



First United Methodist Church in Downtown Erie

A downtown church for downtown people

*On the Corner of Seventh and (707) Sassafras Streets
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501*

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June 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. "Light for the City" Worship

10:30 a.m. "Sanctuary" Worship



Ron Hornaman

Presque Isle Lighthouse

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:

"To share our passion for Jesus Christ with Erie's next generations."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Indicates the people may stand if able.*



WELCOME

Pastor Jim

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Jim

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, found on the back of the pew in front of you, and give it to an usher during the prelude.)

BRINGING THE LIGHT:

Megan Whitehill

PRELUDE:

“Grace Alone”

arr. Camp Kirkland

*Kira Foster, soprano; Ashley Meyer, mezzo soprano
Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist*

WELCOME to those listening on the radio on WERG 90.5 FM and on the web.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Keith Donati

(Let us stand for the Call to Worship)

Liturgist: When we choose to hate instead of love,

People: Your grace is greater.

Liturgist: When we choose impatience over patience,

People: Your grace is greater.

Liturgist: When we speak hurt instead of healing,

People: Your grace is greater.

Liturgist: When darkness seems to drown out light,

People: Your grace is greater.

*Liturgist: God, help us to always choose love, patience, healing and light.
But, we are so grateful that, when we do not,*

All: Your grace is always greater. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: **“Grace Greater than Our Sin” Red Hymnal No. 365**

All Four Verses

(Please be seated)

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OPENING PRAYER:

Keith Donati

Unison: We praise you, extraordinary God, for the holiness of ordinary things—a gathering of fellow believers, a song of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving, a word, a loaf of bread, a cup, a fountain of water. Send your spirit to rush, cool and clear, through our dry and brittle places. May the Spirit seep into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, that we might know you more fully and worship you more deeply. **Amen.**



KIDS' TIME:

Pastor Jim

Children 12 and under may come to the chancel area. Parents: If your little one needs some encouragement, please feel free to come and sit with them.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

"The Gifts He Gives to Me"

Cindy Berry

***Kira Foster, soprano; Ashley Meyer, mezzo-soprano
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist***

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OFFERING CALL

Pastor Jim

Please pass the Friendship Pads so all may sign and know with whom they worship today. Please return to the center aisle. Thank you!

OFFERTORY:

“Prayer in A Flat”

Alexander Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY: *(contemporary language for God)*

Red Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *God*, all creatures here be-low;
praise *God* a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. **A-men.**

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

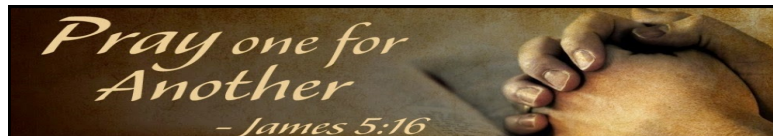
Pastor Jim

PRAYER HYMN:

“Take Time to Be Holy”

All Four Verses

Red Hymnal No. 395



MORNING PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jim

FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison):

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.

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BIBLE LESSON:

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Pastor Jim



THE MESSAGE:

“Implausible Deniability”
Rev. Jim Parkinson, preaching

HOLY COMMUNION:

“The Great Thanksgiving”

Pastor Jim

(The liturgy is on the screen and on an insert)

Hymn sung during the distribution of communion:

“Let Us Break Bread Together” Red Hymnal No. 618

*CLOSING HYMN:

“Open My Eyes that I May See”
All Three Verses

Red Hymnal No. 454

*SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jim

*PARTING CHORUS:

“Be Glorified”

Black Hymnal No. 2150

In our lives, Lord, be glorified,
be glorified.

In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

*POSTLUDE:

“Postlude in Bb Major”
Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Douglas E. Wagner





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Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ *We thank God for your presence this morning with us!* If you are a **visitor or college student**, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** found in the attendance pad on the pew at the center aisle and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to take a **Welcome Brochure**.
- ◆ **Children** are important to us and we strive to include them in worship. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for quiet activity during the service. A children's message is offered during the service, please come forward when invited by the pastor. Also, a staffed nursery is available for children.
- ◆ **Restrooms** are located on the lower level, below the sanctuary, or upstairs in the lobby of Oxford Center (through the door to the left of the chancel). Accessible restrooms are on the first floor (level L) near the elevator.
- ◆ **Personal listening devices are available for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service!** You may use a headset provided by the church or plug your own headset (with a 1/8" audio jack) into one of the church's portable receivers. Please see an usher for assistance.
- ◆ **"Thank you"** for a wonderful and memorable retirement picnic. Melodye and her helpers did a great job. We were touched by the original song that Cathy Laneve wrote and sang in our honor, "With A Grateful Heart." We also were pleased to see people not only from Erie: First UMC but also from Union City: First UMC and The First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Your love gift was truly very generous. May God continued to bless us all until we are joined together at Christ's heavenly banquet table. – Pastor Jim and Donna.



We are looking for someone who would take over making the coffee and putting out the snacks for the 9:00 am Light for the City Service. This could be 1,2 or 3 people who took turns on each Sunday Morning. (You would need to be there around 8:00 am). There are 4 or 5 people who make the snacks for each Sunday and you would need to put together the snack schedule, which is done every 6 months. The schedule is good until the end of June. This would start on Sunday, June 13th. If interested, please contact Donna Parkinson at 814-920-4413.

UMW Rummage Sale - items for the rummage sale should be placed in the Prayer Room. Help is needed for set-up the week of June 7 starting at 10 am until about 3:00 pm. Monday-Thursday. For those who are interested in helping, and can't help during the day, set-up time on Tuesday, June 8 will be from 4 pm to 8 pm. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. The sale will be on Friday June 11 from 9 am - 3 pm. Saturday's sale is from 9 am until noon. If you can provide goodies for the Bake Sale please contact Donna Burkhart at 814-866-2781. **Assistance** is needed following the 10:30 service today to bring the round tables down from Oxford Center. Also on Monday, June 14 the driver from the Rainbow Connection will need assistance with loading the truck at 11:00am. Please let Donna know if you can help. Helpers and customers are being asked to wear a mask.

FUMC TWO WEEK CALENDAR

June 6, 2021 ~ June 19, 2021

<i>This Week</i>				<i>Next Week</i>			
June Sun	6	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Light for the City Svc. Sunday School- adult & children Sanctuary Worship Family Harvest Church	June Sun	13	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Light for the City Svc. Sunday School- adult & children Sanctuary Worship Family Harvest Church
Mon	7	1:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm 10:00 am 3:00 pm	Knitting Group CANCELLED (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Sister Gale) Naranon (Oxford Center) Church Rummage Sale Set-up Mon - Thurs	Mon	14	1:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Knitting Group (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Sister Gale) Naranon (Wesley)
Tue	8	7:00 pm	NA (Oxford Center)	Tue	15	7:00 pm	NA (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	9	10:00 am	Book Study (Oxford Center)	Wed	16	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Book Study (Wesley) Church Council Meeting
Thu	10			Thu	17		
Fri	11	9:00 am 3:00 pm	Rummage Sale	Fri	18		
Sat	12	9:00 am Noon	Rummage Sale	Sat	19		

~~Prayers~~

Prayer List:

Jessie Bolash (Bolash's grandson), Tom Kohler (back surgery), Priscilla Ferebee (heart issues). Those suffering from loneliness.

Pray for children in our Neighborhood: Azath Siwakoti, Esmeralda, & Seaara

In the Military: Michael Reim, Dustin Witsch, Alec Nolan, Cody Nolan, Ben Rea

Submit a prayer request by filling out a prayer request card, or by calling the church office at 814•452•3300 or Loretta Nosko at 814•455•2437.

~~*~* † **GREETERS** † *~*~*~*

Brauns Doors: Loretta Nosko

10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:			Birthdays this week	
	Today:	Next Week:	06/07	Sharon Gornall
Liturgist	Keith Donati	Howard Wright	06/10	Adam (Ream) Wick
Acolyte	Megan Whitehill	Val Rodgers	06/12	Susan Bartlett
Projectionist	Elliott Arndt	Azath Siwakoti		
Sound	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers		

Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, DVD, & Podcast: Worship with us live on-line at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/) or after-the-fact on the church's **YouTube** channel. Or listen to the entire 10:30 a.m. service tonight on Gannon radio **WERG 90.5 FM** at 7:00 p.m. also simulcast on the radio station's live web feed. Or receive via mail a **DVD** of the 10:30 a.m. service by contacting the church office. Or listen to recent sermons at anytime on the church's **Podcast page: fumcerie.podbean.com**.

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