# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community June 30, 2024 - 10:00am - Seventh Sunday in Pentecost

# GATHERING, PRAYER, and PRAISE

**Prelude:** "Sing, Sing A Song" (from Sesame Street)

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: <u>https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159</u>

Please fill out your yellow prayer cards

by Joe Raposo; arr. Jonico Music



# \*Opening Hymn UMH #57: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1-5)

- O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!
- My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thru all the earth abroad The honors of thy name.
- Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;

\*The Call to Worship:

The humble poor believe.

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

5) He speaks, and listening to his voice,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He sets the prisoner free;

His blood availed for me.

New life the dead receive:

4) He breaks the power of canceled sin,

His blood can make the foulest clean:

[adapted from Rev. Susan A. Blain; https://re-worship.blogspot.com/.]

- One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:
- All: Let our joy be complete!
- One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:
- All: Love one another!
- One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:
- All: No longer servants but friends!
- One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise to the Lord!
- All: Let us come into God's presence with singing and grateful praise!

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

**Prayer Chorus FWS #2020:** "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet; Praise the Lord with the harp and lute; Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
 Praise the Lord in the field and forest: Praise the Lord in the city square;

Praise the Lord in the field and forest; Praise the Lord in the city square; Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

\* Please stand if you are able

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine; Praise the Lord in the dark of night; Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light. Praise the Lord in the deepest valley; Praise the Lord on the highest hill; Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still!

2) Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal; Praise the Lord with the pipe and string; Praise the Lord with joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning; Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon; Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in a time of sorrow; Praise the Lord in a time of joy.
Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy!
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet; Praise the Lord in your work or play; Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

# 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 for God's blessings. Use the QR code to the right or give online here: https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/



**Offertory**: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

by Robert Lowry; arr. John Carter

The Doxology:Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;UMH #94Praise God all creatures here below:Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:* Holy God, through the giving of these gifts, may we become more open: open-minded to your Word and wisdom; open-hearted in healing a broken world; open-handed in heeding your call to care for others. Open our ears to hear the harmony of your Spirit at work, and use this portion of our substance, and the whole of ourselves, to advance your new song in Christ. 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! The Bible tells me so.

# The Sacrament of Baptism for Children

## **GREETING**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters 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.

This morning, it is a joy to present Briella Grace Goodrow and Leighton Ann Goodrow for baptism. Parents: Jim and Kelley Goodrow Grandparents: Jim and Christine Goodrow / Chuck and Joyce Priem Briella's sponsors: Aimee Priem and Jennifer Mishler Leighton's sponsors: Emma Priem and RJ Bryce

# **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND AFFIRMATION 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*.
- Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? *I will*.
- 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 these persons 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 this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

# THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.
- In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
- When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

# Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

# Declare His works to the nations, His glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and she who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

# All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

# BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS / PRAYER

Briella/Leighton, I baptize you in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

- May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
- The Pastor will offer prayer at this time, then:

# COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ:

- Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.
- Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her 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.
- And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

Family is presented with baptismal certificate and a small gift at this time. Please join in welcoming Briella and Leighton to the First U.M.C. family.

# Baptismal Chorus FWS #2233: "This Is Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song; this is where children belong.

# **PROCLAMATION IN SCRIPTURE and SONG**

#### Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:19b-34

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 128

<sup>19b</sup>...So they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the magistrates, <sup>20</sup> saying, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

#### Hymn W&S #3104: "Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone" (see attached)

- Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see.
- 2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
- Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free! My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood, his mercy reigns; Unending love, amazing grace!
- 4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; The sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine. {Refrain}

#### A Reading on John and Charles Wesley by Rev. Amy Terhune

# Hymn UMH #363: "And Can It Be" (vs. 1, 4, 5)

 And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood! Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be That thou, my God, should die for me? Amazing love! How can it be That thou, my God, should die for me?

- 4) Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 5) No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine; Alive in him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, thru Christ my own. Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

# A Reading: "Of History and Hope" by Miller Williams

We have memorized America, how it was born and who we have been and where. In ceremonies and silence, we say the words, telling the stories, singing the old songs. We like the places they take us. Mostly we do. The great and all the anonymous dead are there. We know the sound of all the sounds we brought. The rich taste of it is on our tongues.

But where are we going to be, and why, and who? The disenfranchised dead want to know. We mean to be the people we meant to be, to keep on going where we meant to go.

But how do we fashion the future? Who can say how except in the minds of those who will call it Now? The children. The children. And how does our garden grow? With waving hands—oh, rarely in a row and flowering faces. And brambles, that we can no longer allow.

Who were many people coming together cannot become one people falling apart.
Who dreamed for every child an even chance cannot let luck alone turn doorknobs or not.
Whose law was never so much of the hand as the head cannot let chaos make its way to the heart.
Who have seen learning struggle from teacher to child cannot let ignorance spread itself like rot.
We know what we have done and what we have said, and how we have grown, degree by slow degree, believing ourselves toward all we have tried to become—just and compassionate, equal, able, and free.

All this in the hands of children, eyes already set on a land we never can visit—it isn't there yet but looking through their eyes, we can see what our long gift to them may come to be. And if we can *truly* remember, they will not forget.

# Hymn UMH #696: "America, the Beautiful"

- O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and Crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.
- 2) O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country Loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.

3) O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

# A Reading: "Keep Singing" by Steven Garnaas-Holmes (adapted here slightly)

Deep in the dark, tangled bone is an original wound unhealed, terror at a missing god, despair bent to rage and loathing. For eons we've borne the shadow, generation to generation. No one invents or refines it, but merely passes it on, stick in hand.

Except...

Except even deeper is a root of light, and within that, open space, and within that a song and someone singing. No wound can erase this space, no darkness can still this song, no rage can frighten this one singing. There is no difference that matters,

Except...

Except loyalty to either the wound or to the song. There is no religion but the healing. It is never impossible to choose as the Gentle One did the afternoon the light failed. Be balm. Let the wound go. Breathe deeply. And sing that undying song.

# WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

## \*Closing Hymn UMH #421: "Make Me A Captive, Lord"

- Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free.
   Force me to render up my sword, And I shall conqueror be.
   I sink in life's alarms
   When by myself I stand; Imprison me within thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.
- 2) My heart is weak and poor Until its master find; It has no spring of action sure, It varies with the wind. It cannot freely move Till thou hast wrought its chain; Enslave it with thy matchless love, And deathless it shall reign.
- 3) My power is faint and low Till I have learned to serve; It lacks the needed fire to glow, It lacks the breeze to nerve. It cannot drive the world Until itself be driven; Its flag can only be unfurled When thou shalt breathe from heaven.
- 4) My will is not my own Till thou hast made it thine; If it would reach a monarch's throne, It must its crown resign. It only stands unbent Amid the clashing strife, When on thy bosom it has leant, And found in thee its life.

#### \*Benediction:

- One: Beloved, May the songs of the angels sustain you; may the praises of the saints inspire you; may the silent music of the Holy Trinity resonate in your heart and bless you with harmony and peace as you share the song within.
- All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God's creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.
- **\*Postlude:** *"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"*

by Charles V. Stanford; arr. Matt Limbaugh

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# **LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, who then go and make other disciples in a variety of ways.

Lay Servant Ministries of Central Bay District invites you to attend a 10-hour class that introduces you to Lay Speaking and Lay Servant Ministry. God calls us all to a life of servanthood as disciples of Jesus Christ. While this class is invaluable to public speakers who may feel called to preach in other churches besides their home church, it also gives individuals opportunities to explore other avenues of ministry and service within the United Methodist Church.

# **SUMMER BASIC COURSE**

When: Tuesday evenings – July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 6, 2024
Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Where: Saginaw First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638
Instructor: Pastor Amy Terhune
Text for the class: Lay Servant Ministries/Basic Course by Sandy Jackson & Brian Jackson

# FALL BASIC COURSE

When: Saturdays – September 7 and September 14, 2024
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm (includes a 1-hour lunch break)
Where: Auburn United Methodist Church, 207 S. Auburn Rd, Auburn, MI 48611
Instructor: Pastor Amy Terhune
Text for the class: *Lay Servant Ministries/Basic Course* by Sandy Jackson & Brian Jackson

# You must PREREGISTER for these classes by emailing Janice Buckley at:

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- 1. Learn more online at <u>https://michiganumc.org/laity/lay-servant/</u>.
- 2. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website, or at <u>https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-1-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Servant-Application.pdf</u> OR <u>https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-2-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Speaker-Application.pdf</u> and have it signed by the appropriate people.
- 3. Bring your signed registration request form with you to the first class session on July 16, 2024 or Sept. 7, 2024. The deadline for summer registration is July 6, 2024. The deadline for Fall Registration is August 25, 2024.
- 4. It is your responsibility to order the participants book for \$12 here: https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Bill Cowdry / Greeters: Jim & Linda Doane and Karen Constan / Ushers: Bob Bula, Kevin Malotka, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe & Nancy Kozumplik / Welcome Desk: Cory Sursely / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz
- PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take place here at Saginaw First U.M.C. on Sunday 8/11, Monday 8/12, and Tuesday 8/13 from 6-8pm.
- NEXT VBS PLANNING MEETING TODAY, June 30, 11:30am-12:30pm.
- **FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, July 9, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for hamburgers and hot dogs. **Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk** or Volunteer to work here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community</u>

TRUSTEES are meeting Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00pm

TAIZÉ WORSHIP this Wednesday, July 3 at 7:00pm

**PICTURES FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY** – We are now trying to ensure that we have pictures for everyone in the online directory. This makes it easier for newer and longtime members to recognize one another and get to know each other. You can send Pastor Amy your favorite family photo, or stay after church later this month and we'll take a picture for you! Thank you!

#### THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024.

#### **VACATION SCHEDULE FOR THE OFFICE:**

Dina will also be away on Vacation Monday, July 8 thru Thursday, July 18. During that time, the office is only open mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm. Office Volunteers are:

7/8 Monday - Lisa DeVos 7/9 Tuesday - Carla Piazza Wistehuff 7/10 Wednesday - Lisa DeVos 7/11 Thursday - Judy Gerken 7/15 Monday - Lisa DeVos7/16 Tuesday - Judy Gerken7/17 Wednesday - Lisa DeVos7/18 - Thursday - Carla Piazza Wistehuff

#### 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 Facebook: @firstumcofsaginaw Instagram: saginawfumc

Please take time to fill out the interest survey for your household on the reverse. You may also complete this online using the QR code to the right. Thank you for your help and feedback!



**INTEREST SURVEY** 

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Times available to help:	mornings afternoons		varies other
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Here's an innovative thought or idea I have for our church and its future:



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