

BIRMINGHAM FIRST
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PRELUDE *Serenade for Strings: Moderato* Antonin Dvorak

***HYMN #420** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The hand of the Lord set the prophet down in a valley full of bones.

People: And the Lord asked: Can these bones live?

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our voice.

Leader: We come carrying the weight of the world and the hope of the Gospel.

People: We come to worship the God who makes all things new.

Leader: The Lord says: I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

People: Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe on us. We are here.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSA IN ANGUSTIIS

Joseph Haydn

In the summer of 1798, with Napoleon's armies advancing across Europe, Joseph Haydn sat down to write a prayer. He called it *Missa in Angustiis*, the Mass for Times of Distress. It begins with a cry for mercy so urgent it almost startles, and proceeds to move through praise, confession, holiness, and finally arrives at peace. The kind of peace that has looked at the most difficult and still believes. This morning, that prayer becomes ours.

Missa in Angustiis - Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Missa in Angustiis - Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth to men
of good will.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.

*We praise You, we bless You,
We worship You, we glorify You.*

Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

*We give You thanks
for Your great glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Lord God, King of Heaven,
God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Lord God, Son of God, the Father.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.

*For You alone are holy,
You alone are Lord, You alone
are the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of the Father, Amen.*

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.

Missa in Angustiis - Credo

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| Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex patre natum ante omnia saecula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri; per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis. | <i>I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. and 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 for our salvation He came down from heaven.</i> |
| Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria virgine; et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. | <i>He was incarnate from the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit; and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried.</i> |
| Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas, et ascendit in coelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris, et iterum venturus est cum gloria, judicare vivos et mortuos, cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit; qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum, et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. | <i>He rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of Father, He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; with the Father and the Son He is worshipped, and glorified, and has spoken through prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, I look for resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.</i> |

OFFERTORY INVITATION - PIM APPEAL

Bridget Schipper

Missa in Angustiis - Sanctus

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| Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
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Missa in Angustiis - Agnus Dei

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| Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. | <i>Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.</i> |
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Missa in Angustiis - Dona Nobis Pacem

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| Dona nobis pacem. | <i>Grant us peace.</i> |
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SCRIPTURE Romans 8:6-11

MESSAGE *A Matter of Mindset* Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

*HYMN #377 *It Is Well with My Soul*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Simple Symphony: Boisterous Bouree* Benjamin Britten

We thank our soloists: Robyn Campagne, Adam Deal, Chris Hall, Russ Ives,
Lisa Kost, Ruth Theobald, Sharon Ulep, and Katrina VanMaanen.



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Howard Bone, by his son, Lon Bone.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Ed Pugh by Sharon Pugh and family.*



FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Annual Partners in Missions 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. Together, we unite our giving to support 22 mission partners serving locally, nationally, and globally. Through these partnerships, 2,500 families receive essential toiletries, 70 refugee neighbors gain access to English classes, a community in Honduras receives clean water infrastructure, 100 children receive Easter baskets, 920 children are provided Christmas gifts and essentials, and local greenhouses are equipped to grow thousands of pounds of fresh food for our Pontiac neighbors. Make a donation at www.gatheredhereforgood.org/pim, or by check, noting “Partners in Mission” in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate.

Easter Lilies: Place Order by March 23

If you would like to place a lily in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one, pick up an order form from the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary doors. Completed forms may be mailed to Dorothy Duensing at 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or returned to the church office with a check payable to First United Methodist Church, noting “lilies” in the memo line.

Palm Sunday with Dr. Ritter

Holy Week begins next Sunday, March 29. We welcome Rev. Dr. Bill Ritter, Pastor Emeritus, to the pulpit for the 9:30 a.m. worship service, where he will preach “Street Theater,” drawing from Matthew 16:21–23. Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue Jr. will preach at the 11:00 a.m. worship service as we consider the dramatic and challenging moments on the road to Jerusalem. For the full schedule of Holy Week services, please visit www.gatheredhereforgood.org.

Sunday Night Dinner

You're invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a time to connect and share a meal. Tonight's menu includes soup and sliders, veggie tray and dessert. Come hungry and bring a friend!

You're Invited to Sarah Circle

Please join the Sarah Circle for a special presentation by church member Carol Rillema in the Martin Room on Tuesday, March 24, from 7–9 p.m. Carol will share an American history presentation that leads up to this summer's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Join us for dessert and what is sure to be an interesting evening. The event is free. Please RSVP to Linda Remington at 248-330-4298 or LRemington@comcast.net by this evening. Come join the fun!

Evangelism Study with Dr. Boayue

Sundays, April 12–June 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Martin Room (Zoom available). This 12-week study explores how the message of Jesus Christ is shared throughout the world and why evangelism is central to the Church's mission. Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr. Sign up with Dorothy Duensing in the Church Office or email office@fumcbirmingham.org. Study books are available for \$14.

Henderson Settlement Luncheon

Join us on Sunday, April 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Children's Center as we gather with our Henderson Settlement Mission Team to welcome Rev. John Newman, Executive Director of Henderson Settlement, and his wife, Lisa. Enjoy a light lunch as we learn about their work in southeast Kentucky and celebrate 17 years of partnership. Free; reservations required—sign up at the kiosk.

VBS Jungle Guide Volunteers Needed

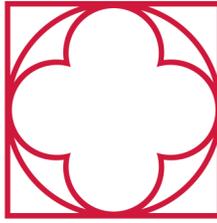
We need lots of helping hands to make Rainforest Falls VBS flourish during the week of June 15-19. It takes 100+ volunteers during camp week, decorating days, and crafting and prep nights to help us create a wildly wonderful, faith-growing Vacation Bible School experience. VBS adult and youth volunteers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

Easter Books in Stock at the Circuit Rider Bookstore

Looking for something special to put in an Easter basket? Stop by the Circuit Rider Bookstore in Fellowship Hall to explore Easter books for children. *The Legends of Easter Treasury: Inspirational Stories of Faith and Hope* including *The Legend of the Easter Egg*, *The Legend of the Easter Robin*, and *The Legend of the Sand Dollar*. Snuggle Time Easter Stories presents soothing rhymes that introduce our youngest readers to the true meaning of the first Easter. *'Twas the Morning of Easter* shares the joy and beauty of Jesus' resurrection through colorful illustrations and engaging rhyming text.

Greeting Opportunities for All

Please join our team of dedicated greeters by signing up for Holy Week services, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Families, individuals, and friends are all encouraged to greet. Visit the kiosk today to sign up.



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

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& Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter,

Pastors Emeriti

BULLETIN COVER

This stained-glass window reflects the power of prayer as a transformative connection with God - one that brings peace, shifts perspective, and aligns our will with God's purpose. As a relational, two-way conversation grounded in listening, gratitude, and trust, prayer invites us into a deeper awareness of God's presence.
(located in Runkle Chapel, second side window, top panel)

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