

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
April 27, 2025 - 10:00am - Second Sunday in Easter*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Three Settings of “We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”* by Hugh Wilson; arr. Donald Rotermund

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 #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. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from Thom Schuman, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

L: We have not seen the risen Christ, but we recognize him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

P: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face, but we have seen him in the faces of others: of the needy, of the stranger, of everyone whose love encourages us.

L: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

P: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world. May we be agents of healing and wholeness in a fearful, doubting world. Amen.

** 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 #2206: “*Without Seeing You*” (Chorus Only)

*Without seeing you, we love you; Without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow; Without seeing you, we believe.*

Time of Silent Meditation

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: “*Now the Green Blade Riseth*”

Traditional French; arr. Lloyd Larson

***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!

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** *(by Rev. Chad Hornsby, of the Quapaw/Osage people, www.umcdiscipleship.org.)*
God, from you comes every bounty; every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, we pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love. Amen.

***Hymn FWS #2196:** “*We Walk By Faith*”

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| 1) We walk by faith, and not by sight;
With gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near. | To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found: |
| 2) We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!" | 4) That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are,
In full and endless sight. |
| 3) Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound; | 5) We walk by faith, and not by sight;
With gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near. |

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 20:19-31

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 109

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

“I Have Not Seen, Yet I Believe”

w/m by Sally DeFord

Bryan Latimer

Sermon:

“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #508: “Faith, While Trees Are Still In Blossom”**

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| <p>1) Faith while trees are still in blossom,
Plans that picking of the fruit;
Faith can feel the thrill of harvest,
When the buds begin to sprout.</p> <p>2) Long before the dawn is breaking,
Faith anticipates the sun.
Faith is eager for the daylight,
For the work that must be done.</p> <p>3) Long before the rains were coming,
Noah went and built an ark.</p> | <p>Abraham, the lonely migrant,
Saw the light beyond the dark.</p> <p>4) Faith, uplifted, tamed the water
Of the undivided sea;
And the people of the Hebrews
Found the path that made them free.</p> <p>5) Faith, believes that God is faithful,
God will be what God will be.
Faith accepts the call, responding:
"I am willing; Lord, send me."</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Peter L. Haynes, <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>)

L: "Peace be with you," Jesus says to us in this room. "As the Father sent me, so I send you." No doubt or fear can lock God out of our lives. As you leave this place, know that you do not go forth alone. And may these words echo through your mind, as well: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Therefore, my friends: Go in peace.

P: We go out to love and serve the Lord and all God’s creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Postlude: “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

by Arthur S. Sullivan; arr. Wilbur Held

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Judy Briggs, Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Pam Mott, Bonnie Dole / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Angie Smith / Counters: Sue Myers, Jan Talkington

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, 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. **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** David Barker

CONFIRMATION CLASS will NOT meet this Wednesday. Next Class is Wed. May 7 at 6:30pm.

ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY TODAY following worship – 11:30am Pizza Lunch, Noon-3:00pm Indoor and Outdoor clean-up work.

CARD MINISTRY – Monday, April 28 at 2:00pm in the classroom by the back door.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Thursday, May 1 – Noon: Prayers at Saginaw City Hall (Pastor Amy participating) AND Thursday, May 1 – 7:00pm Prayer Service at Bridgeport Community Church, 3821 State Street, Bridgeport, MI. 48722 w/ community pastors (SEE ATTACHED FLYER).

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, May 4 after worship.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for May: Casserole Night. Clean-up help needed. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community/>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – Sun. May 18 after worship.

2025 SPRING/SUMMER 6-WEEK BOOK STUDY - “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” by Dov Waxman, offers an even-handed and judicious guide to help us understand the history and evolution of the world’s most thorny dispute. Books available at the welcome desks for \$15 each. The Spring Book Study is 6 weeks: 6:00-7:00pm in person on Tuesdays: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10
7:30-8:30pm online on Wednesdays: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11

GRADUATES – If you have a student graduating this year from High School, College, University, Grad School, Trade School, or Military, please be sure to get their information into the main office. **Please do not assume we know!!!** Email us at firstumcsaginaw@gmail.com. **WE NEED TO KNOW:** Name, Where graduating from, Degree (*if applicable*), Honors, and Future Plans. Also, please send a picture!! Graduation Sunday this year is scheduled for May 18, 2025

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!

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>

PASTOR AMY AWAY in Nashville for a Conference April 28-30, 2025.

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The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!

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National Day of Prayer
May 1, 2025
7:00 pm

Bridgeport Community Church

3821 State St, Bridgeport, MI 48722

Join us as we pray for
Our Communities, Our Churches,
Our Families, Our Friends,
and for Everyone to Come and Know
Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior!

Prayer Event is in Collaboration with:



Music Provided By:

Leflore Reed * Wes Baranic * Mike & Megan Shaffer * BCC Bell Choir * Your Beautiful Voice