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This week's Immediate Prayer List

People of Ukraine, Bob Jones, Family of Gail Niethé

A complete prayer list is available at the Welcome Center.

Today's liturgist is Marcie Anderson.

Communion Servers are Marcie Anderson, Marylynn Mullen, Mary Bing, Marjorie Carlson, Julie Carpenter, and Greg Wilson.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church of Ludington.

We believe in the God who created and continues to create.

We want to root ourselves in Jesus.

We rely on the Holy Spirit.

We seek to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

We believe our church is part of this community. Ludington has our heart.

We open our doors and ourselves to everyone --

When we say "Come as you are" we mean it.

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*Our Mission: Reveal the Grace of God by welcoming and serving
all in Christ!*



May 1, 2022



Prelude **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**
Edward Broughton

If you have a prayer concern that you would like the pastor to lift up during the prayer time today, please fill out a yellow prayer card from the pew or from the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Someone will take the prayer cards up to her at prayer time.

Welcome and Announcements

- Happy Easter Season! We continue to celebrate the Risen Savior in the coming weeks.
- The United Methodist Women are having an indoor yard sale May 21. See the bulletin insert for details.
- Today during the offering we will be taking a collection for Native American Ministries Sunday. You can use a pew envelope and mark it “Native American Ministries Sunday”. See the explanation about this special Sunday in the insert. This is an important mission to support, particularly here in Michigan.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **“Blessed Assurance”** Hymnal #369

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones!

People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

Leader: Where there was no way,

People: God leads us in a new way.

Leader: Where there was no mercy,

People: God surprises us with fresh mercy.

Leader: Where there was weeping,

People: God invites us to step into a new dance.

Leader: Let us join the Lord of the dance.

Choral Anthem **“God Has Work for Us to Do”** Mark Miller
Chancel Choir
Soloist: Ana McCallum

Children’s Time

Song **“This is Where Children Belong”** James Ritchie

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Holy God, walking with us on this journey of life...

hear us as we pray, saying,

“Our Father, who art in heaven...”

(As Pastor ends Pastoral Prayer, congregation joins pastor in the Lord’s Prayer, Hymnal #895).

Offering **“Jesus Calls Us”** Dale Wood

Special Music **“My God Is Real”** Kenneth Morris
Sung by Taylor Makowicki
Accompanied by Sam Gillette on Bass Guitar
and Wesley Stream on Drums

Scripture John 14:8-14 Pew Bibles p. 1312

Sermon **“Committed to Christ -- People of Prayer”**
Pastor Hillary

Sacrament of Communion Hymnal p. 15

Closing Song **“Spirit Song”** Hymnal #347

Benediction

Music as We Go **“March in D”** J. S. Bach

Today is **Native American Ministries Sunday**, one of six annual Special Sundays celebrated in The United Methodist Church. These Special Sunday offerings allow you to give to particular missions that speak to your heart. Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected go to existing native ministries and seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in our annual conference to develop local ministries. There are eight Native American United Methodist Churches in the Michigan Conference

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Thursday, May 5 is the **National Day of Prayer**. There will be a gathering from 12:05 to 12:50 pm that day at the Mason County Courthouse. Prayer will be offered for the president and his advisors, local state officials, churches, law enforcement, education, local businesses, the U.S. military, hospitals, and the world. The theme for this year's gathering is "Exalt the Lord, who has established us", from Colossians 2:6-7. In the event of rain, the service will move to Community Church, 109 N. Harrison. There are evening events from 6 to 7 pm at Radiant Church and from 7 to 8 pm at Trinity Church.

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Mark your calendars! There will be an **informational and planning meeting for the Henderson Mission Trip** at 7 pm Wednesday, May 11, at church. Have you been thinking about such a trip? Join us and find out what it's all about. Contact Kirk Myers or Wayne Disegna with questions.

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Attention everyone - United Methodist Women are having an Indoor Yard Sale from 9 am to 2 pm on May 21. **Needed: Donated items, Workers, and Shoppers!** Are any of you doing spring cleaning? Please set aside items (no clothing or shoes/boots) that you would like to donate for us to sell. Ideally, they should not be arriving at the church until the Wednesday before the sale. Call Karen Genson with questions (843-2482). Please also put it on your calendar. We will need people to set up, people to work that day, *and* shoppers. Spread the word to potential shoppers - family, friends, etc.!

This week at church

- Today Worship with Communion in Sanctuary 10 am
Oasis Rehearsal 4-5 pm
United Youth Rally 5-8 pm
- Mon., May 2 Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
United Methodist Women Exec. Board 1:00 pm
Cub Den 5:30 pm, 4th-5th Grade Room
- Tues., May 3 TWIG 8:00-1:00
Intercessory Prayer 10 am by Zoom
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Women Who Care 5-7 pm
- Wed., May 4 Rug Ladies 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Room
Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Books & Beyond 1:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
- Thurs., May 5 Men's Emmaus 4th Day 7:30 am
National Day of Prayer 12:05-12:50 at Courthouse
- Fri., May 6 Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 pm in Sun. School Wing

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Our church has given approximately \$5,000.00 to the **Ukraine Relief Fund** through our Easter Offering, our general fund, and received private giving. The needs in Ukraine are very serious and they need our support. If you would like to give more support, please mark your giving to Ukraine Relief, and as funds are received we will send them to UMCOR. Thank you. *The Missions Committee*

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May 22 is **Graduation Sunday** at church. Our students who are graduating this year and their families are requested to be at church that day so that we can celebrate our grads. Currently we know of the following grads: Heidi Faust, Bella Gasaway, Kyle Heimerdinger, Allison Kaatz, Hayden Madl, Mackenzie McKinven-Copus, Maren Martinsen, and Wesley Stream.