

FAMILIES!

We have an optional "Grace Space" in the sanctuary; a variety of activities are available for your younger ones!

Please join us downstairs in the social hall after worship for Connections — refreshments and connection with fellow worshippers.

If you are interested in assisting with hosting Connections time, please contact Tina in the office (tina@fumc-a2.org).



What is happening TODAY?

Scan code for today's events or go to:
www.fumc-a2.org/events/today/

This Sunday morning worship service is live-streamed to a public YouTube channel (FUMCannarbor). Services can be viewed afterwards and are stored on our YouTube channel. We also offer stand-alone scripture/sermon videos for further study.

Contemporary Worship Spotlight

Saturday 5pm contemporary worship services are offered both in-person and via live-stream.

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

Upcoming Saturday 5pm Worship:

Sep 5 - Rev. Tim Kobler



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www.fumc-a2.org/latestnews



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First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

Sunday, August 30, 2026 • Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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.

Want to learn more about FUMC Ann Arbor? Join the Church Walk and Talk! It happens once a month on the first Sunday. Gather outside the church office through the left door at the front of the sanctuary. Two knowledgeable lay people will lead a 15-minute walk around the church. Learn more about the church and get your questions answered. Visitors are especially welcome.

Large-print bulletins & audio devices available from the ushers

Foam ear plugs are available at sanctuary entrances for the comfort of those with sensory needs



First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor Order of Worship

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

*The Celebration Candle honors the eternal life of Sandra Brinckerhoff,
mother of Adele Roy. Sandy passed away on August 22 in Florida.*



Prelude Sent Forth By God's Blessing - arr. Michael LarkinDr. Paul Haebig, piano

Welcome.....Rev. Greg Lawton

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Hymn The God of Abraham Praise (UMH #116)

***Call to Worship** (responsive)led by Jan Fisher
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.*

Centering Music

Time with the Children Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases.....Rachel McCollum

Unison Prayer

Blessing from "We're Neighbors" Backpack tags liturgy from Illustrated Ministry

*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.*

Children's Recessional We Are the Church (UMH #558) verse 1

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSVUE)read by Jan Fisher

*For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!***

Sermon **"Blessed to Be a Blessing"**
Rev. Greg Lawton

Hymn of Response Bless the Lord (TFWS #2013) sing 4x

Time of Prayer.....Rev. Sarah Alexander

The Lord's Prayer (p. 895)

Introduction to the Offering.....Rev. Sarah Alexander

*Please make your donation online (instructions on the back page), or
place your gifts in the basket as you exit the sanctuary.*

Offertory Music

***Doxology** (UMH #94)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
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!*

***Offertory Prayer**.....Rev. Sarah Alexander

Hymn Sent Forth By God's Blessing (UMH #664)

Announcements.....Rev. Greg Lawton and Rev. Sarah Alexander

***Benediction**Rev. Greg Lawton

Postlude Sent Forth By God's Blessing - arr. Lloyd LarsonDr. Paul Haebig, piano

*Many like to sit to enjoy the music of the postlude and use the time for silent reflection. Whether or
not you stay to listen, may the peace of Christ go with you until we gather again in God's name.*

**Please adopt a posture of worship*