

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
January 19, 2025 - 10:00am - 3rd Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Bell Prelude: “Meditation on Beautiful Savior”
“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Cathy Moklebust
arr. Arnold Sherman

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.

***Opening Hymn UMH #310:** “He Lives”

1) I serve a risen Savior,
He’s in the world today;
I know that he is living,
Whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him,
He’s always near.

2) In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that he is leading
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing
Will come at last. [Refrain]

Refrain: He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

3) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
The help of all who find;
None other is so loving,
So good and kind. [Refrain]

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

One: The Lord is Calling!

All: We hear the Call!

One: The Lord is leaving the ninety-nine to save you!

All: I am here, Lord!

One: The Lord is calling you in a way you least expect.

All: Help us to Hear and Heed, Lord!

** Please stand if you are able*

One: The Lord will perform miracles if you only heed His instructions.

All: Help us to Hear and Heed, Lord!

One: The Lord loves you!

All: We love You, Lord Jesus!

Time of Prayer – *During the prayer chorus, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards to deliver to the pastor.*

***Prayer Chorus UMH #84:** “*Thank You, Lord*”

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord!

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

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 / Third Sunday Mission Offering

♪ *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!

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<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



The Offertory: “*When You Believe*” (from *The Prince of Egypt*)

by Stephen Schwartz / Kenneth Edmonds

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: Heavenly Father, thank you for performing miracles to save us. Thank you for leaving the ninety-nine to come find and save us. Thank you for your love and your amazingness. Thank you for your abundant gifts. Without you, we are lost. We proclaim with thanks and praise, I am no longer lost, I am found. Thank you for finding and freeing us. We pray you would bless and use these gifts to help find and free others in Jesus’ name. Amen

Bell Anthem: “*Blessed Assurance*”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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:

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 87

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so, they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

***Centering Hymn UMH #64: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

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| <p>1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy!
 Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> | <p>3) Holy, holy, holy!
 Though the darkness hide thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man
 thy glory may not see,
 Only thou art holy;
 there is none beside thee,
 Perfect in power, in love and purity.</p> |
| <p>2) Holy, holy, holy!
 all the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim
 falling down before thee,
 Which wert, and art,
 and evermore shalt be.</p> | <p>4) Holy, holy, holy!
 Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name,
 in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy!
 Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.</p> |

The Sermon

"IT'S A MIRACLE! WE HAVE WINE!"

Rob Ashmall, Guest Preacher

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #77: “How Great Thou Art”**

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| 1) O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed. | From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook,
And feel the gentle breeze; <i>[Refrain]</i> |
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Refrain: Then sings my soul,
(2X) My Savior God to thee;
How great thou art,
How great thou art!

- 2) When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down

- 3) And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin; *[Refrain]*

- 4) When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim:
My God, how great thou art! *[Refrain]*

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, the Lord your God, has performed miracles in your lives and the lives around you so that You may see Him as Lord. He left the 99 to come in search and to save You. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, died on the cross, was resurrected 3 days later, and now resides at the right hand of the Father. This was all for you. This was all for love. Look for the miracles of God, especially in the places you would least expect it and with the people you would least expect to be involved.

All: We heard of the water becoming wine. We will look for the miracles in our lives in the places we would least expect and with the people we would least expect. Thank You Jesus!

*** Postlude: “I Believe In Miracles”**

by John W. Peterson / Carlton C. Buck

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TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Guest Preacher: Rob Ashmall / Liturgist: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Greeters: Jane MacQueen, Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Krainak, Bill Draper, Carla Piazza Wistehuff, Andy Sharrow / Coffee Hour: Dee Mills and Jacquie Matlock / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune



Please Join us For The

GENERAL MEETING 2025

Gathering at the table to advance our beloved community

What is the Beloved Community?

Dr. King's Beloved Community is a vision of a society where justice, equality, and love prevail. It's a community built on understanding, compassion, and **collective action**. Together, we can move closer to making this vision a reality.

This is your opportunity to:

- Learn about the challenges affecting our community.
- Collaborate with others to **develop solutions** and **take action**.
- Be a part of building Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the Beloved Community.

**Thursday,
January 30th 2025
6pm to 9pm**

**New Mt. Calvary Church
3610 Russell St, Saginaw MI 48601**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

For more information or to RSVP, contact us at
info@theezekeielproject.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sue Johnson, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Walt Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

OUR THIRD SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING this month will go for **UMCOR Domestic Disaster Relief** which provides funding and support to address the overwhelming suffering that has happened in North Carolina with floods/hurricane and the fires currently in California, and other crises as they happen throughout the U.S. Local churches provide the first response to their communities, and with these funds, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners, enabling resiliency, preparedness, and solutions in effected areas.

REBECCA CIRCLE WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP invites all women of the church to attend their next meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 11:00am. The speaker for this meeting will be Janet Frank who is a certified hand therapist. Also, this meeting will include the 2025 pledge service. To RSVP, please contact Betty Jo Cloud at 989-799-8125 or bjcloud@yahoo.com.

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, please consider donating them for others who don’t own a copy of the Bible, or want to study more in depth.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, February 11 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for February: Authentic Asian Cuisine. Clean-up help needed. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM for children struggling with food insecurity continues. Sponsor a child for \$150/year. Call the office (989-799-0131) or sign up to pack food and deliver to area schools at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>

PFLAG MEETING here at the church today at 2:00pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Tuesday, January 21 at 7:15pm on ZOOM.

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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