



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** "Gather Us In" TFWS #2236

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rene Johnson

Leader: Come! The Lord invites us in, to come and to partake of all that He offers us - abundant life that comes as we walk in His ways.

Congregation: Help us, Lord, to turn away from the things of the world that do not satisfy, and towards you, our Creator and Sustainer. You are life itself.

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Congregation: God's thoughts are not ours, His ways are not ours either. May we indeed be closer to God when we leave this place than when we entered. May we have ears to hear the invitation and may our feet carry the Good News!

***OPENING HYMN** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS #2221

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENTS See Screen

CHILDREN'S SONG "Alleluia"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER SONG "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS #2200

COMMUNITY 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 "Ombra Mai Fu" By George Fredric Handel
Tyler Morse, baritone

***DOXOLOGY** "Doxology" See Screen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING OF THE WORD Isaiah 55:1-9
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Thoughts and Ways"
Pastor Jeremy Africa

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Feed Us Now, Bread of Life" See Screen

***HYMN** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" TFWS #2103

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able



We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Sally Stebleton, who passed away on 6/21/24

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Becky Whitehead, whose stepdaughter, Denise Farmer, passed away on 6/27/24

Welcome! We hope you enjoy worshipping 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 July 7, 2024

10 am Combined Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

Mon July 8, 2024

10 am Monday Morning Bible Study
5 pm Kiwanis

Tue July 9, 2024

11 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Dessert Welcome for Pastor
Jeremy, Poolside

Wed July 10, 2024

12 pm Nominations Meeting
6 pm Picnic Welcome for Pastor
Jeremy, Plymouth Park
7 pm Facilities Meeting

Thur July 11, 2024

9 am PEO Meeting
6 pm Team Leaders Meeting

Fri July 12, 2024

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun July 14, 2024

10 am Combined Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
7 pm NextGen Concert Series

Save the Date

Sun August 11, 2024

7 pm NextGen Concert Series

The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:

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

Thank you!



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Prayer Ministry



Have you felt the nudge to pray in church? Here's your chance!! Join Hilary Ferguson (prayer ministry volunteer), after church (today! July 7) in room P4 to chat, co-write and pray!

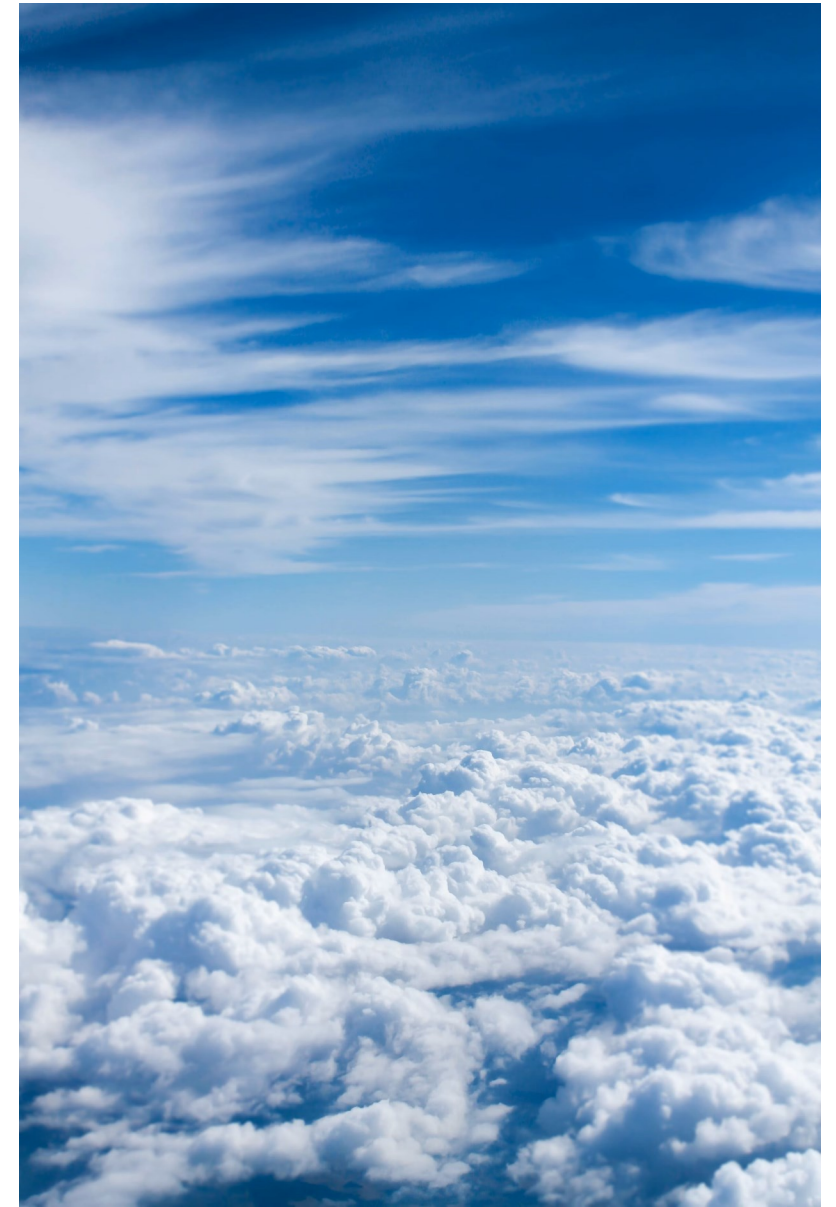
We need folks to offer the community prayer on July 14, 28, and August 25. Please consider volunteering and/or joining Hilary, after the service today, in P4.

**NEXT GENERATION
MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
2024**



JULY 14 @ 7PM
Oakland University
Chorale

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