

Our Church Statement

We seek to know God. We are grounded in unconditional love. We affirm all persons.

We learn from one another as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, an outsider who tore down dividing walls and calls us to unity. We are progressive, relevant, and committed to seeking peace and building hope through worship, service, social justice, and education.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, or how you worship, we welcome you to help us build our community. This includes all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Our Journey Together is Know God. Love Unconditionally. Affirm All.

We are following guidelines from our COVID team during worship

- We are following Washtenaw County guidelines to determine the need for masking and social-distancing in our spaces. Please adhere to guidelines provided by ushers and signage.
- Bulletins are self-serve and available at entrances to the sanctuary.
- Links to announcements, online giving, and attendance registration are below.



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Announcements can be found on our website www.fumc-a2.org/latestnews



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Let us know you were here electronically www.fumc-a2.org/weekendattendance, or you may enter your information on an index card at the entrance



Green Wood

at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor
Saturday, March 18, 2023

The Celebration Candle on the altar honors the eternal life of Gene Hulbert, father of Greg Hulbert. Gene passed away on March 12.

Opening Songs:

This Is the Air I Breathe
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting Each Other

Call to Worship

Holy and Living God, to choose You is to choose love.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Nudge us toward the reconciliation that ushers in right relationship.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Special Music Dr. Samuel E. Cook
His Eye is on the Sparrow

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-43

Sermon

“Roll Down Justice: I Choose Love”

Rev. Nancy Lynn

Special Music Dr. Samuel E. Cook
Jesus I Love You

Time of Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: I Am a Friend of God

Blessing

Texts in our Worship

This is the Air I Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I... I'm desperate for you
And I... I'm lost without you

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

I Am a Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God
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I am a friend of God
He calls me friend

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He calls me friend
Who am I that You are mindful of me
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Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me
it's amazing

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend

God almighty
Lord of glory
You have called me friend
(repeat)

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend
(repeat)

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."