

## Our Church Statement

We seek to know God. We are grounded in unconditional love. We affirm all persons.

We learn from one another as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, an outsider who tore down dividing walls and calls us to unity. We are progressive, relevant, and committed to seeking peace and building hope through worship, service, social justice, and education.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, or how you worship, we welcome you to help us build our community. This includes all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

## Our Journey Together

Know God.

Love Unconditionally.

Affirm All.



## Spotlight on Green Wood

An offering of gifts is taken the first Saturday of the month when we celebrate communion.

The annual **Advent Tea** will take place at Green Wood on December 7. [www.fumc-a2.org/advent-tea](http://www.fumc-a2.org/advent-tea)

On December 14 join us for pizza and our annual **Deck the Halls** after the service.

Upcoming Green Wood Worship:

Nov. 30 - ADVENT I - Rev. Nancy Lynn preaching  
Special music by Katie Geddes and friends

Dec. 7 - ADVENT II - Special music by  
Rae Hoekstra



# Green Wood

## at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

Saturday, November 23, 2024

*The Celebration Candle honors the eternal life of Alice Delite Smith, mother of Shannan Shaw. Alice passed away on November 19.*

### Opening Songs

*“He is Exalted”*

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high  
I will praise him

He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise his name.

He is the lord, forever his truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth, rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.  
He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.

*“Here in this Place”*

Here in this place new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away -- but  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom and now is the day!

Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### Welcome & Announcements

### Greeting Each Other

**Mission Focus** *Holiday Giving Tree*  
Beth Lipton



## First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

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### Downtown Location

120 S. State Street • Ann Arbor, MI 48104

### Green Wood Location

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## Unison Prayer

### *Amazing God,*

*We witness every day that you create the extraordinary, so many complex and amazingly made animals and natural things. We gather as your church and your hands in the world. We ask you to help us challenge “what is,” to dream “what could be,” and master the skills to make it real. Show us the way to have an overwhelming love for others so we can do your work in a transforming way for our neighbors, ourselves and our church. Amen.*

## Video

*Dreams for Our Church*

## Special Music

Dee Spencer

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

*First Nations Version*

“When you ask the Father for anything, ask it in my name, representing who I am. When you ask for anything in this way, I will do it to bring honor to my Father. “If you love me, you will walk in my ways. I will ask the Father to send one who will always walk beside you and guide you on the good road. He is the Spirit of Truth, the one this world is not able to accept because it does not see or know him. But you know him, for he is with you now and will soon be in you. “I will not leave you like a child with no parents. I will come back to you. Soon this world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I will live again, you will also live. When that day comes, you will know that I am in the Father, that you are in me, and that I am in you. The ones who walk in my ways and stay true to my message love me. They will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and show them my true self.”

## Song of Preparation

I Dream of a Church - verse 1

*(insert)*

## Sermon

“What if We Do Something Extraordinary?”

Rev. Nancy Lynn

## Song of Response

I Dream of a Church - chorus

*(insert)*

## Special Music

Brandie Tyuse

## Time of 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.*

## Closing Song

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
out his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so shine,  
ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river runs right cold,  
chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain’t but one train on this track,  
runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

## Blessing