

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
July 27, 2025 - 10:00am - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Christmas In July

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “Prayerful Meditation”  
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

by Eugene Englert  
by William B. Bradbury; arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

**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 #2202:** “Come Away With Me” (vs 1, 3-5)

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| 1) Come away with me to a quiet place,<br>Apart from the world<br>with its frantic pace,<br>To pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.<br>Come away with me; come away.              | 4) Come and say,<br>In words whispered from your soul,<br>The feelings and actions<br>you can't control.<br>Your spirit needs to be made whole.<br>Come away with me; come away. |
| 3) Come today with thoughts<br>of the countless ways<br>That God's steadfast love<br>blesses all our days,<br>And join with me in silent praise.<br>Come away with me; come away. | 5) Come away with me to a quiet place,<br>To God's loving arms<br>waiting to embrace<br>All those who come in hope of grace.<br>Come away with me; come away.                    |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from Nancy Townley, <https://ministrymatters.com>.)

One: Are you weary from the stresses of this week?

**All: Weariness and stress have been our constant companions.**

One: We looked forward to rest and recreation, but time marches on  
and we have not slowed down to feed our spirits as needed.

**All: It's so hard to allow ourselves time for prayer and rest.**

One: Let the love of God wash over you, relieving your stress and weariness.

**All: We praise God for such abundant compassion for us.**

One: Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.

**All: May our lives reflect God's abundant love and peace.**

**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 #405: “Seek Ye First”**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God’s righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!*

**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:*

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**Offertory: “Standin’ In the Need of Prayer”**

*Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Chester ML*

**\*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:**

**Holy God, giver of all we have and all we are, with grateful hearts, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Use these gifts to nurture your people in this place, and to build your Kingdom among us here and now, for we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and teacher. Amen.**

**\* Hymn UMH #420: “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”**

1) Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

2) Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

3) Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glow with thy fire divine.

4) Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

**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 11:1-13

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 67-68

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

**Response to the Word**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** *“The Lord’s Prayer*

*by Albert Malotte*

*Kathleen Jimenez, Soloist*

**The Sermon:** ASK; SEARCH; KNOCK

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

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

### **\*Closing Hymn for Christmas in July – UMH #218: “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”**

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| 1) It came upon the midnight clear,<br>That glorious song of old,<br>From angels bending near the earth<br>To touch their harps of gold:<br>"Peace on the earth, good will to all,<br>From heaven's all-gracious king."<br>The world in solemn stillness lay,<br>To hear the angels sing. | 3) And ye, beneath life's crushing load,<br>Whose forms are bending low,<br>Who toil along the climbing way<br>With painful steps and slow,<br>Look now! For glad and golden hours<br>Come swiftly on the wing.<br>O rest beside the weary road,<br>And hear the angels sing!        |
| 2) Still through the cloven skies they come<br>With peaceful wings unfurled,<br>And still their heavenly music floats<br>O'er all the weary world;<br>Above its sad and lowly plains,<br>They bend on hovering wing,<br>And ever o'er its babel sounds<br>The blessed angels sing.        | 4) For lo! The days are hastening on,<br>By prophet seen of old,<br>When with the ever-circling years<br>Shall come the time foretold<br>When peace shall over all the earth<br>Its ancient splendors fling, and<br>The whole world send back the song<br>Which now the angels sing. |

### **\*Benediction:**

**One:** Beloved, go now in the blessing and power of God who gives us life, that you may grow in faith, pray in hope, and live as bearers of love and life everywhere you go.

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

### **\*Postlude: “Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive”**

*from Kentucky Harmony (1820); arr. Wilbur Held*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner /  
Greeters: Judy Briggs, Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Tom & Evie Kraynak /  
Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Angie Smith /  
Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Sue Myers, Jan Talkington

**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 Mary Free Bed.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to the family of Joyce Maltman, who passed away Tuesday, July 22. A private family service will be held this fall.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** – Sunday, August 3, 2025 from 6-8pm.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*

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Bluesky: **FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**



**AUGUST 2025**  
**SERMON SERIES**  
THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is the first Statement of Faith published by the church in the summer of 325 A.D. with the support of Emperor Constantine as Christianity became the Roman Empire's official state religion. As part of the sermon series, we look at it's history, theological significance, and relevance for the modern church 1700 years later.

## August 10 - True God from True God

## August 17 - In Accordance with the Scriptures

## August 24 - One

## REGISTRATION FORM – 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

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

**NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES!**

**YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED**



**You can register online at:**

**<https://form.jotform.com/252025534069050>**

**or use the QR code to the left to register online!**

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Texts? Y N Email: \_\_\_\_\_