

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
April 6, 2025 - 10:00am - Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *"I Surrender All"*

by W.S. Weeden; arr. Michael Shea

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 yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.



***Opening Hymn UMH #203** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

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| 1) Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity. | 3) He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow. |
| 2) He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Are precious in his sight. | 4) To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever;
That name to us is love. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Unison Prayer of Confession: *(Adapted from Thom Shuman, posted at <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=2008>.)*

Renewing God, like Judas, we are prone to complain about your generous ways rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. Sometimes our past achievements make it hard to let go and follow you. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

** Please stand if you are able*

The Words of Assurance

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace. This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Time of Prayer – *During the prayer chorus, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards to deliver to the pastor.*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2205: *“The Fragrance of Christ” (Chorus Only)*

*Lord, may our prayers rise like incense in your sight;
May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ*

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

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

♪ *Please choose to support your church family in this exciting and challenging time of mission/ministry. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

Use the QR codes or pledge/give online here:

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



The Offertory: *“More Precious Than Silver”*

by Lynn DeShazo; arr. Phillip Keveren

***The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95
(old 100th)*

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. Mindful of your abundance, help us to give generously. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn FWS #2113: *“Lamb of God”*

- 1) Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
- 2) Your gift of love they crucified; they laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

- 3) I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *[Refrain]*

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:

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 100

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it. ⁷ Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

MEMENTO MORI; MEMENTO VIVERE

Pastor Amy Terhune

Special Music:

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

by Matt Redman

Mark Ode, Guitar/soloist

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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

In love, you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.

You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast;
That, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer
and works of justice and mercy, we may experience the fullness of your grace.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself as a perfect sacrifice
for the sin of the whole world.
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 in which 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.

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

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice, and partake.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.
If you’re unable to come forward, please raise your hand and communion will be brought to you.*

*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: “Whiter Than Snow”

by William G. Fischer; arr. Richard Kingsmore

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2268: “As We Gather At Your Table**

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| 1) As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make love's victory known. | Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save. |
| 2) Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife. | 3) Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast,
Where triumphant love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us ,
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy. |

***Benediction:**

(adapted from Jan L. Richardson, <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>)

One: Beloved, wherever we see the body of Christ still broken in this world, may we meet it with lavish grace and pour ourselves out with extravagant love, that the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit may fill the world.

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

*** Postlude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

arr. Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Bonnie Dole and Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr, Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Communion Helpers: Anne Marks-Gaertner, Ethan Hagerl, Jude Mertz, Lexi Sharrow / Coffee Hour: the Johnson Family / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Counters: Jackie Matlock and Dee Mills

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Marion Hoffman, Sue Johnson, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, 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 the family and friends of Dr. Kirk Herrick, who passed away 3/27/25, and also to Sharon Ketcham & Ron Frazier on the death of Sharon's sister Diana Feltner on 3/7/25.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in honor of Matthew Constan's 14th Birthday from Dr. Lou & Karen Constan.

KIDS CLUB will meet next Sunday, April 13 from 11:30am-1:00pm

YOUNG ADULT DINNER will meet next Sunday, April 13 at 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS for middle school students will meet Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm.

UNDERWEAR DRIVE – Rebecca Circle Women's fellowship is collecting NEW packages of underwear for children for the Clothing/Food Pantry at New Heart Church. Please donate by Tuesday, April 15.

SIGN UP at the Welcome Desk to help with

- the Holy Thursday Soup Supper on April 17 at 5:45pm.
- packing sack lunches for Good Friday on April 18 at 9:30am.
- providing muffins for the Easter Breakfast on April 20 at 9:00am.

SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK even if you can't sing with the choir all year. Rehearsals are on Thursday 4/10 from 7:00-8:00pm, and on Thursday 4/17 at 6:15pm.

ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: Sunday, April 27, following worship – 11:30am Pizza Lunch, Noon-3:00pm Indoor and Outdoor clean-up work. Sign up on the list of chores at the Welcome Desk

BIBLE EXCHANGE – We now have a bookshelf in the lobby area with copies of Scripture available for free. If you need a bible, or see a translation you've not studied before, please feel free to take a bible. If you have extra copies of Scripture around your home that aren't being read/used, donate them!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, April 8 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for April: pulled pork sandwiches. Clean-up help needed. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community/>.

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM for children struggling with food insecurity continues. Sponsor a child for \$150/year. Call the office (989-799-0131) or sign up to pack food and deliver to area schools at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>

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**

Bluesky: **FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfume**

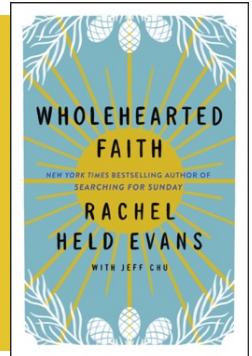
LENT 2025 at SAGINAW FIRST UMC

Lenten Book Study – “Wholehearted Faith” by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu is a collection of essays woven together from a new book on whole-heartedness that Rachel was working on at the time of her tragic death, and some of her other unpublished writings, which asks candid questions about the stories we’ve been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world.

In Person on Tuesdays at 6:00pm: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

Online Wednesdays at 7:30pm: 3/4*, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16

*held on a Tuesday to avoid Ash Wednesday – Books are \$15 from the main office.



Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 13 – 10:00am

Kid’s Club – 11:30am

Youth Adult Group – 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Worship and Communion
Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00pm
Soup Supper – 5:45pm
(choir members rehearse at 6:15pm)



Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 18

12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm

Come for one service or stay for both!

Sack lunches provided.

Easter Celebration Worship

Sunday, April 20 – 10:00am

Easter Breakfast – 9:00am



Please Join Us For A

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Gathering at the table to advance our beloved community

What is the Beloved Community?

Dr. King's Beloved Community is a vision of a society where justice, equality, and love prevail. It's a community built on understanding, compassion, and **collective action**.

Together, we can move closer to making this vision a reality.

This is your opportunity to:

Learn about the challenges affecting our community.

Collaborate with others to develop solutions and take action.

Be a part of building Dr. King's beloved community.



Thursday

April 24th, 2025

6:00 p.m.

**New Christ Community
Church**

3302 Grant St, Saginaw,
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FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!!!



For more information or to RSVP, contact us at
info@theezekielproject.org



ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Saginaw First United Methodist Church

You can also order online at: <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/order-easter-flowers/>

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Easter flowers are available to order until **TOMORROW** April 7, 2025. We regret that costs have risen and plants now cost \$25 each. Please note: we cannot guarantee colors. However, you are welcome to write a preference below if you have one and we'll do our best to honor it. Alternatively, you are welcome to purchase your own flowers and bring them on Good Friday 4/18 between 9am-1pm or on Saturday 4/19 between 1pm-5pm. If you want to order through the church, please fill in below how many of each plant you'd like to order:*

I would like to order _____ Easter Lily(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Tulip(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Daffodil(s) at \$25 each. _____

I would like to order _____ Hyacinth(s) at \$25 each. _____

I will bring in my own flowers (on Friday 4/18 between 9am-1pm or Saturday 4/19 between 1-5pm) _____

Flowers in Memory of: _____

OR

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Please submit payment to Saginaw First UMC, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638; or place in Offering Plate at worship. Note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or envelope.

Call the church office at (989)799-0131 if you have questions.