

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

August 11, 2024 - 10:00am - Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Come, Ye Disconsolate”

by S. Webbe; arr. Raymond H. Haan

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 #178:** “Hope of the World”

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| 1) Hope of the world,
Thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts
by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people,
from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes
and aims are spent. | Walk thou beside us
Lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee to endless night. |
| 2) Hope of the world,
God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls
the bread of life,
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given,
To heal earth's wounds
and end all bitter strife. | 4) Hope of the world,
who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair,
from sin and guilt,
We render back the love
thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives,
and use them as thou wilt. |
| 3) Hope of the world,
afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wandering souls
the path of light, | 5) Hope of the world,
O Christ o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst
conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful
to thy gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord!
thou dost forever reign. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

One: Wait for the Lord with hope, for God's mercy never fails.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Watch for the Lord with hope, like those who eagerly await the morning.

All: **We watch for God, trusting that the morning always comes.**

One: Worship the Lord with hope, for God's power redeems us.

All: **Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love with thanksgiving!**

** 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 #474: “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*” (vs. 1 only)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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



Offertory: “*Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen*”

Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Peggy Tolson

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 boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we come before you, recognizing your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. May these gifts advance your healing touch to those in need, those burdened by grief, and those struggling to find their way, through Christ our Savior. 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.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 130

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 542

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. ² Hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Special Music

“Multiplied”

by Nathaniel Rinehart and William Rinehart

Evie Kraynak, Soloist

Scripture Lesson: II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 24, 31-33

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 279-280

⁵ King David ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “For my sake, deal gently with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. ⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day – some twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. ⁹ Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on... ¹⁵ And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him... ²⁴ Now David was sitting between the two gates... ³¹ Then the Cushite messenger came and said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” ³² The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to do you harm share the fate of that young man.” ³³ The king was deeply grieved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept, saying, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:

“OUT OF THE DEPTHS, I CRY”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2218: “You Are Mine”**

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| <p>1) I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am here. [to vs. 2]</p> <p>2) I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see;
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light;
Come and rest in me. [Chorus]</p> | <p>3) I am strength for all the despairing;
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see,
The lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. [Chorus]</p> <p>4) I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give;
I will call your name,
Embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now, walk, and live. [Chorus]</p> |
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Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go forth in hope, and the Lord our God goes with you to guide your steps. Go forth in love, and Christ Jesus – God’s love made flesh – goes by your side to empower you. Go forth in peace, and the Spirit of God lives in you to bring healing and vision to you and through you, by God’s amazing grace.

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

***Postlude: “Processional”**

by G. Winston Cassler

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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, Marc Cesare, Max Mondol / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour Host: Needed / Sound System: Angie Smith / 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, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, RuthAnn Hilton, Marion Hoffman, Sharon Ketcham, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, David Marks, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TONIGHT for preschool through 5th grade . VBS is free! Sunday 8/11, Monday 8/12, and Tuesday 8/13 from 6-8pm. Registration form attached.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for summer salads. **Sign up to donate Salads at the Welcome Desk** or volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

KIDS CLUB begins Sunday Sept. 8. From 11:30am-1pm and meets each month on the 2nd Sunday.

FREE MEAL COMMITTEE will meet Sunday, Sept 8 immediately following worship. If you'd like to help with a free meal, please plan to stay and join in the planning.

THE ANNUAL FALL MINISTRY FAIR will be held Sunday, September 15 following worship. All Church groups/activities, our ministry partners, and those who use are building are welcome to share more about what they do and to put up a display in the Lobby area.

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!

If you are **HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE THIS FALL** (or you have a kid who is), please make sure the church office has your (your kid's) campus address. Call Dina at (989) 799-0131 to update our records. Thank you! (We try to send treats at Exam times, and notes of encouragement.)

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.
Complete it online using the QR code to the right
or pick up a paper copy from the welcome desk. Thank you!*



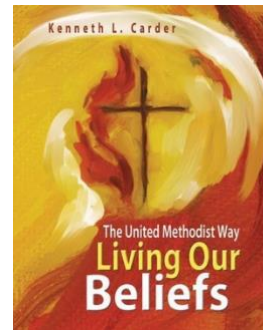
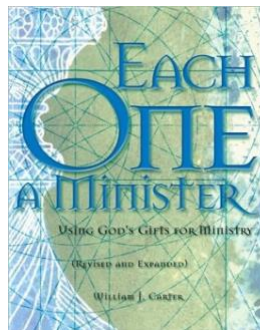
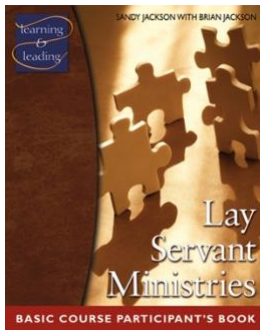
FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

September 7 & 14, 2024

CLASS	LEADER	REQUIRED TEXT
Lay Servant Basic Class	Rev. Amy Terhune	<i>Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course</i> by Sandy Jackson w/ Brian Jackson
Discovering Spiritual Gifts	Rev. Carmen Cook	<i>Each One A Minister</i> by William J. Carter
Methodist Heritage	Janice Buckley	<i>Living Our Beliefs</i> by Kenneth L. Carder

Preregistration REQUIRED by August 31, 2024

By emailing Janic Buckley at buckley7878@charter.net



CLASSES HELD AT AUBURN U.M.C.

207 S. Auburn Street, Auburn, MI 48611

9:00am – 3:00pm

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 Sept. 7, 2024. **The deadline for Fall Registration is August 31, 2024.**
4. Please bring your own SACK LUNCH, the required textbook, a bible, pencil/paper for notes, and an open mind.
5. 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>



FREE for all kids who are potty trained through 5th grade
Evening includes dinner, storytime, songs, crafts, games and MESSY TIME!
NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES! YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED

Name of Child/Youth #1 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #2 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #3 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #4 attending/helping with VBS: _____
Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____ Texts? Y N Email: _____