



**BIRMINGHAM FIRST**  
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*...gathered here for good.™*



(11:00)

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
Genesis Choir

John Helgen

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest, lay down,  
O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me,  
I'll show you the way."

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI #70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**      *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*      Gilbert Martin  
Chancel Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**      *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #451**      *Be Thou My Vision*

**SCRIPTURE**      1 Samuel 16: 1-13

**MESSAGE**      *Anointing*      Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

**\*HYMN #399**      *Take My Life, and Let it Be*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *From God I Ne'er Will Turn*      J. S. Bach



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of A.B. Littleton and Ruth Littleton by Ann Littleton.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Harold Stanton by his family.*



**FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**Annual Partners in Missions Appeal**

Birmingham and Berkley First is inviting your generosity in giving through our Annual Partners in Mission Appeal. March is the only time in 2026 that Missions will make a focused request for your financial support, though gifts are always welcome throughout the year. Please donate at [www.gatheredhereforgood.org/pim](http://www.gatheredhereforgood.org/pim) or give by check, noting "Partners in Mission" in the memo line.

## **Micah 6 Webster Community Center Grand Opening**

You're invited to the Grand Opening of the Micah 6 Webster Community Center on March 20 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. at 640 West Huron Street in Pontiac, with a ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. This newly renovated space, located in the historic Elmer R. Webster School building, will serve as a vibrant hub for neighborhood programs, partnerships, and community resources.

## **CLC Volunteer Opportunity**

The Christian Life Center is looking for volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:30–6:00 p.m., as well as substitutes to help fill morning, afternoon, or evening shifts. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the many people who use and enjoy the CLC each week. Interested? Questions? Stop by the CLC or email [clc@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:clc@fumcbirmingham.org) for more information.

**VBS Jungle Guide Volunteers Needed** - We need lots of helping hands to make Rainforest Falls VBS flourish during the week of June 15-19. It takes 100+ volunteers during camp week, decorating days, and crafting and prep nights to help us create a wildly wonderful, faith-growing Vacation Bible School experience. VBS adult and youth volunteers are welcome to serve all five days or any of the days that work for them. For more information and to sign up, go to [www.gatheredhereforgood.org/vbs](http://www.gatheredhereforgood.org/vbs).

## **In Fellowship Hall today**

- **Cinnamon Roll Sales** – Stop by after service and purchase a cinnamon roll - nothing tastes better than a hot, fresh-baked cinnamon roll to compliment your coffee. All proceeds and donations go to support the scholarship fund for the Youth Choirs' 2026 England tour.
- **Annual Partners in Mission Table** – Make this your first stop to learn how your generosity supports vital mission partnerships locally and globally, and how you can be part of the impact in the year ahead.
- **March Madness for Missions** – Sign up for the bracket challenge with a \$10 entry, and enjoy some friendly competition knowing that 100% of proceeds directly support our mission programs. Find out more at our website at [www.gatheredhereforgood.org](http://www.gatheredhereforgood.org).
- **Lenten Dinner Sign-Up** – Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center for a community potluck followed by a special service in the Sanctuary; bring a dish to side share and reserve your spot.
- **New Books in Stock at the Circuit Rider Bookstore** -- Stop by the Circuit Rider Bookstore and browse the latest titles available for study and reflection. One featured book is *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey, a thoughtful exploration of who Jesus truly was beyond the familiar images many of us grew up with. Like a tattoo, the fundamental truths of faith are meant to be etched into our lives, yet a lifetime of learning and living the scriptures invites us to continually deepen our understanding of where these truths come from and what they mean for us today.

### **Selection Sunday is March 15**

It's March! That means it's time for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament – and of course March Madness for Missions! Selection Sunday is today, so make sure to sign up and get a bracket or two for our annual March Madness for Missions contest. The Big Ten is strong this year, with five teams ranked in the top 13, and another five looking to join the party. No matter who you pull for, it's fun for the whole family to see who can pick the most teams correctly.

Who knows – we might be putting your name on the trophy for 2026! In the end, everybody wins, as 100% of your \$10 entry donations go to support our mission programs, working hard to help so many in need in our communities and around the world. Stop by and see Mark Adams in Fellowship Hall after the service today, or email Mark at [adams400@aol.com](mailto:adams400@aol.com) and sign up.

### **Merry Mates: March 20**

As nature awakens from its winter rest, we look ahead to spring—and to the return of Detroit Zoo docent Mary Goyeau, who will present “What Is New at the Zoo.” Join us on Friday, March 20, in Fellowship Hall for an evening of friendship, learning, and a delicious dinner catered by Plum Market.

We will gather at 5:30 p.m., enjoy dinner at 6:00 p.m., and begin the program at 6:45 p.m. Whether you are a longtime participant or attending for the first time, all are warmly welcome—singles, couples, guests, and newcomers alike. Please RSVP by this evening to Carol and Jim Rillema at [crillema@gmail.com](mailto:crillema@gmail.com) or call 248.851.6438; the cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door.

### **Easter Lily Orders**

If you would like to place a lily in memory or in honor of someone, pick up an order form from the Welcome Center outside the rear Sanctuary doors. Completed forms may be mailed to Dorothy Duensing at 1589 West Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or returned to the church office with a check payable to FUMC, noting “Easter Lily” in the memo line.

#### **BULLETIN COVER**

This stained-glass window, one panel from the Psalms of David collection, reflects Psalm 34, verse 4 - “I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.”

(located at the Pleasant Street [West] entrance  
next to Runkle Chapel)

# BIRMINGHAM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPRING 2026 RUMMAGE SALE

## Donate

## Volunteer

## Shop

No Truck Pick Up for this Sale.

**Easy Drive-Thru  
Curbside Drop Off**

**Sunday, April 26**  
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 27**  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information visit  
[www.gatheredhereforgood.org](http://www.gatheredhereforgood.org)  
First United Methodist Church  
1589 West Maple - Birmingham

To volunteer for fun &  
fellowship, April 24 – May 1  
Please contact Jane Carvell  
by email or phone  
Jcarve55@icloud.com  
248-379-2662

**Volunteers must be BBFUMC  
church members or sponsored  
by an BBFUMC church member.**

Friday - Friday ♦ April 24-May 1  
Morning, Afternoon and Evening  
All shifts are available!

**Wednesday, April 29**  
12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30**  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

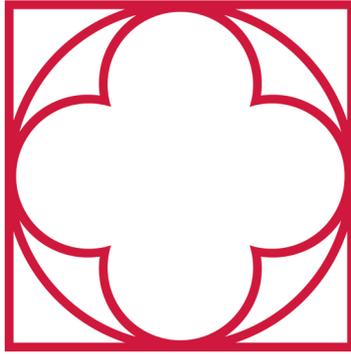
**Regular Price**  
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**50% off or \$10 Bag**



## 6 Pro Tips for Packing Donations for the Rummage Sale

We so appreciate your donations to the rummage sale. In fact, we depend on them! So, it is really upsetting for Sorters to dump out a bag of clothing and have someone's grandmother's glass bowl crash and break on the table! It is frustrating to find a small appliance without all its parts and only much later find the part or worse, realize it probably got thrown out. Follow these tips for minimizing the time needed to sort and maximizing the money earned for Missions!

1. Don't hide fragile items in the middle of a bag of clothing. The chance of breakage IS high.
2. Wrap fragile items in bubble wrap or several layers of newsprint before placing them in a box.
3. Pack "like with like" i.e. books with books, miscellaneous kitchen tools in one box, craft and sewing items with other craft and sewing items, etc.
4. Label boxes and bags – Housewares, Crafts, Toys, Books, etc. Even better, women's tops, men's pants, etc.
5. Attach all parts to appliances with tape or put in a Ziplock bag attached with tape, or put all together in one box.
6. Please take a second look at the list of items we **DON'T** take. These items often just end up in the dumpster.
7. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Humidifiers; Baby Equipment (Cribs, Bassinettes, Strollers, Highchairs, Seats, Gates, Pack-N- Plays); Basketball Hoops; Bicycle Helmets; Christmas Trees or Christmas Lights; Computers, Fax Machines, Printers, Electric Typewriters; Console or Portable (Old) TV's (We Accept Flatscreen Only); Non-Working Electrical Items; Entertainment Centers; Office Furniture or Large Desks; Organs or Pianos; Large Kitchen Appliances; Mattresses (Of Any Size); Medical Equipment; Textbooks; Tires; Torn/Stained Furniture/Clothing



**Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr.**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Sarah B. Alexander**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish**,

Pastor Emeritus, Interim Associate Pastor

**Casey Proch**, Executive Director

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**Doris Hall**, Organist

**Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie Haller,**

**& Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter**,

Pastors Emeriti

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