

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

October 6, 2024 - 10:00am - World Communion Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Five Variations on "Jesus Calls Us"*

by William H. Jude; arr. Jack W. Jones

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 #547: "O Church of God, United"**

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| 1) O church of God, united
To serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message,
With hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
We follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
Along the upward way. | 3) Though creeds and tongues may differ,
They speak, O Christ, of thee;
And in thy loving spirit
We shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
And singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
Of thy redeeming name. |
| 2) From every land and nation
The ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader
They come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
They praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence
Upon his saving word. | 4) May thy great prayer be answered
That we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united
In thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness,
To make the pathway bright,
That souls which grope in darkness
May find the one true light. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

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

One: Jesus calls us to follow, but how hard that is when he challenges us to release the hold wealth holds on our culture, our imagination, and our inmost selves.

All: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God's help.

One: Jesus teaches us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, but what about when we have to put what we know into action?

All: We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God's help.

One: Jesus leads us to trust in the abundance of God's gifts, but the world constantly cries of scarce resources, limited opportunities, and unfair practices.

All: We want to learn and live a more hopeful way, and we can with God's help. Thanks be to God for His abundant grace.

** 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 – “Where Your Treasure is”

adapted by M.H.; Music by Marty Haugen; © 2000 GIA Publications Inc.



Where your treas - ure is, there your heart shall be. All that
you pos - sess will nev - er set you free. Seek the things that last; come and
learn from me. Where your treas - ure is, your heart shall be.

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!*

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

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



Offertory: *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

Indian Folk Melody; arr. Robert W. Thygeson

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: *(from the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, <https://umfmichigan.org>)*

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations, and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.

Stewardship Moment

Bill and Xenny Johnson

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 43-44

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Response to the Word

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon:

“THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST”

Pastor Amy Terhune

Chorus W&S #3168: *“Come to the Table of Grace (vs. 1 only)*

1) Come to the table of grace; come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

(Musical Setting A – UMH pg. 17)

L: The Lord be with you,

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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

You have made from one every nation and people that live on all the face of the earth.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: 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!

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

who lived among us to show us your love: caring enough to feed hungry persons,

stopping to touch those in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself:

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,

you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night 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.

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

L: Let us pray: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on those gathered here,
and on all who worship within the sound of my voice.
Bless our offering of bread and juice, that they may be for us
the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name,
that united with Christ and one another by the Spirit,
we are one in ministry throughout the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we all feast together at his One Table.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice and partake. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.
When all who are able to come forward have been served, the communion stewards
will bring the sacrament out to those who are unable to come forward.*

*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.*

Music During Communion – W&S #3168: “Come to the Table of Grace

1) Come to the table of grace*; come to the table of grace*.
This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace*.

2) * peace 3) * love 4) * joy 5) * hope 6) * grace

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2130:** *“The Summons”* (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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| 1) Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me? | 4) Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch
and sound in you, and you in me? |
| 2) Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me? | 5) Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your
love and footsteps show,
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me. |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, may God bless you with courage to turn from worldly values, trust to choose God's economy over the world's economy, and opportunities to discover God's abundance over and over and over again, as you share God's love this week.

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

***Postlude:** *“Take Up Thy Cross”*

by L.V. Beethoven; arr. Mark Rippe

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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.

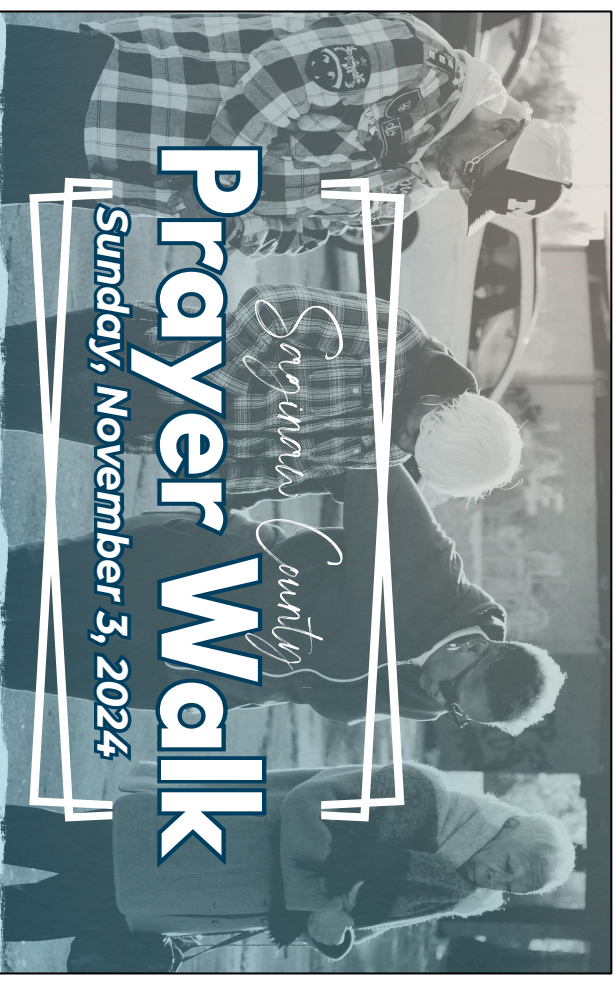
Join us at

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
Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity
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Prayer Walk

Saginaw County

Sunday, November 3, 2024

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY / PRAY FOR PEACE

Route starts and ends at: New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

2:15pm - Early Arrival/Meet-up

New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral
3121 Sheridan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601

2:55pm - Stop 1 - Wickes Park

412 Wickes park Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

3:30pm - Stop 2 - Borchard Park

100 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602

4:10pm - Stop 3 - Unity Park

1305 Leon Scott Ct, Saginaw, MI 48601

4:35pm - Stop 4 - Buena Vista Community Center

1940 S Outer Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jim Doane / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell and Angie Smith / Communion Servers: Judy Briggs, Jim Doane, Anne Marks-Gaertner / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Marsha Curry upon the passing of her sister Brenda Lemmer in St. Augustine FL. on Monday, Sept. 30, and to Bryan Latimer and family upon the passing of his mother, Marilyn Latimer last Friday, Sept. 27.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given in memory of Marilyn Latimer.

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** next 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 meets Tuesdays (in person) at 6:00pm or Wednesdays (online) at 7:30. We're studying "This Is Going To Hurt" by Bekah McNeel. Books are \$15.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing THIS 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.

THANK YOU to the leadership of our Annual Stewardship Drive and 3-Year Capital Campaign:
Campaign Co-chairs: Anne Marks-Gaertner and Peg Wilken;
Gratitude Team Leader: Jill Spaulding; Celebration Team Leader: Carla Piazza Wistehuff;
Advance Gifts/Follow-Through Team Leaders: Ed Cunningham, Marc Cesere and Bill Johnson;
Prayer Calling Team Leaders: Kathy Jimenez, Suzanne Clark and Xenny Johnson;
Communications: Anne Marks-Gaertner, Peg Wilken, Xenny Johnson, Cory Sursely & Pastor Amy
Trustees' Chair: Bill Cowdry

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