

Welcome

Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you. God calls us to welcome all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Our Mission

We are a progressive, Christ-centered church focused on loving boldly and building hope through worship, education, service, and social justice.

Our Vision

With God's help, we will transform ourselves and our community through acts of unconditional love, the pursuit of justice, and a commitment to dignity and compassion for all.

Our Values Love boldly. Live curiously.
Serve compassionately.



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Contemporary Worship Spotlight



An offering of gifts is taken the first Saturday of the month when we celebrate communion.

Upcoming Saturday Worship:

Sep 5 - Rev. Tim Kobler

Please sign up to read scripture, welcome others, or run slides on Saturday evenings!
contact Adele Roy at adele@fumc-a2.org

This worship service is live-streamed to a public YouTube channel (FUMCannarbor).
Consider joining our Saturday evening media team!
Speak with one of the technicians after the service.



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



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Contemporary Worship

Green Wood Sanctuary at FUMC Ann Arbor

Saturday, August 29, 2026



*We celebrate the eternal life of Sandra Brinckerhoff, mother of Adele Roy.
Sandy passed away on August 22.*

Opening Songs

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

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Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name	(Chorus) You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name (repeat)
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say	(Chorus)
<i>"10,000 Reasons"</i> Jonas Myrin Matt Redman	
<i>Chorus:</i> Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.	You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.	And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending: Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus) x2
(Chorus)	Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Call to worship liturgy written by Rev. Greg Lawton’

*Once we were no people,
But now we are your people.
You have led us out of our own trials and challenges
And blessed us to be a blessing to others.
All: May your blessings overflow into our neighborhoods
and the whole world.*

Greeting Each Other *Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases*

*God of love and interconnection,
help me see every person I encounter as my neighbor.
Remind me of your compassion for all living things,
even when I feel annoyed or angry with them.
And when I am feeling left out, remind me that you are
a friend who never leaves me. Amen.*

Blessing from “We’re Neighbors” Backpack tags liturgy from Illustrated Ministry

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”	whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak[b] of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons	

Sermon

“Blessed to Be a Blessing”

Rev. Greg Lawton

Special Music “Come Thou Fount”

Robert Robinson | John Wyeth

Time of Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte | Carlton Young

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?	I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)
<i>Chorus:</i> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.	I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.	(Chorus)

Blessing