# <u>First United Methodist Church</u>

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

November 10, 2024 - 10:00am - 26th Sunday in Pentecost

#### GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** Variations on "Amazing Grace"

by W. Walker; 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: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159">https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159</a>
Please fill out your yellow prayer cards



\*Opening Hymn UMH #57: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

- O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!
- 2) My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth Abroad the honors of thy name.
- 4) He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
- 5) He speaks, and listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

### PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

# \*The Call to Worship:

One: A blind man sat by the side of the road, forgotten and directionless, until he heard that Jesus was coming. Then he cried out:

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

One: Others tried to silence him. Stay on the margins where you belong, they said. But Jesus called him close, asking, "what shall I do for you?"

All: Teacher, let me see again!

One: And Jesus did – the Holy One who came to show us God's love; who came to open our eyes to God's presence among us; who came to gift us with a vision of God's Kingdom – he healed him.

All: Your faith has made you well and whole. Go in peace.

One: Let our prayer be the same – that we may truly see again all that Jesus comes to reveal. And see, not just with our eyes, but with our hearts, that we live Christ's compassion and follow his way in our daily living.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, that we may see, and serve, and follow faithfully, ready to give of ourselves for your sake and for the sake of gospel. Amen!

**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 #2086 - "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

# 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**



**Offertory**: "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

by Paul Beloch; arr. Larry Dalton

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 who heals, pour out your compassion on us, and use who we are and what we have given to expand your tender healing and abundant grace in this community and around the world, until all know your love and follow your way of justice and peace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Choral Anthem:** "Let All the People Say Amen!"

by Allen Pote

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! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 44

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, he let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn UMH #351: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

1) Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior,

The Sermon.

Hear my humble cry;

While on others thou art calling,

Do not pass me by.

2) Let me at thy throne of mercy Find a sweet relief.

Kneeling there in deep contrition; Help my unbelief. (Refrain)

- 3) Trusting only in thy merit, Would I seek thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by thy grace. (Refrain)
- 4) Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me. Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? (Refrain)

The Sermon:	"TIM'S BOY"	Pastor Amy Terhune

"TIM'S ROV"

#### WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn FWS #2241: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve"

- The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
   We go in Jesus' name
   To bring glad tidings to the poor,
   God's favor to proclaim.
- 2) We go to comfort those who mourn And set the burdened free; Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
- 3) We go to be the hands of Christ, To scatter joy like seed And, all our days, to cherish life, To do the loving deed.
- 4) Then let us go to serve in peace, The gospel to proclaim God's Spirit has empowered us; We go in Jesus' name.

## \*Benediction:

One: Beloved, go forth with eyes wide open, that you may see both the needs of those around us, and the ever-present work of God among us. And may the grace of God, the love of Christ Jesus, and the inspiration and hope of the Holy Spirit be yours this week and always.

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

\*Postlude: "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish; arr. Raymond H. Haan

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**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Alexa Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Ethen Hagerl, Max Mondol and Marc Cesere / Coffee Hour Hosts: Jackie Matlock & Dee Mills / Sound System: Brian Hatch / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Merlyn Mondol, Teddy Reichard

- 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.
- **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Jacquie Matlock and family upon the death of Jacquie's brother Allen Jerome on Oct. 31, 2024. Memorial services were held yesterday in Midland.
- **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today given by Terry Moon & Peg Wilken, in memory of Ron Moon, whose life we celebrated here yesterday.

#### **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:**

- For **Camille Marek**, long-time member Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Camille's service will be followed by a simple dessert/coffee reception. If you can help with the reception or provide a dessert, sign-up here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-52860436-memorial">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-52860436-memorial</a>
- **PLEDGE CARDS** welcome anytime. It's not too late! If possible, please submit your 2025 pledge by Nov. 30, as this will help us solidify our budget. But we'll take them anytime©!
- KID'S CLUB will meet TODAY, Nov. 10 from 11:30am-1:00pm
- **DINNER FOR YOUNG ADULTS** (age 18-35) TONIGHT from 6:00-7:30. RSVP to Pastor Amy following worship if you haven't already.
- **FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for November: 4-Way Pasta. Sign up to Donate Food at the Welcome Desk. Volunteer to work here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community</a>
- MEN'S BREAKFAST is next Sunday, November 17 at 8:30am.
- **YOUTH GROUP** for middle and high school students will meet next Sunday, Nov. 17 from 6:00-7:30pm
- **REBECCA FELLOWSHIP** women's circle meets Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 11am
- SENIOR GAME DAY Wednesday, November 20 from 3-5pm
- THE BACKPACK PROGRAM for children struggling with food insecurity has begun. Sponsor a child for \$150/year. Sign up to pack food and help deliver to area schools at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack
- HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place following worship on Sunday, November 24.
- **ADVENT BOOK STUDY (4 WEEKS)** begins in person at 6pm on Tues. 11/26 and online at 7:30pm on Wed. 11/27. The book is entitled "Keep Watch With Me" by Claire Brown and M.T. McRay. Books available in the main office for \$15. Free books available to those who need them.

#### 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

Twitter: FirstUMCofSaginaw



We're coming together to make a difference. This year, the Interfaith Saginaw offering will go to support the Partnership Center in Saginaw.



Invites you to our 8th Annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

The Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints 1415 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

Sunday, November 24, 2024 – 3:00pm