



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 7, 2024  
SECOND Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Geri Anderson

Leader: Let us not forsake our first love - God Himself, for anything in the world.

**People: How worthwhile is our work without God at the center of our lives?**

Leader: Of the things related to the world we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ.

**People: May we cling to Jesus Christ, and through this hour of worship in community as the Body of believers in the local church, be more in love with God when we depart from this place.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"I Surrender All"

UMH #354

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Mighty Fortress"

arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
Carillon Choir

### PASTORAL 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.**

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

#### OFFERTORY GIFT TO GOD "Tell Me One More Time About Jesus"

"We Love the Oldies" Group

#### \*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### READING OF THE WORD

Revelation 2:1-7

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

"Ephesus: Return to Your First Love!"

Pastor Bethany Maciejewski

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Today we seek to extend God's table to all of our homes and the many places we find ourselves living out our faith. Let us take time to confess our sins, receive God's grace, remember, and to tell the stories of Jesus.

#### \*HYMN

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

UMH #358

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able



*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Elaine Zietlow, who passed away on March 26, 2024.*

**Welcome!** We hope you enjoy worshiping with us. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would like to share a gift with you.

The Nursery is open during worship for children from birth through the age of 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

## First Glance

### Sun April 7, 2024

9 am Worship Service  
10 am UWF Rummage Sale Set Up  
10:15 am Forum Class  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
11 am Worship Service

### Mon April 8, 2024

9 am UWF Rummage Sale  
9 am Card Club  
9:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study  
5 pm Kiwanis

### Tue April 9, 2024

9 am UWF Rummage Sale  
11 am Staff Meeting  
12 pm S3 Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wed April 10, 2024

9 am UWF Rummage Sale  
1 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal  
4:45 pm EXPLORE! Music Class  
7 pm Facilities Meeting  
7:30 pm Joyful Bells

### Thurs April 11, 2024

6:30 pm PEO Meeting  
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri April 12, 2024

11 am Men's Small Group  
7 pm AA Meeting

### Sun April 14, 2024

9 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Town Hall Meeting  
11 am Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
3 pm Mission Team Meeting  
6 pm Youth Group

## Save the Date

### Sun April 21, 2024

10 am Ukrainian Refugees in MI Presentation

### Fri May 17, 2024

7 pm Currie Concert

## The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:

- Canned goods (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, tuna, chicken)
- Canned fruit and veggies
- Cereal
- Pasta (mac & cheese, Rice a Roni)
- Granola bars
- Beef jerky
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Laundry detergent pods
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Feminine products

Thank you!



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The Walk to Emmaus has aims of bringing the World to Christ and Christ to the World by growing disciples and leaders within local churches.

We are having Walks this spring in West Branch. If you would like to have this wonderful experience you will need a sponsor, but there are many members of FUMC who could sponsor you.

- **Men's Emmaus Walk** April 11-14
- **Women's Emmaus Walk** April 18-21

For more information: [www.midmichiganemmaus.com](http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com) or contact:

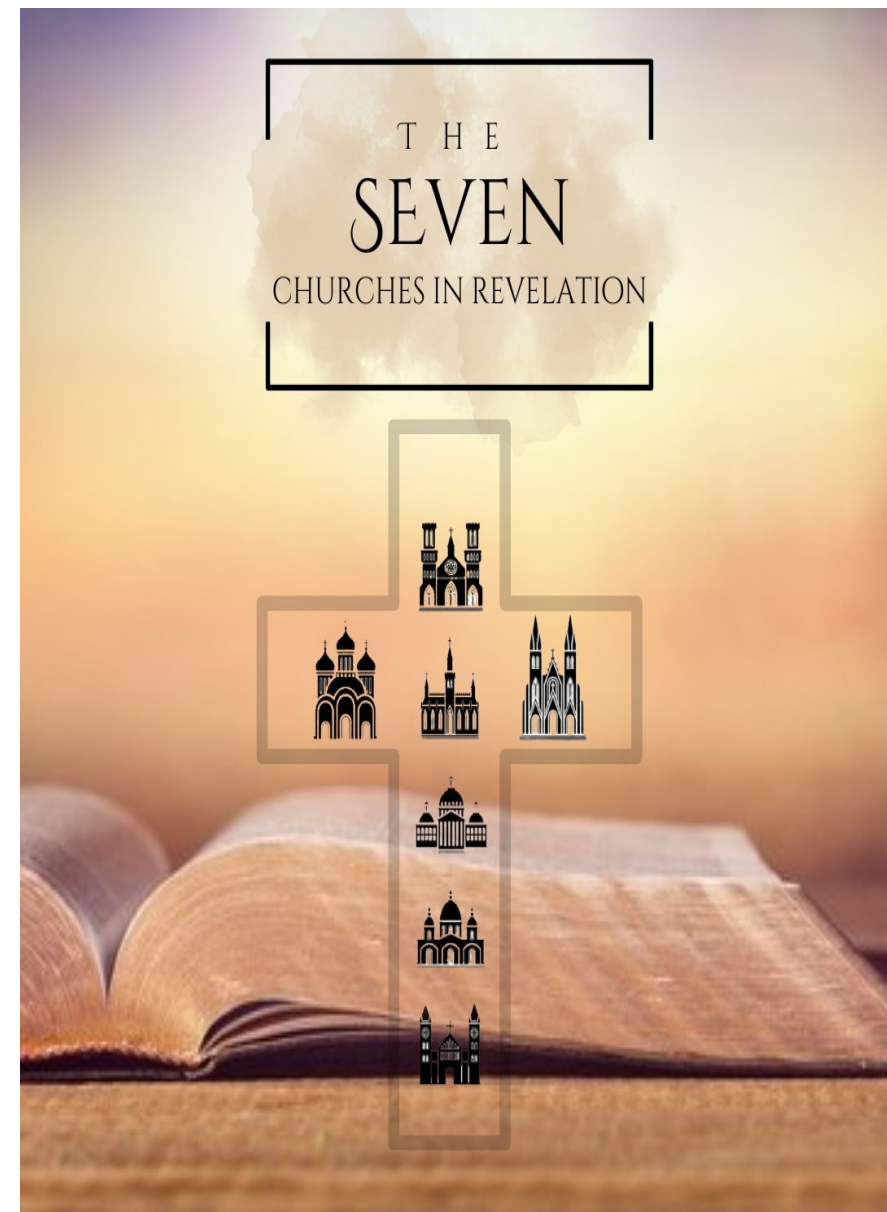
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United Women in Faith

On **Sunday, April 21**, join United Women in Faith and the Mission Committee for a program on Ukrainian refugees who are living in the Traverse City area of Michigan. Alline Beutler will be with us for worship at 9:00 and will give a presentation in the Chapel following the service. Immigration Law and Justice (ILJ-MI) is the new name for what was Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Come learn about this important ministry.

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