

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are committed to love the whole city and to love the city whole!
June 23, 2024 - 10:00am - Sixth Sunday in Pentecost Season*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Swedish Melody; arr. William H. Bates

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 #277:** “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

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| 1) Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me. | Words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face. |
| 2) First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing
resting on me; | 3) Into the city I'd follow
the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree
high in my hand;
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!" |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

[adapted from Psalm 103]

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the Lord, who forgives our sin, who heals our diseases, who redeems us and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**

One: Bless the Lord who works justice for the oppressed.

All: **Bless the Lord who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Bless the Lord who does not repay us according to our sins.

All: **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us;**

One: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who revere him

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, whose love is from everlasting to everlasting!**

** Please stand if you are able*

Time of Prayer – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards.*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2071: “*Jesus, Name Above All Names*”

*Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God Is With Us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the People and Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns – *Judy O’Dell*

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 for God’s blessings.*

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

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



Offertory: “*Breath of Heaven*”

by Chris Eaton / Amy Grant; arr. Marianne Kim

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, as we bring our offerings before you, we acknowledge the gift of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Help us not to accept your grace in vain, but to let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the transforming power of your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationship, trusting in the abundance of your grace to guide us. Amen.**

Introduction to the Message

Stacy Sharrow, Liturgist

The Message: “**MARY – THE SERVANT OF THE LORD**”

written and performed by Kathleen Jimenez

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #396: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

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| <p>1) O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.</p> <p>2) O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.</p> | <p>3) O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.</p> <p>4) O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

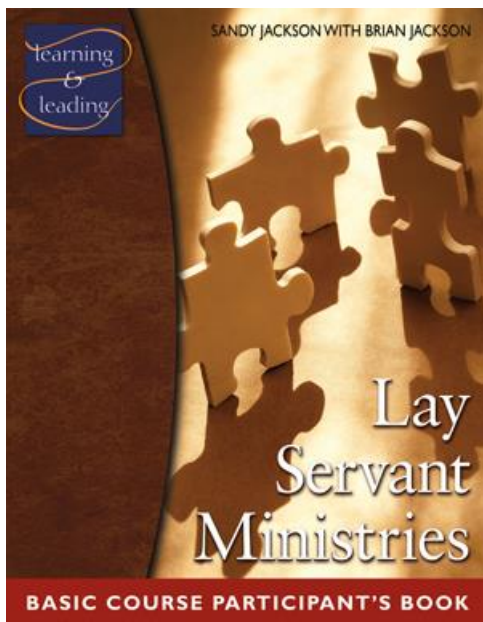
One: Beloved, today is the day of salvation! May you go from this place to carry and to share the grace, love, and peace of the Triune God who holds you, surrounds you, and keeps you.

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

***Postlude: “Mary, Did You Know”**

by Mark Lowry / Buddy Greene; arr. Brent Edstrom

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LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, who then go and make other disciples in a variety of ways.

Lay Servant Ministries of Central Bay District invites you to attend a 10-hour class that introduces you to Lay Speaking and Lay Servant Ministry. God calls us all to a life of servanthood as disciples of Jesus Christ. While this class is invaluable to public speakers who may feel called to preach in other churches besides their home church, it also gives individuals opportunities to explore other avenues of ministry and service within the United Methodist Church.

SUMMER BASIC COURSE

When: Tuesday evenings – July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 6, 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Where: Saginaw First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

Instructor: Pastor Amy Terhune

Text for the class: *Lay Servant Ministries/Basic Course* by Sandy Jackson & Brian Jackson

FALL BASIC COURSE

When: Saturdays – September 7 and September 14, 2024

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm (includes a 1-hour lunch break)

Where: Auburn United Methodist Church, 207 S. Auburn Rd, Auburn, MI 48611

Instructor: Pastor Amy Terhune

Text for the class: *Lay Servant Ministries/Basic Course* by Sandy Jackson & Brian Jackson

You must PREREGISTER for these classes by emailing Janice Buckley at:

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1. Learn more online at <https://michiganumc.org/laity/lay-servant/>.
2. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website, or at <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-1-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Servant-Application.pdf> OR <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-2-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Speaker-Application.pdf> and have it signed by the appropriate people.
3. Bring your signed registration request form with you to the first class session on July 16, 2024 or Sept. 7, 2024. **The deadline for summer registration is July 6, 2024. The deadline for Fall Registration is August 25, 2024.**
4. It is your responsibility to order the participants book for \$12 here: <https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Guest Preacher: Kathy Jimenez / Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Prayer Leader: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Andy Sharrow, Cal and Pam Mott / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Kay Mertz

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, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR and for peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza.

THE MESSAGE TODAY, entitled "Mary – the Servant of the Lord" is written and performed by Kathleen Jimenez. The main body of the play is from the Holy Scriptures, with some dramatic license. History on the family of Jesus is based upon the book "Christmas – The Rest of the Story" by Rick Renner. He researched the writings of early church fathers and historians for information that has been little known by today's church. It takes place in Ephesus because Mary moved there with John when he left Jerusalem.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for preschool through 5th grade will take place here at Saginaw First U.M.C. on Sunday 8/11, Monday 8/12, and Tuesday 8/13 from 6-8pm.

NEXT VBS PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, June 30, 11:30am-12:30pm.

PASTOR AMY is away on the Youth Mission Trip, along with Lexi Sharrow and Madeline Curtis in Des Moines, Iowa. Please keep them in prayer this week. **FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES**, please contact Rev. Rob Richards at (989) 751-5818 or Rev. Brad Terhune at (906) 231-1495.

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>

PICTURES FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY – We are now trying to ensure that we have pictures for everyone in the online directory. This makes it easier for newer and longtime members to recognize one another and get to know each other. You can send Pastor Amy your favorite family photo, or stay after church later this month and we'll take a picture for you! Thank you!

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**

Please take time to fill out the interest survey for your household on the reverse. You may also complete this online using the QR code to the right. Thank you for your help and feedback!



INTEREST SURVEY

Name _____ Would you need transportation: yes no
 Times available to help: mornings afternoons evenings weekends varies other _____

I, or someone in my household, might be interested in helping:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> visit elderly/shut-ins | <input type="checkbox"/> as an usher | <input type="checkbox"/> pack kids food bags | <input type="checkbox"/> with yard care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reach out to newcomers | <input type="checkbox"/> as a greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> deliver kids food bags | *With education: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> with skits in worship | <input type="checkbox"/> with building repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> nursery / preschool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with social media | <input type="checkbox"/> as a reader in worship | <input type="checkbox"/> &/or maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> elementary (K-5 th gr.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> play in praise band | <input type="checkbox"/> in the kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> with A/V or computer | <input type="checkbox"/> youth (6 th -12 th grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> with coffee time | <input type="checkbox"/> upkeep &/or operation | <input type="checkbox"/> young adults/college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> at the welcome desk | <input type="checkbox"/> with sewing/crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> decorate for holidays | <input type="checkbox"/> adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> with funeral lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> and special seasons | <input type="checkbox"/> short term classes |

I, or someone in my household, is interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> drama/skits | <input type="checkbox"/> children's Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> vacation Bible school | <input type="checkbox"/> youth mission trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reading/leading in worship | <input type="checkbox"/> bell choir | <input type="checkbox"/> local missions/service | <input type="checkbox"/> adult mission trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taizè Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly free meal | <input type="checkbox"/> food ministry to area schools | <input type="checkbox"/> bible studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> choir/music/band | <input type="checkbox"/> family fun events | <input type="checkbox"/> spiritual growth | <input type="checkbox"/> book studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soloing (vocal/instrumental) | <input type="checkbox"/> senior fun events | <input type="checkbox"/> prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> youth ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> acolytes (<i>kids light candals</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> social issues/activism | <input type="checkbox"/> men's group |
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I have skills/training in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> planning/organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> working w/ details | <input type="checkbox"/> public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> community organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> nursing/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> drama/theater | <input type="checkbox"/> carpentry / building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fund-raising | <input type="checkbox"/> business management | <input type="checkbox"/> conflict resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> visioning for future | <input type="checkbox"/> interacting w/ people | <input type="checkbox"/> computer maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> electrical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child development | <input type="checkbox"/> law/legal matters | <input type="checkbox"/> music (vocal) | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity/social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> financial planning | <input type="checkbox"/> human resources | <input type="checkbox"/> music (instrument) | <input type="checkbox"/> web design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

Committee/Church Board Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Education / Prepare | <input type="checkbox"/> UM Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship / Reach | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Parish Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Care/Nurture | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Outreach/Send | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Meals |

None of the above interest me OR in addition to items above, here is what I'd like to do for my church:

Here's an innovative thought or idea I have for our church and its future:
