

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
July 7, 2024 - 10:00am - Eighth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

by Kathleen Thomerson; arr. Paul Manz

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 your yellow prayer cards



***Opening Hymn FWS #2190:** "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

1) You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *Chorus.*

Chorus:

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!*

3) You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! *Chorus.*

2) You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!

4) We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey
and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! *Chorus.*

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

[adapted from Rev Mindi, and posted on <http://rev-o-lution.org/>]

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

All: We are the salt of the earth.

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

All: We are the light of the world.

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

All: Love God and one another as we ourselves are loved!

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth and light for the world.

One: Come, let us worship God and follow Christ Jesus with courage and compassion. Let us love one another with the love of God.

* 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 #2223: “*They’ll Know We Are Christians*”

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

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: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

by Harry Dixon Loes; arr. Sangah Noonah

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!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Living God, may these gifts we bring, and we ourselves, be used to advance your kingdom, adding flavor to living and radiating light to all in need of comfort, hope, peace, and substance, for we ask in the name of Christ, who calls us. 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: Matthew 5:1-20

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 4

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² He began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:

“LESSONS ON THE LAW”

Tatyana Spaulding, Guest Preacher

Communion Chorus FWS #2260: “Let Us Be Bread”

Let us be bread blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

U.M. Hymnal pg. 17, Musical Setting A

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.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
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,
who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
In Jesus' suffering and death, you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, our Savior,
who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.
On the night before he gave himself up for us, 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: 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.

All: Amen.

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 chalice, and partake of the Sacrament. Return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, servers will bring communion to you after those coming forward have been served.

Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.

Special Music During Communion: "Heal the World" by Michael Jackson; arr. Melquisedeque C. Silva

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #620: “One Bread, One Body”**

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.	1) Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more. (<i>Chorus</i>) 2) Many the gifts, many the works One in the Lord of All. (<i>Chorus</i>) 3) Grain for the fields, scattered and grown Gathered to one for all. (<i>Chorus</i>)
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***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go forth as salt that saves and flavors life; go forth as the light of hope to those in despair; go forth as witnesses of God’s love in community; and may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit shine in you and on all those you meet this week.

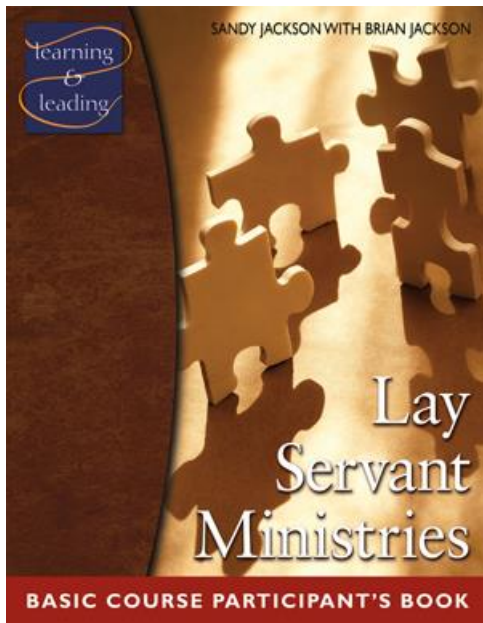
All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Postlude: “Give Me Oil In My Lamp”**

arr. Hal Wright

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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 <https://michiganumc.org/laity/lay-servant/>.
2. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website, or at <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-1-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Servant-Application.pdf> OR <https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Form-2-MIUMC-Certified-Lay-Speaker-Application.pdf> 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>

INTEREST SURVEY

Name _____ Would you need transportation: yes no
Times available to help: mornings afternoons evenings weekends varies other _____

I, or someone in my household, might be interested in helping:

<input type="checkbox"/> visit elderly/shut-ins	<input type="checkbox"/> as an usher	<input type="checkbox"/> pack kids food bags	<input type="checkbox"/> with yard care
<input type="checkbox"/> reach out to newcomers	<input type="checkbox"/> as a greeter	<input type="checkbox"/> deliver kids food bags	*With education:
<input type="checkbox"/> with publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> with skits in worship	<input type="checkbox"/> with building repairs	<input type="checkbox"/> nursery / preschool
<input type="checkbox"/> with social media	<input type="checkbox"/> as a reader in worship	<input type="checkbox"/> &/or maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> elementary (K-5 th gr.)
<input type="checkbox"/> play in praise band	<input type="checkbox"/> in the kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> with A/V or computer	<input type="checkbox"/> youth (6 th -12 th grade)
<input type="checkbox"/> with mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> with coffee time	<input type="checkbox"/> upkeep &/or operation	<input type="checkbox"/> young adults/college
<input type="checkbox"/> at the welcome desk	<input type="checkbox"/> with sewing/crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> decorate for holidays	<input type="checkbox"/> adults
<input type="checkbox"/> with transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> with funeral lunches	<input type="checkbox"/> and special seasons	<input type="checkbox"/> short term classes

I, or someone in my household, is interested in:

<input type="checkbox"/> drama/skits	<input type="checkbox"/> children's Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> vacation Bible school	<input type="checkbox"/> youth mission trip
<input type="checkbox"/> reading/leading in worship	<input type="checkbox"/> bell choir	<input type="checkbox"/> local missions/service	<input type="checkbox"/> adult mission trip
<input type="checkbox"/> Taizè Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> monthly free meal	<input type="checkbox"/> food ministry to area schools	<input type="checkbox"/> bible studies
<input type="checkbox"/> choir/music/band	<input type="checkbox"/> family fun events	<input type="checkbox"/> spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> book studies
<input type="checkbox"/> soloing (vocal/instrumental)	<input type="checkbox"/> senior fun events	<input type="checkbox"/> prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> youth ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> other? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> acolytes (<i>kids light candals</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> social issues/activism	<input type="checkbox"/> men's group
			<input type="checkbox"/> women's group

I have skills/training in:

<input type="checkbox"/> planning/organizing	<input type="checkbox"/> working w/ details	<input type="checkbox"/> public speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> community organizing
<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> nursing/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> drama/theater	<input type="checkbox"/> carpentry / building
<input type="checkbox"/> fund-raising	<input type="checkbox"/> business management	<input type="checkbox"/> conflict resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> plumbing
<input type="checkbox"/> visioning for future	<input type="checkbox"/> interacting w/ people	<input type="checkbox"/> computer maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> electrical
<input type="checkbox"/> child development	<input type="checkbox"/> law/legal matters	<input type="checkbox"/> music (vocal)	<input type="checkbox"/> publicity/social media
<input type="checkbox"/> financial planning	<input type="checkbox"/> human resources	<input type="checkbox"/> music (instrument)	<input type="checkbox"/> web design
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

Committee/Church Board Interests:

<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Education / Prepare	<input type="checkbox"/> UM Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorials
<input type="checkbox"/> Worship / Reach	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Parish Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominations
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Care/Nurture	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Outreach/Send	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Meals

None of the above interest me OR in addition to items above, here is what I'd like to do for my church:

Here's an innovative thought or idea I have for our church and its future:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Guest Preacher: Tatyana Spaulding / Liturgist: Cal Mott / Communion Servers: Pastor Amy Terhune, Anne Marks-Gaertner, Pam Mott, Tatyana Spaulding / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, and Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / 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.

REMINDER: THE BACK PARKING LOT IS BEING RESURFACED THIS WEEK FROM MONDAY 7/8 THRU FRIDAY 7/12. PLEASE PARK IN THE FRONT LOT ONLY!!!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Monday, July 15, 7:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for preschool through 5th 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 – Sunday, July 21, 11:30am-12:30pm.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

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!

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

7/15 Monday - Lisa DeVos

7/9 Tuesday - Carla Piazza Wistehuff

7/16 Tuesday - Judy Gerken

7/10 Wednesday - Lisa DeVos

7/17 Wednesday - Lisa DeVos

7/11 Thursday - Judy Gerken

7/18 - Thursday - Carla Piazza Wistehuff

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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!

