

October 4th 2026
19th Sunday After Pentecost

11:30 a.m.

Prelude:
"Adonai"

Stephanie Lewis

*(The acolyte lights the candle signaling that
the light of Christ has come to meet us.)*

Welcome Hailey Rang

(Rise in body or spirit)

Invitation
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #2088 FWS

Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)

L: On this World Communion Sunday, Jesus Christ gathers us from the north, south, east and west. All of humanity, politically diverse, ethnically diverse, with diverse gifts, Jesus centers us, here today into one body.

P: We come to the Lord's table because of God's Grace, and God's mercy toward all of us. We have sinned, but because of Jesus Christ, we know there is no greater love than your sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. Thank you Jesus!

L: From every nation, tribe, language, and people, God is calling the Church to unity, peace, and love in Christ.

P: We come as one body, redeemed by one savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. HALLELUJAH!

L: Here we remember and may we never forget the life, death, and resurrection story, the empty grave, the encounter with Mary and his disciples, the assertion power of Jesus Christ, and the promise that Christ Jesus will come back again.

P: Today we receive grace for the journey. HALLELUJAH!

L: In this place we join Christians throughout the world.

P: Today we remember, we are many people, yet one body in Jesus Christ. HALLELUJAH!

L: Today we will worship our God who knits us together of one body in Jesus Christ.

P: With tremendous gratitude and reverence, today I worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. HALLELUJAH!, HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH

Praise and Worship
"As a Fire Was Meant for Burning" #2237 FWS

Message in Song:
"Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen
#2058 FWS

Children's Moment

Rev. Sharon Appling

Scripture: Acts 2: 40-47

(The Voice Bible)
Read by Hailey Rang

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Praise be to God for his word.

Sermon: Pressing on Towards the Mark of Our High Calling! Rev. Sharon Appling

The Church Gives Thanks

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God our gifts of
tithes and offerings.*

Offertory Hymn
"Me and God" Josh Turner

(Rise in body or spirit)

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow UMH #95

Offertory Prayer Hailey Rang

Celebration of Communion

(The communion table is open to everyone including children)

Communion Liturgy Overhead & Insert

Communion Hymn "Take Our Bread"

Community Prayer Rev. Sharon Appling

(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)

Ways to Connect Rev. Sharon Appling

(Rise in body or spirit)

Closing Song
"Victory in Jesus" #370 UMH
(VS. 1 & 3)

(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)

The Sending Rev. Sharon Appling

Altar Flower Memorials:

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. As of right now, we are asking that you provide your own flowers, until we can find a business that will give us a reasonable price.

Please sign up by contacting Ashley Detoledo at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Ashley Detoledo at 248-546-5955 or hpfirstumc@gmail.com

Worship

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, hpfirst.org, every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to hpfirstumc@gmail.com. **Thank You!**

Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.

**If you would like to use the equipment,
please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.**

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Our Shared Purpose

To Embrace All People With Love So that the Individual & Community Can Grow Together & Thrive into the Fullness of Christ

Rev. Sharon Appling

Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director

Ashley Detoledo Secretary

Frank Cox, Spiritual Formation Congregational Care Assistant

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Did you know that you can also raise money by things you do everyday?

-Do you shop at Kroger? We are signed up with Kroger to earn a percentage for each shopper that is signed up for the rewards program. The best part? It's FREE! It costs nothing but a few minutes of your time to register your card. Our organization number is #XH158

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~Monday, March 16th – Bible Study in church Library @6:00pm

~Sunday, March 22nd – Sunday School after coffee hour (See Frank or LeeAnn for more info).

~Monday, March 23rd – Bible Study in church Library @6:00pm

~Thursday, March 26th—Church council meeting @7pm

March Birthdays

Ashley DeToledo – 3
Tege French – 15
John Sarns – 16
Charlie Connelly – 17
Lisa Edwards – 22
Shannon Hardy – 23
Lisa Johnson – 25
Emilee Wellwood – 26
Brenda Frickey – 31



Evelyn "Joan" Sarns

November 9, 1930 – March 10, 2026

Evelyn “Joan” Sarns (nee Rosso), age 95, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at her home in Harrison Township, Michigan.

She was born in Mount Clemens, MI on November 9, 1930 and was a life-long resident of the area. Joan was a 1948 graduate of Mt. Clemens High School and a 1952 graduate of Adrian College. Following college, she taught High School English in the Warren Consolidated School District and 4th grade in the Mt. Clemens School District.

On August 15, 1959 at First United Methodist Church in Mt. Clemens, she was united in marriage to William B. Sarns. For the following 44 years, Joan & Bill operated William B. Sarns Company in Mt. Clemens, where they manufactured iceboat hardware for the “DN” class iceboat, given its name after being developed in a competition held by the Detroit News in 1936. With Joan handling the books, shipping and deliveries, and Bill working in the shop, they worked as a team not only with the business, but in all aspects of their lives.

After Bill passed away in 2012, Joan began volunteering at the Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Macomb Hospital in Mt. Clemens. She loved this volunteer position immensely and was disappointed when the Covid pandemic forced her back into retirement.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin P. Rosso in 1989, and Mildred E. Rosso (nee Job) in 1992, her brothers James (the late Patricia) in 2012, and Richard (the late Patricia) in 2019, and in-laws Harold & Gwen Sarns of Harrison Twp., and Leona Sarns of Naples, Florida.

She is survived by her sons, Matthew of Harrison Twp., and John (Darrick) of Berkley, MI. Also surviving are in-laws Richard & Norma Sarns of Ann Arbor, MI, Theodore Sarns of Naples, FL, and Marilyn (the late Jim) Williams of Creve Cour, Illinois. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, but was especially close with nieces Becky Line of Richmond, MI and Cindy Dinsmore of Armada, MI.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Composed by Conrad Kocher (1838)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
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Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord - in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
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But we never can prove - the delights of his love
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Then in fellowship sweet - we will sit at his feet,
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Confession and Pardon:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Thanksgiving and the Communion

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us anew covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

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