

SERMON SNIPPET:

Message: A COMPELLING VISION – PART 2

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 & Revelation 7:9-10 NRSV

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood

In our foundational text, form revelation, we find the author painting a beautiful picture of a gathering so large it could not be counted. The gathering consists of people from: "every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9b NRSV). How encouraging it must have been to hear this message,

for people living within the diverse mixing bowl of the Roman Empire. Roman Empire, at its best, was a place where many different people, from many different places lived side by side. The author of Revelation has envisioned a heavenly gathering which is multicultural and multiethnic.

What does it mean to be multicultural? Dictionary.com defines multicultural as: Of, relating to, or representing several different cultures or cultural elements. Which leads us to point #1 – We envision our church becoming a community of faith where we welcome and value our cultural distinctions and preferences. We are partially multicultural. If you grew up where you had to dial the operator to make a call, raise your hand? If you grew up listening to the radio before your family got a floor model black and white tv raise a hand? If you had a walk-man, have used cassette and VHS tapes, raise your hand? If you grew up with a desktop computer at home, raise your hand? If the only cellphone you've ever had is a smartphone, raise your hand? Each of these questions represents a different cultural shift. However, being multicultural does not mean we are also multiethnic. We can be multicultural while being homogeneous in our ethnic makeup.

What does it mean to be multiethnic? Dictionary.com defines multiethnic as: Involving or pertaining to, two or more distinct ethnic groups. Which brings us to point #2 – We envision our church becoming a community of faith where all ethnic groups within our community are welcomed, valued and contributing. The vision God has given us pushes to have this church mirror our community, which is growing more diverse. Becoming multicultural and multiethnic requires intentionality to the work of creating sacred space for others. The author of revelation offers a vision that is compelling, but so does Jesus. In his parting conversation with the disciples, found in Matthew 28:18-20, Christ offer's them instructions on what they pursue. We recognize these words as the Great Commission, the parting empowering challenge offered by Christ. Note, the first part of verse 19: "go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Which brings us to point #3 – Making disciples of all nations requires an approach that seeks to understand and value the cultural and ethnic significance of others. It is a call toward us becoming one family in Christ while honoring our constructive cultural contributions and influences. In a season where diversity, cultural and ethnic inclusion are viewed in unfavorable ways. God is calling us to become an example of how we can live, worship, and serve a community of faith comprised of people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service **September 22, 2024**

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Anthony

HYMN Blessed Assurance #369 Yaroslav Daniels

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Dave Kennedy

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights! Praise the Lord, all *the* angels, praise the Lord, all *the* hosts! Praise the Lord, sun, and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars! Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of *the Lord*, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven. God has raised up a horn for *the Lord*'s people, praise for all the Lord's faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 148:1-4, 13-14 #861 UMH)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Timothy 4:1-16 & Revelation 7:9-10 NRSV Dave Kennedy

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL SELECTION LORD, HERE AM I Vocal Choir

By John Ness Beck

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Bea

HYMN Give Thanks (2x) #2036 Yaroslav Daniels

SERMON A COMPELLING VISION – PART 3 Pastor Anthony

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Dave Kennedy

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- For those worshipping virtually: Giving options will appear on your screen.
- For those worshipping in-person:

You may place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed **CONNECTION CARD** in the collection plate.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dave Kennedy

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94 Yaroslav Daniels

JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Anthony

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Pastor Anthony

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

HYMN Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior #351 Yaroslav Daniels

SENDING FORTH You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing! Pastor Anthony

POSTLUDE Yaroslav Daniels



thank

When you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. Matthew 25:40

Meeting on Monday, October 7th @ 7 p.m.

is our

PAY IT FORWARD

choice for September **2024**We appreciate your generosity and ask you to please indicate **CCMM3028**on your check/envelope.

CARING MINISTRY LIST OVERCOMING HEALTH & LIFE CHALLENGES:

at Central



Carolyn Aymer, Phyllis Anderson, Pat Bradley, Maggie Clewley, Janis Creswell, Denise Durham, Pat Dygert, Bev Ellis, Jane Hopper, John Hopeck, Karma Huston, Bev Jackson, Peter Kalakailo, Marianne Keach, Bonnie Kennedy, Paul King, Dean Koppin, Suzanne Lanstra, Keith Miller, William Morrison, Denise Rogers, Oliver Schultz, Sharon Scott, Bernie Shaw, Marilyn Totten, Sandy Welling, Don Wingard, Ruth Yuill

The Caring Ministry keeps those who are shut in, hospitalized or sick and unable to attend church connected to the church through visits, cards, and phone calls. Contact Connie Haase, Parish Visitor email: office@farmingtonfumc.org or call the church office for further information.

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Anthony (313) 283-9919



Susan Latímer's

Memorial Service @ 11 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2024

10 a.m. Coffee & Muffins here at the church in

Altar Flowers Dedications



- 1st In loving memory of our son Jeremy, Bob & Susan Cook
- 8th Celebrating the birthdays of Susanna, Beulah, Edwin Arun
- 15th Happy Birthday William Tolentino, Jr. & Matthew
- 22nd Tom & Elaine Malafouris 30th Wedding Anniversary
- 29th In loving memory of my dear grandmother Dorothy J. Davidson, Maggie Clewley

If you have email, you have been sent a reminder of your date and each has an altar flower form and envelope on the narthex table to submit your payment and your tribute message.

PLEASE SUBMIT your dedication details and \$30.00 payment for the two bouquets, which you may take home following the service (*bring a container to transport*) to Phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org by 11 a.m. Mondays 2 weeks prior to your selected date (s).



The rummage sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19. Setup will begin after church on Sunday, October 13 with salad/pizza lunch provided. You can sign up to help by accessing the Signup Genius on the church website under "Resources" and "Events." Once again, proceeds will be allocated to those areas workers would like them directed to, for example: the UWF women's group, HVAC, ceiling repair or other area of your choice. YOUR HELP is needed to make this a successful event.

We are not going to hold another rummage drop-off day as we already have enough items to sell. However, you can continue to donate items by leaving them outside the rummage room door in the church basement under the sanctuary.

Please note: this will be the 4th and last in-person rummage sale run by the Wilson's. We are anticipating being involved in a major building project at our family lake lot next spring and our time is already being heavily consumed in pursuing this endeavor. Items currently at our home will continue to be sold on eBay as time permits. Perhaps another person or team would like to take over this event or has a different vision for it. We would be happy to offer guidance to anyone who wants to know more. Stockpiling donations in the rummage room as they come in is one of the tasks involved and the sale itself is fairly well streamlined.

There is a rummage sale post on the church Facebook page. PLEASE SHARE IT with your FB friends. It has also been listed as an event on Facebook Marketplace. Thank you for all your past donations. Hop to see YOU at the rummage sale.

Joy & Doug Wilson



Group Organizing Made Easy

Hello!

You have been invited by Joy Wilson to sign up for "Fall 2024 Rummage Sale." Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet. You can also access this signup on the church website under "Resources", "Events". Thank you for supporting this event!

Sign Up



CED would like to send periodic notes and or care packages to our church's college students and military personnel. If your loved one is in this category, please contact Karen Brichford with their information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be available to Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades throughout the school year beginning Sunday, September 8th.





At this time, we are not able to provide Nursery Care for our youngest participants. Please know that children of all ages are welcome in worship, especially when they are making "joyful noises to the Lord".

Our future plans include developing a "Family Center" where parents will have a comfortable space to experience our worship service via live stream in a space that is hospitable for them.

GUIDING FORCE YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION

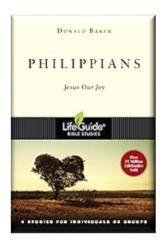


Please save September 15th for "Pizza and Planning" after worship, Coffee Hour, and "Raven Building". All Middle School and High School students **and their families** are encouraged to share in pizza and planning for the schedule and activities for the 2024-2025 program year.

We are hoping to build a schedule that will be inviting and convenient for everyone who is interested in participating in Confirmation and/or the Guiding Force Youth Group (and their friends). So, please bring your schedules and your ideas so that we can share fun-filled, relevant experiences together.

We will be offering a Confirmation Class again this year. Any student who is in 6th grade and older is invited to join this class who will be brought into membership in the Spring of 2025





Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study – Fall 2024

The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study will start a new 9-week study on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm. We will be studying "Philippians: Jesus our Joy", using the Life Guide Bible Study booklet by Donald Baker. It's easy to be happy when things go well for you. But what would it be like to have a sense of joy that continued even in times of trouble? Such was the deep joy that the apostle Paul experienced and shares in Philippians. Let Barbara Walker, walkerbarbar@yahoo.com, know if you are interested. She has \$8 copies of the book. The Tuesday Night Bible Study offers an enjoyable setting for fellowship, support, and study. September is a great time to start a new faith building adventure. Please consider joining us.



The following committees are looking for Methodist Men, additional members: Finance, Outreach, Trustees, The Streaming Team, and Website Team. If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Pastor Anthony at:pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org.

Our teller team could use your help. Looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers that are willing to help count the offering after Sunday service. It takes about 30-60 minutes to complete depending on the Sunday. We schedule 2 tellers per Sunday. Commitment would be for no more than 2 Sundays a month depending on the scheduling. There may be a month that you may not be required to count. Scheduling is flexible.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LITURGIST?

Liturgists are responsible for leading the opening prayer, reading the scripture lesson, leading the offering prayer, and reading the explanation of offering options. If you are interested in joining the liturgist team, please contact Jill Burress at iillb69@aol.com.

HOW TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

You can view our 10:00 a.m. Livestream of our worship service, on the church website or our Facebook page, even if you do not have a Facebook account. Here is how to connect:

- 1. Go to: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch or
- 2. Access the church's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc/
- 3. Once on the church's Facebook page, select the video marked Live in red.
- 4. You can now view the livestream of our worship service.



DID YOU MISS THE WORSHIP SERVICE?

You can view all previous worship services and sermons on our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, or Website:

YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCpy3ppBF6thM1WGrnYDZCPw

Facebook: www.facebook.com/farmingtonfumc
 Website: www.farmingtonfumc.org/watch-live

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Thank you for your continued and steady financial support. The finance team has worked diligently to provide multiple methods for us to continue financially supporting the church:



A) You can Drop-off or Mail-In a check to:

First United Methodist Church - 33112 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.

- B) You can use the "Bill Pay" option through your online banking website.
- C) You can give using "PayPal" and choose: First United Methodist Church of Farmington.
- D) You can text to give, by texting: **fumcgive** to **44321** and follow the prompts.



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @farmingtonfumc

In an effort to attract more attention towards our church, we have created an Instagram account. Here you will find content featuring updates, events, devotionals, and more! Give us a follow, tell your friends, tell your family, and enjoy scrolling!

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248 474-6573 or 248 474-6595

lews & Notes for the week of September 15, 20

Tuesday, September 17th

Phyllis not in the office

Brookdale Service 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18th

Anna Circle 12 noon 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, September 19th

7:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 20th

5:00 p.m. **Detroit Chin Baptist Church**

Saturday, September 21st

2:00 p.m. Dance Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, September 22nd

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Coffee Hour following

10:15 a.m. Sunday School Bible Study 11:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Classical Indian Dance Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. **Detroit Chin Baptist Church**





Saturday, October 12th Saturday, December 7th 10 a.m.

2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE Sunday, October 27th 2:00 p.m. SPRC 3:00 p.m. CC ZOOM

Documents are due Friday, October 11th at the latest. If you wish to attend via ZOOM, please email me by Monday, October 21st,

to receive the zoom link and packet.



Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 10:00am to 2:30pm Phyllis is not in on Tuesdays

Pastor Bea's Office Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

Pastor Anthony's Office Hours:

9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

If you have information to include in the weekly News & Notes, please email your Phyllis information to Anderson (phyllisa@farmingtonfumc.org) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Announcements or information to be shared in the order of worship, must be submitted to Pastor Anthony no later than 12:00 noon on Monday.



2nd Yvonne Christensen, Ana Palmer, **Dave Trombley**

5th Carolyn Danielson

6th Susanna Arun, Beverly King

7th Beulah Arun, Dean Koppin

8th Edwin Arun

10th Lee Imus

13th Anthony Hood, Dan Latimer

14th Heather Shymanski

19th Melanie Stevenson

20th Debbie Muncey

22nd Larry Weigand

24th Janice Pohl

25th Mary Sue Duffy, Loni Stevenson

26th Claude Christensen, Debbie Miller 28th Lia Schroeder

Anniversaries

6th Larry & Loni Stevenson Scott & Pamela Lodge

19th David & Janice Pohl

24th Tom & Elaine Malafouris

25th Sam & Sherry Carnell

26th Larry & Sue Weigand