

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
July 20, 2025 - 10:00am - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *“At the Name of Jesus”*

by Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Vidas Pinkevicius

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 FWS #2175:** *“Together We Serve”*

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| 1) Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world
to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
Extending your love to the last
and the least. | 3) We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely,
and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help,
our hearts ready to dare. |
| 2) We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart
and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
Until we see Christ
in each person we meet. | 4) Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus,
in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength
of our song. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

One: Come, beloved, into the presence of God, who calls us to a day of worship and rest.

All: **We come from our self-made busyness into a moment of quiet and centering.**

One: God challenges us not to settle for small plans and little dreams

All: **God gives us energy in our weariness to listen for the still small voice of Holiness.**

One: Don't be intimidated by the urgency of God's call, for it brings peace and joy.

All: **We come with gratitude for the opportunity to be part of God's work here.**

One: Enter into the community, aware of those around you. Worship wholeheartedly

All: **We come to serve God and neighbor, and to worship in Spirit and truth.**

Time of Prayer – *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the Worship Leader.*

Prayer Chorus UMH #349: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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: “*Give Me Jesus*”

Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Jan Sanborn

***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, we are often like Martha, distracted by many things, but today we choose to sit at your feet. As we present our offerings, may they be a reminder of our commitment to prioritize you above all else, trusting that you will meet our every need. Help us to be attentive to your voice and faithful in our service. 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.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 67

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?”

Tell her, then, to help me.”⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: “Listen”

w/m by Kathleen Jimenez

Kathleen Jimenez, Soloist

The Sermon: THE WORK OF LISTENING

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #408:** “The Gift of Love”

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| 1) Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. | but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin. |
| 2) Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess, | 3) Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed. |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go now in the blessing of Christ, the image of the invisible, Love-made-flesh. May God’s loving presence surround you on every side, guiding you and empowering you to share God’s loving presence with everyone you meet.

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

***Postlude:** “Close To Thee”

by Silas J. Vail; arr. Jeff Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Judy O'Dell / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow, Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Andy Sharrow, Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Jacqui Kurtz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Brian Hatch, Dina Draper

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bill Cowdry (now home), Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Jackie Moore, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Dave Tolley – recovering from open-heart surgery at Covenant.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended today to Rita Taylor and all the family of Jerry Taylor, who passed away, July 12. A Funeral services was held here on Friday, July 18.

THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING TODAY goes to support the Backpack Program, which provides food on the weekend for 72 kids and teenagers at Westdale Elementary, Arrowwood Elementary, White Pine Middle School, and Heritage High School. Thank you for your generosity.

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! See attached registration form to sign up!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, August 12. On the menu for August/VBS: Burgers and Hotdogs and summer picnic fun!

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!

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**

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of LGBTQ+ People

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Annual Summer Picnic

Join PFLAG Great Lakes Bay Region for our
annual summer picnic. There'll be food,
music, and good conversation.

TODAY!! **Sunday, July 20, 2025** **TODAY!!**
1:00 - 3:30 PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church
2525 Hemmeter Road
Saginaw Township, MI 48603



Bring a dish to pass & your own lawn chair. Featuring chicken, grilled hot dogs.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR VBS 2025

Sunday, August 10, 5:30-7:45pm

Monday, August 11, 5:30-7:45pm

Tuesday, August 12, 5:30-7:45pm

FREE for all kids who are potty trained

Through the 5th grade

**Evening includes dinner, storytime, songs, crafts,
games and MESSY TIME!!!!!!**

NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES!

YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED



Name of Child/Youth #1 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #2 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #3 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #4 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____ Texts? Y N Email: _____