



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 30, 2025
4th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Congregation: Help us God to further comprehend the depth of your mercy.

Leader: May we in this hour open ourselves to the tenderness of the Almighty.

Congregation: His justice and mercy go hand in hand, to root out sin and make us pure.

All: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness and worship our Lord who loves us and calls us to Himself.

***OPENING HYMN** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" UMH #358
vv. 1 & 2

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Following the Children's Blessing, all children are invited to join us for Sunday School in P4. *If your child is joining us for the first time, please accompany them to the classroom.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, arr. Carl Deis
Chancel Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" By Herklots
Tyler Morse, Baritone

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD Luke 23:32 – 34
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER SKIT Pat McIlvenna and Keira McKimmy

SERMON "Forgive Us, As We Forgive"
Rev. Jeremy Africa

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.

***CLOSING SONG** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Once to Every Man & Nation" arr. Lani Smith

*Please stand if able

Welcome! May your time in worship this morning be meaningful. 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.

Sunday worship services at First UMC are live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and available afterward for watch-on-demand. They are also broadcast throughout the week on Midland Cable Television (MCTV, channel 188) and on 97.7 and 107.7 fm on Sundays at 11 am.

First Glance

Sun March 30, 2025

10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 am Missions Team Meeting
11:15 am Adult Forum
NO Youth Group

Tue April 1, 2025

10 am Worship/Tech Meeting
11 am Staff Meeting
12 pm S3 Group
6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Boy Scouts
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wed April 2, 2025

1 pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal
4 pm The Lord's Prayer Study
4:45 pm Explore! Music Class
5 pm Lenten Dinner
6 pm The Lord's Prayer Study
6:30 pm Spring Ring Rehearsal
7 pm Church & Community Meeting
7 pm Step Ministry Meeting
8 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Thur April 3, 2025

8:30 am Volunteers for Food Pantry
10 am Mobile Food Pantry
1:30 pm Better Together Meeting
6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 4, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun April 6, 2025

10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 am Adult Forum
NO Youth Group

Join our Team!

Video Tech: In this part-time, hourly position, help to oversee our internet streaming to fulfill the mission of “helping people know, love, and share Jesus Christ.”

If you are interested in helping grow FUMC’s remote ministries, don’t hesitate to call our office at 989-835-6797 or email Erika at office@fumcmid.org



For more announcements and information, please see our weekly eBlast. If you do not receive it, call the office or email: reception@fumcmid.org



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Final Report Availability

The Rev. Ruth Farrell, Associate Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center and the facilitator of our congregation’s healing process, shared the final report from the LMPC with us on Tuesday, March 11. In the report, Rev. Farrell summarizes each phase of our journey, her findings, and her recommendations for helping us move forward more peacefully.

The report is available to all congregation members, who may obtain a copy by stopping by or contacting the church office (989-835-6797). If you have any questions, please get in touch with any of the Strategic Leadership Council’s officers (Ellen Talbott, Chair | Brad Bahr, Vice Chair | Jan Yurgens, Secretary) or Pastor Jeremy.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our congregation’s efforts during this healing process. May we move forward in grace, exercising a “courageous love” for God and for one another.

Mobile Food Pantry, Thursday, April 3

Our Step Ministry team is sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry, in partnership with Midland County Food Assistance Network and the Eastern Michigan Food bank. This will be our fourth time sponsoring a truck and this one will take place in the parking lot at the Great Hall (Valley Plaza) on Bay City Rd. Food distribution will begin at 10:00 am and pre-registration is not required, nor is proof of income. Youth and 4th/5th graders are welcome to participate, as there is a job for everyone! Arrival time for volunteers: 8:30 am for prayer and instructions. Questions? Call Amy Rye-Fisher at 989-430-6614

Rev. Jeremy Africa — Vacation, 3/31 - 4/6

Pastor Jeremy will be off on vacation from March 31 to April 6. Pastor Bethany Maciejewski will preach on Sunday, April 6. If you have a pastoral care need or emergency during this time, please get in touch with Pastor Bethany or call the church office (989-835-6797).

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE MEANING AND POWER OF THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT



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