

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
June 8, 2025 - 10:00am - Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Variations on “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”*

by Orlando Gibbons; arr. Michael Burkhardt

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.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Opening Hymn UMH #605:** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

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| 1) Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright & sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart's delight. | God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
Free from sin and all its snares.
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs! |
| 2) We who bring them long for nurture;
By your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, living bread. | 3) O, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform! |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

One: Many voices speak to us today – from theaters and concert stages and TV sets.

All: **A noisy discord of ideas meant to distract, persuade, manipulate, or inspire.**

One: Many voices speak to us today – in our homes, in our friendships, in our communities.

All: **Help us discern the voice of your Holy Spirit within us and in others.**

One: Many voices speak to us today – through celebrities, commercials, and social media.

All: **Today, Lord, we choose to listen to your voice, to respond to your desires,
to follow your highest path for us. Teach us the language of grace and truth.
Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

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: *“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”*
Holy Spirit, come to us. Kindle in us the fire of your love!
Holy Spirit, come to us; Holy Spirit come to us.

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!*
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Offertory: *“The Way It Is”*

by Bruce Horsby and the Range

***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:**

God of wind and fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences that divide us. May your Spirit empower us to be the church you call us to be, one people seeking to build your beloved community. As we bring our offering to you this day, use them to further your reign and set us on fire again, for we ask in Jesus’ name. 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.*

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction and Presentation

One: Beloved in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation and the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the

covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us now, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

I present for Confirmation this morning: Ethan Hagerl, Jude Mertz, Lexi Sharrow

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? ***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? ***I do.***

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? ***I do.***

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? ***I will.***

The pastor addresses the family:

Will you who sponsor these candidates support and encourage them in their Christian life? ***I will.***

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? ***We do.***

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these youth with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in service to others. We will pray for them, that each may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

One: Name, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Confirmands and their Families

Reception into full membership in the United Methodist Church

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? ***I will.***

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? ***I will.***

Members of the household of God, I commend these youth to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

One: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Congratulations!

Choral Anthem: *“Sing and Rejoice”*

by Russell Robinson

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 8:6, 14-17, 26

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 147-148

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace... ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of oppression to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him... ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Chorus W&S #3117: *“Rule of Life”*

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!

Scripture Lesson:

Acts 2:1-18

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 111

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

“What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They’re filled with new wine.”
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:

NOT JUST THE WAY IT IS

Pastor Amy Terhune

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 the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters,
and became the breath of life in all creation.

You loved us without fail even when we gave into sin.

Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,
anointing them to speak your word.

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
Your Spirit descended on him at his baptism,
sustained him while facing temptation in the wilderness;
anointed his proclamation of Good News;
partnered with him for healing and justice through his ministry;
and comforted him the night before he gave up his life to save us.
On that sacred night, he promised to send the Holy Spirit
as an advocate to be with us forever.
That night at table, 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: Let us pray: Holy God, 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 Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to receive the Sacrament. 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 cup and consume. Then return to your seats via the side aisles. If you’re not able to come forward, please remain in your seat, and our servers will bring the Sacrament out to you after other have come forward. Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.

Special Music During Communion: “Spirit of the Living God” arr. Robert Thygerson

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #539: “O Spirit of the Living God”**

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| 1) O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease. | 3) Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done. |
| 2) Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal. | 4) So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
Till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal! |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go out into the world to dream dreams and pursue vision, and may the God of hope guide you; may the love of Christ ground you, and may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide you in all you say and do this week.

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

***Postlude: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgists and Communion Stewards: Ethan Hagerl, Jude Mertz, Lexi Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Marc Cesere, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Jan Tolley / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

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, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Jerry Taylor (now at Great Lakes Rehab), & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for peace in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza, and for our Annual Conference gathering.

HOSPITALIZED: Bill Cowdry (recovering from heart surgery – now at Mary Freebed)

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Sue Johnson, who entered eternal life May 17, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held here on Saturday, June 14 at 11:00am

OUR SYMPATHY to loved ones of David Barker, who entered eternal life on April 28. A Memorial Service will be held here on Sunday, June 15 at 2:00pm. If you can help with a reception or provide a dessert, sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-52860436-memorial>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please join us following worship for cake and fellowship to celebrate Confirmation and the Church's Birthday at Pentecost!

Ethan Hagerl (6th Grade) – Parents: Cari Hagerl; Jeff Hagerl

Jude Mertz (6th Grade) – Parents: Rob Mertz; Sara Mertz

Lexi Sharrow (7th Grade) – Parents: Andy & Stacy Sharrow

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD WILL MEET MONDAY, JUNE 16 AT 7:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held Sunday 8/10, Monday 8/11, and Tuesday 8/12 from 5:30-7:45pm. Join us for Safari Fun, where kids go wild for God!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for June: Loaded Nachos. Sign up to help or donate food at the Welcome Desk.

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. The study wraps up this week, in person on Tuesday at 6pm, and online Wednesday at 7:30pm.

PFLAG is meeting here at First U.M.C. today at 2:00pm in Gibbs Hall. **PFLAG Chocolate Party Fundraiser** is this Wednesday, June 11 from 6:00-8:00pm at the home of Terry Zajad at 1609 Fifth Street in Bay City, MI. 48708. Cost is \$20 per person.

CLASSIC LEGACY BAND CONCERT is here at First U.M.C. today at 3:00pm – free admission.

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!

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

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21st Season



Conductor David Fitts

2025 Summer Concert

First United
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4790 Gratiot Rd Saginaw
Sunday June 8th 3:00pm

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Annual Chocolate Party

All our welcome to join us for our Annual
Chocolate Party fundraiser in celebration of
Pride in the beautiful Victorian home
of our host Terry Zajac of Bay City.

Wednesday, June 11
6:00-8:00pm

1609 Fifth Street, Bay City, MI



Tickets \$20 per person at the door