

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

September 29, 2024 - 10:00am - Twentieth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Trust and Obey”

by Daniel B. Towner; arr. Gene Robinson

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 #384:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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| 1) Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart. | 3) Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love. |
| 2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty. | 4) Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

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

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

All: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

All: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to embrace Jesus’ call to step out of the comfort of our ordered lives, and into the unknown adventure of faith:

All: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, ‘God, save us!’ in every situation. Let us worship God together!

** 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 #2186 – “Song of Hope”

*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new; Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

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!
Use the QR code to the right or give online here:
<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>*



Offertory: “*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*”

by Lowell Mason; arr. John Carter

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, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, and sufficient faith to follow without fear. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, your reign may come, through 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.*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 15

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn UMH #398: *"Jesus Calls Us"*

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| <p>1) Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"</p> <p>2) As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home & toil & kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.</p> <p>3) Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,</p> | <p>from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"</p> <p>4) In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"</p> <p>5) Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all</p> |
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The Sermon:

“ON STEPPING OUT IN FAITH”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #451: “Be Thou My Vision”**

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| 1) Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light. | Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art. |
| 2) Be thou my Wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord; | 3) Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all. |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, when the storm threatens to overwhelm us, recall Jesus’ words: “Take heart, it’s me; don’t be afraid”, and so go forth committed to stepping out in faith and ready to risk compassion and grace to spread faith and peace to all you meet this week.

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

Postlude: *Finale on “He Leadeth Me”

by William Bradbury; arr. Matthew H. Corl

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22nd Annual Quilt Show & Silent Auction

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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Karen Constan, Dave & Leslie Hersh / Ushers: Kevin Malotka, Bob Bula, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe & Nancy Kozumplik / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Bryan Latimer and family upon the passing of his mother, Marilyn Latimer, on Friday. A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday 10/2 at 11:00am at Wisner Christian Community Church.

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, 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.

YOUTH, KIDS, and FAMILIES are headed to **LEAMAN'S APPLE BARN** on Sunday, October 13 from 12:30-2:30pm. This is in place of our regular Kid's Club and Youth Group activities. Corn maze, games, petting zoo, hay rides, and donuts/cider are all part of the fun! The event is free. If you're planning to come, please RSVP to Pastor Amy via text/call at (989) 274-6363 or via email at pastoralbt@outlook.com so that we can order tickets online ahead of time. Thank you!

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.

TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY following worship, to present First U.M.C.'s vision and ways that you can be involved. You should have received a brochure in the mail last week that lays out our plan and our needs. If not, copies are available at the Welcome Desk. Please stay after worship today 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 THE PUMPKINS**. 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: **saginawfume**

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

