

First United Methodist Church

Loving the Whole City, Loving the City Whole!

September 1, 2024 - 10:00am - Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *Variations on “Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

by A.R. Reinagle; arr. James Pethel

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 #2197:** *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

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| 1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day. | 3) Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day. |
| 2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day. | 4) Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(from resources for Labor Day, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

One: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest.”

One: With gratitude for the many who labor, both paid and unpaid,

All: In factory, office, classroom, farm, hospital, mission field, and courthouse;

One: And in solidarity with all those looking for work, struggling to make ends meet;

All: We come by God’s grace, resting from our labors to worship the Lord this day! Thanks be to 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 W&S #3008: “*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*”

Main Chorus { *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.*

*To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.
(Repeat Main Chorus)*

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: “*The Gift of Love*”

Traditional English; arr. Marianne Kim

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: Holy God, when we could not find our way up to you, you came down to us, showing us the human face of your love in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Despite our sinful natures, likewise make us human faces of your love, using our gifts and ourselves to extend grace and compassion in Christ’s name and for his sake. Amen.

Special Music

“*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*”
Dick Dillman (on bones)

arr. Steven K Tedesco

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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 39-40

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, passing off human teaching as doctrine.' ⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, envy, depravity, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they are what defiles a person."

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:

“TAKING THINGS TO HEART”

Pastor Amy Terhune

***Communion Hymn FWS #2269:** *“Come Share the Lord”*

- 1) We gather here in Jesus’ name. His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one
Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord
- 2) No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 3) He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The one we love the most is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord
- 4) We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen, He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
- 5) We’ll gather soon where angels sing. We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

UMH pg. 17-18, Musical Setting A

L: The Lord be with you,

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
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.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: 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!**

L: 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 death this same Jesus, our Savior, who now reigns with you in glory.
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.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

L: 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.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice and partake. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.
When all who are able to come forward have been served, the communion stewards
will bring the sacrament out to those who are unable to come forward.*

*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.*

Music During Communion: "Introspection" by Richard Purvis

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #433:** *"All Who Love and Serve Your City" (vs. 1-3, 5)*

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| 1) All who love and serve your city,
All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice,
All who curse and all who bless: | 3) In your day of wealth and plenty,
Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus,
"Work ye yet while it is day." |
| 2) In your day of loss and sorrow,
In your day of helpless strife,
Honor, peace, and love retreating,
Seek the Lord, who is your life. | 5) Risen Lord, shall yet the city
Be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory,
Be its name, "The Lord is there!" |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, May you know deep in your heart that you are loved by God, so that
God's love bubbles up and overflows from your heart into the world around you.

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

***Postlude:** *Fanfare on "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"*

by Arthur H. Messiter; arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, IS GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Our 2025 combined annual stewardship and capital campaign is *grounded in gratitude* for all that God is doing for and through Saginaw First United Methodist Church, so that we may continue to be in meaningful ministry.

**All of our giving is a response to God's generosity.
Whether it's time, talent, or treasure we give from a heart
filled with gratitude for God's many blessings to our church and to us.**

On Gratitude Sunday each of us will have the opportunity to put our thanks into words. What are you thankful for? How has God blessed you, especially as it relates to your connection to Saginaw First U.M.C.?

**As you enter worship on Gratitude Sunday,
ushers will offer both a bulletin and a "thank you" card.**

During worship, there will be time set aside to reflect and write down our words of gratitude. We'll be invited to come forward and post our cards on a large board. These collected cards of gratitude will be placed in the lobby during our campaign to remind us all of God's generosity.

Come to Gratitude Sunday with a grateful heart!



JOIN US ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

FROM 11:30am–1:00pm

for KIDS CLUB (Pre-K – 5th Grade)!!

**Includes Lunch, Bible Story, Craft Projects,
Cooking Projects, Games, and FUN!!**

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

2024-2025 KIDS CLUB DATES

Sept. 8, 2024

Oct. 13, 2024

Nov. 10, 2024

Dec. 8, 2024

Jan. 12, 2025 – special FIELD TRIP to

Painterly Pottery in Bay City!

Feb. 9, 2025

March 9, 2025

April 13, 2025

May 18, 2025* (*not a 2nd Sunday*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Alexa Sharrow / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Communion Stewards: Alexa Sharrow, Kathy Winkowski, Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Coffee Hour Host: Bill, Xenny, & 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, RuthAnn Hilton, Marion Hoffman, Sue Johnson, Sharon Ketcham, 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, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given by Jim & Anne Marks-Gaertner in memory of David Marks, whose life was celebrated here on Friday.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm for Baked Ziti. Sign up to donate food at the welcome desk, or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>
Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

FREE MEAL COMMITTEE will meet Sunday, Sept 8 immediately following worship. If you'd like to help with a free meal, please plan to stay and join in the planning.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BROCHURE for the 2024-25 school year is out. Find it in the Lobby! Kids, Teens and Adults – check out the offerings available this year!

KIDS CLUB begins next Sunday Sept. 8. From 11:30am-1pm and meets each month on the 2nd Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY IS GRATITUDE SUNDAY – See attached insert for more information.

THE ANNUAL FALL MINISTRY FAIR will be held Sunday, September 15 following worship. All Church groups/activities, our ministry partners, and those who use are building are welcome to share more about what they do and to put up a display in the Lobby area.

If you are **HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE THIS FALL** (or you have a kid who is), please make sure the church office has your (your kid's) campus address. Call Dina at (989) 799-0131 to update our records. Thank you! (We try to send treats at Exam times, and notes of encouragement.)

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: **saginawfume**

*Please take time to fill out the interest survey for your household.
Complete it online using the QR code to the right
or pick up a paper copy from the welcome desk. Thank you!*

