

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

September 22, 2024 - 10:00am - Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

by William Bradbury; arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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 #2202:** “Come Away With Me”

- 1) Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace, to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace. Come away with me. Come away.
- 2) Come and pray with me on a gentle sea; on top of a hill in the Galilee, in gardens like Gethsemane. Come away with me. Come away.
- 3) Come today with thoughts of the countless ways that God’s steadfast love blesses all our days, and join with me in silent praise. Come away with me. Come away.
- 4) Come and say, in words whispered from your soul, the feelings & actions you can't control. Your spirit needs to be made whole. Come away with me. Come away.
- 5) Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace all those who come in hope of grace. Come away with me. Come away.

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>)

One: We will walk this day with you, O God, and you will walk with us,

All: **Gathering us into a community to pray for one another in all things.**

One: We will walk this day with you, O Christ, and you will walk with us,

All: **Calling us to follow you, helping us to set aside all which holds us back.**

One: We will walk this day with you, O Spirit, and you will walk with us,

All: **Sending us out, side by side, to serve those cast aside by the world.**

** 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 #2193 – “Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”

*Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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!*

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



Offertory: “Hymns of Comfort”

arr. Phillip Keveren

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 and Present God, we bring you our tithes and gifts with gratitude for your many blessings and your responsive heart. We know you hear us when we pray, and you are with us in our struggles. May these gifts be used for your purposes, to answer the prayers of your people in this community and around the world, for we ask in Christ’s name. 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.*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #463: “Lord, Speak To Me”**

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| 1) Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone. | And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart. |
| 2) O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea. | 4) O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. |
| 3) O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart; | 5) O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share. |

***Benediction:**

(adapted from Nathan Nettleton, www.laughingbird.net)

One: Beloved, go now and celebrate wherever God’s name is honored. Persevere in prayer and action, that the goodness of God may be more widely known. And may God be experienced in your daily walk; May Christ Jesus heal you and raise you up; and may the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace with one another.

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

***Postlude: “Procession”**

by Russell Schultz-Widmar

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Featuring a *Buy-it-Now!* Booth

Friday, October 11 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 12 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 13 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Admission is FREE

Quilts will be displayed throughout the whole Church building and Fellowship Hall again this year.

Join us at
Our Saviour Lutheran Church
2525 Hemmeter Rd.

Corner of Hemmeter Rd. and Weiss St.
Saginaw, Michigan

***Masks are not required,
but will be made available for your use.***

**All Quilt Show & Auction proceeds benefit
Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Sue Arceo and Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Cal & Pam Mott, Andy Sharrow / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / 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, Sue Johnson, Sharon Ketcham, 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, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrative Board – Monday, 9/23 at 7:00pm
Trustees Committee – Tuesday, 9/24 at 7:15pm

THE FALL 2024 ADULT BOOK STUDY continues into week two this Tuesday, Sept. 24 (in person) at 6:00pm or Wednesday, Sept. 25 (online) at 7:30. We're studying "This Is Going To Hurt" by Bekah McNeel. Books in the main office for \$15.

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th graders begins TONIGHT, September 22 from 6:00-7:30pm for Planning, Pizza, and Games.

A TOWN HALL MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, 9/29 to present First U.M.C.'s vision and ways that you can be involved. You will receive a brochure in the mail this coming week that lays out our plan and our needs. Please read it carefully and plan to stay after worship on Sept. 29 to learn more, ask questions, and discover new ways that God is moving among us!!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for loaded nachos. Sign up to donate food at the welcome desk, or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>
Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

FUN EVENT - Eagle Scout Mark Schultz, of Troup #55 in Frankenmuth, is building a **TREBUCHET** (or catapult) for us here at First U.M.C. We will use it to welcome the community to our back lot on Friday, November 1 from 6-7pm to "Fling pumpkins" into the back field. We'll also have roasted hot dogs, chips, and hot apple cider. All are invited to bring their used jack-o-lanterns to "fling". Event is free and open to all. Trebuchet will be operated only by trained adults. Mark needs to raise about \$600 to build the catapult. You can donate to him through the church.

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!*

