
| 2) I was there when you were but a child,<br>With a faith to suit you well;<br>In a blaze of light you wandered off<br>To find where demons dwell. | 5) In the middle ages of your life,<br>Not too old, no longer young,<br>I'll be there to guide you thru the night,<br>Complete what I've begun.  |
| 3) When you heard the wonder of the Word<br>I was there to cheer you on;<br>You were raised to praise the living Lord,<br>To whom you now belong.  | 6) When the evening gently closes in,<br>And you shut your weary eyes,<br>I'll be there as I have always been<br>With just one more surprise.    |
| 4) If you find someone to share your time<br>And you join your hearts as one,                                                                      | 7) I was there to hear your borning cry,<br>I'll be there when you are old.<br>I rejoiced the day you were baptized,<br>To see your life unfold. |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Call to Worship:** [adapted from John H. Danner in "Touch Holines" Updated, ed. (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 277.]

**One:** We cannot escape God's love – there is no hiding from it.

**All:** As a parent searches for a lost child, so God searches us out wherever we may be.

**One:** God's love holds our best selves, sees our potential, and has plans for our welfare.

**All:** God's love shields us, upholds us, and strengthens us for the hardships of life.

**One:** We may travel to the moon or to the depths of the ocean: God's love is there.

**All:** We may think ourselves to greater levels of sophistication: God's love is there.

**One:** We may fall in the pits of sin: even then, God's love is there, bathing us in grace.

**All:** Thanks be to God who knows us and loves us. Let us worship God with joy!

\* 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 #382:** “*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*” (vs. 1 & 4)

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!*

**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**

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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:** “*Friends*”

*by Deborah D. and Michael W. Smith; arr. Betacustic*

**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:** Gracious God, we offer our gifts today in response to your love. Just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness. May our stewardship reflect our trust in you. Guide us to embody our creed, living as a community of faith in love, service, and action. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.*

## Recognizing our Graduates

### High School Graduates



**Anthony Ashmall**

Graduated from: Saginaw Twp. Heritage High School  
Several Honors in Academics, Theater, and Music  
Future Plans: Central Michigan University  
dual major in fine arts musical theater and psychology.



**Emily O'Dell** (*granddaughter of Dave & Judy O'Dell*)

Graduated from: Standish-Sterling Central High School  
Sports: varsity volleyball, swim team, track & field shotput/discus  
Competed at the State Track Meet for both shotput and discus.  
Honors: National Honor Society  
National Technical Honor Society  
Regional Vice President, FFA  
Recipient of several scholarships  
Future Plans: Ferris State University to earn a Nursing Degree



**John Yeager Rojas** (*grandson of Lou and Karen Constan*)

Graduating from Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville  
Future plans: U. of Tennessee in Knoxville – Business major

### University Graduates



**Mariah Curtiss**

Graduated from: Saginaw Valley State University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Magna Cum Laude  
Now working at Covenant HealthCare Labor and Delivery Nurse



**Briana Doll** (*granddaughter of Ron Frazier*)

Graduated from: Grand Valley State University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.  
Future Plans: Now working at Hurley Hospital.

**Chorus for Graduates FWS #2281 – “May You Run and Not Be Weary”**

*May you run and not be weary; may your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary; may your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home!*

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

*Pew Bible O.T. pg. 545-546*

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you...  
<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Response to the Word**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:**

“Yahweh, I Know You Are Near”  
*Jane MacQueen, Terry Moon and Peg Wilken*

*by Dan Schutte*

**Meditation:**

“COURAGEOUS LIVING”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*U.M. Hymnal pg. 17, Musical Setting A*

One: The Lord be with you,

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your word.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,

At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him  
and declared him your beloved Son.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,

To proclaim release to the captive and recovering of sight to the blind;

To set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce  
that the time had come when you would save your people.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,

baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said

“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,

gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me.

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ;

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
Until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice, and partake of the Sacrament. Return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, servers will bring communion to you after those coming forward have been served.*

*Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.*

*Special Music During Communion: "One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley; arr. John Carter*

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

**\*Closing Hymn W&S #3174:** *"Christ, We Are Blest"* (see back of bulletin)

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| 1) Christ, we are blest as we gather to dine,<br>Strengthened for love by the bread<br>and the wine.<br>This is your body, now entering ours,<br>Strong with your loving,<br>miraculous powers. | Rising like wheat in the warmth of the sun!<br>Christ, you are risen! New life has begun!                                                                                          |
| 2) You laid your life down<br>like sowing a seed;<br>Once dead and buried,<br>from death you are freed,                                                                                         | 3) Christ, you are risen, but not far above:<br>You live among us in each act of love,<br>In every deed of compassion you rise,<br>Living in flesh we can see with our eyes.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4) Jesus, you feed us, then bid us to leave,<br>Sharing with others the love we receive.<br>We are your body, sent by your command,<br>Making love real as the bread in our hands. |

**\*Benediction:**

*(adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>)*

One: Beloved, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made." May this truth be a blessing to you this week: the Creator who knows you better than you know yourself fearfully and wonderfully made you just as you are. Let us go now to speak truth, share love, and recognize the Creator's fingerprint in all creation.

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

**\*Postlude:** *"Ain't-a That Good News"*

*African American Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim*

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**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Bonnie Dole and Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson, Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Communion Servers: Anthony Ashmall, Jim Doane, Anne Marks-Gaertner, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, & Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. A celebration of life will be held here today at 3:00pm.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** given in honor of Bill and Sue Johnson's birthdays on 6/5 & 6/1.

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE** will meet Monday, June 3 at 6:00pm

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, June 11 at 7:15pm

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

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY** - Next Sunday, June 9, we will honor all those who volunteer within our church family in a variety of ways. Please plan to be here for the celebration if you serve the church in *any* way. Thank you!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** – Sun. June 9, 11:30am-12:30pm.

**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: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18  
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED** to help take pictures of church events and of individuals/families for the online directory. Call the office at 989-799-0131 if you can help out.

**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!*  
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## Christ, We Are Blest

Eb Ab Eb/G Bb Eb  
 1. Christ, we are blest as we gath - er to dine,  
 2. You laid your life down like sow - ing a seed;  
 3. Christ, you are ris - en, but not far a - bove:  
 4. Je - sus, you feed us, then bid us to leave,

5 Bb Bb/D Eb Ab Cm Bb  
 strength - ened for love by the bread and the wine.  
 once dead and bur - ied, from death you are freed,  
 you live a - mong us in each act of love,  
 shar - ing with oth - ers the love we re - ceive.

9 Ab Eb Bb/D Gm Ab Bb/D  
 This is your bod - y, now en - ter - ing ours,  
 ris - ing like wheat in the warmth of the sun!  
 in ev - ery deed of com - pas - sion you rise,  
 We are your bod - y, sent by your com - mand,

13 Cm Ab Eb/G Ab Fm7 Eb  
 strong with your lov - ing mi - rac - u - lous powers.  
 Christ, you are ris - en! New life has be - gun!  
 liv - ing in flesh we can see with our eyes.  
 mak - ing love real as the bread in our hands.

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