

FAMILIES! We have an optional “Grace Space” in the center of the sanctuary; a variety of activities are available for your younger ones! Additionally, a family lounge is available in the narthex and offers a quiet space. A speaker in the lounge allows you to hear the service.

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?

Adult Faith Formation classes typically begin at 11:30am on Sundays
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 26 - Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn



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www.fumc-a2.org/latestnews



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First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

Sunday, September 20, 2026 • *Seventeenth 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 after the 10:00am worship service. Gather just outside the sanctuary through the left door at the front. Knowledgeable lay people lead a 15-minute walk around the church to discuss our programs and ministries and to address questions. 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



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Order of Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Allegretto - Mark Fax.....Dr. Paul Haebig, organ

WelcomeRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

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

***Opening Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH #384)

***Call to Worship** (responsive)led by Amy Bridges
Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Children of God: welcome!
Welcome to this place of love and grace,
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
God invites all of us to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Time with the Children.....Cathy Pardon

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

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!
The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

Centering Music The Great Commission - Mary Kay Beall and John CarterChancel Choir
Dr. Paul Haebig, piano; Ken Sieloff, conductor

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:16-18 (Pew Bible N.T., p. 241)read by Amy Bridges

*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 "Our Values: Love Boldly!"
Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

***Hymn of Response** How Can We Name a Love (UMH #111)

Time of PrayerRev. Sarah Alexander

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.*

Community ConnectionsRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn and Rev. Sarah Alexander

*May we love boldly, live curiously, and serve compassionately
in all we do. Amen.*

Mission Focus L.O.V.E. Thy NeighborCathy Pardon

Introduction to the OfferingRev. 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 See What Love - Lena J. McLinChancel Choir

***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!*

***Prayer of Dedication**Rev. Sarah Alexander

***Closing Hymn** Love Astounding (insert)

***Benediction**Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

Postlude Voluntary in A Major - William Selby.....Dr. Paul Haebig, organ

*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*