

Community Prayer Gathering

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

sponsored by

The Greater Rapids Area Churches for Ecumenism
PORT EDWARDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 6:00 PM

Musician: *Judy Miller*

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing
M – Minister / P – People

MEDITATION CHORUS *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

🎵 **Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace:

Allelu—ia! 🎵

(keep repeating)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PASTOR CALEB

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR MICHELLE

M: The world is trembling. Our days are heavy.
Our hearts feel stretched.

**P: But we come seeking God's peace,
God's wisdom, and God's presence.**

M: Nations rage. Communities grieve.
Violence wounds the innocent. Fear echoes out.

**P: But we gather, knowing God does not turn
away but hears the cries of the suffering.**

M: We gather: all who mourn, all who hope,
all who long for justice and dare to believe that peace
is still breaking into our world.

**P: Our prayer is for the healing of the nations
and the binding up of our wounds.**

L: So may the Light of the World
shine upon places that ache and lives that are crushed.

**ALL: Make us instruments of Your peace,
O God, this day! AMEN!**

*OPENING HYMN: *Come and Find* TFWS 2128

OPENING PRAYER PASTOR MICHELLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS PASTOR BETH

*Micah 4:1-4 / Psalm 85:8-13 /
James 3:17-18 / John 14:27*

SILENCE IS KEPT

PRAYER CHORUS *O, Lord Hear My Prayer*

♪ O Lord, hear my prayer; (2x)

When I call – answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; (2x)

Come and listen to me.! ♪

(keep repeating)

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD PASTOR MARGO

M: O God of Peace, here's our prayer . . .

P: . . . come and heal our world.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PASTOR MARGO

M: O God of Love, here's our prayer . . .

P: . . . come and guide our nation.

PRAYERS FOR OUR STATE & COMMUNITY PSTR. MARGO

M: O God of Hope, here's our prayer . . .

P: . . . come and bless our neighborhoods.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PASTOR KATE

M: O God of Joy, here's our prayer . . .

P: . . . come and dwell with us.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS PASTOR KATE

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, Bbt deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever: AMEN!

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS PASTOR KATE

*CLOSING HYMN *Healing of the Nations* UMH 428

*BLESSING & GOING FORTH PASTOR KATE

NEXT COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING:

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home has graciously offered G.R.A.C.E. use of their new community room. Our next gathering will be there on Sunday, June 28th @ 6:00 PM