

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.
Please silence cell phones.*

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Also, please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle. Please pass it to your neighbors in your pew.

*“And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.”
~ Matthew 28: 2 (NRSV)*

PRAISE

PRELUDE

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-10 (NT, p. 33)

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 302 (red hymnal) “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*LIGHTING THE PEACE AND RESURRECTION CANDLES

We light the peace candle during worship every Sunday to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace; and to pledge our part in receiving and sharing it.

*GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

RESURRECTION CANDLE LITURGY (all praying the bold)

Proclamation

The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God’s transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us. Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities. Christ is alive and living among us!

In the re-lighting of the candles, we acknowledge that there is still pain and suffering in the world, but we place our trust in God and in the way shown by Jesus Christ. In the midst of darkness, there is light. In the pain of death, there is life. In the face of what appears to us to be overwhelming odds, God is at work in us and in the world, working for justice and peace, compassion and love, and life abundant. Christ is risen; Christ is risen in us, for whatever we gather in his name, he is there.

Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN 261 (red hymnal) “Lord of the Dance”

MESSAGE “And the Earth Shook”

RESPONSE

*HYMN 307 (red hymnal) “Christ is Risen”

CALL TO PRAYER “A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton



SILENT PRAYERS “A Repeating Alleluia” (see above)

PASTORAL PRAYER “A Repeating Alleluia” (see above)

THE 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.** “A Repeating Alleluia” (see above)

OFFERING INVITATION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Coins received will be designated for the support of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for our work around the world. Please sign the attendance pads as they are passed down the aisle.

OFFERTORY “Was it a Morning Like This?”

D. Marsh

*DOXOLOGY 94 (red hymnal) “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (praying together)

**Alleluia, Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! O living Christ, we celebrate this day,
the promise for all time of your unending love! Accept these gifts of celebration —
make them be celebrations for others in our community and in the world. We praise
your holy name! Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN 327 (red hymnal) “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Anyone desiring to join the choir to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus,” may come up to the chancel area during the final verse of “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*OUR SHARED LIFE and BLESSING

*RESPONSE “Hallelujah Chorus”

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 1

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Holy Communion
Forward in Faith II Kick-off
Rev. John Boley
“Doubting Thomas”
John 20: 10-31

May 8

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Mother’s Day
Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long
Luke 24: 13-35

May 15

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Julie Kline
“Can You Hear Me Now?”
John 10: 1-10

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, April 24 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch - Wesley Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

MONDAY, April 25

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Justice Team - Clements’ home

TUESDAY, April 26

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor
4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, April 27

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 p.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor
9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304
2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 304, 307
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, April 28

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
12:00 p.m. A Classroom - Parlor
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
2:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, April 29

SATURDAY, April 30

9:00 a.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel & Fellowship Room
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat - Youth Center

OUR MISSION

We are called to

- Experience God's love
- Celebrate God's love
- Share God's love

OUR VISION

We are a Faith Community

- Alive in Christ
- Open to all
- Growing in faith
- Serving our neighbors
- Active in the world

We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center as you exit the side sanctuary doors so that we may personally welcome you and present a gift of love from First Church. Please register your attendance in the gray pad found in the pew pocket.

Child care is provided on the second floor. There is a family room in the right balcony.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

LARGE print Bibles and United Methodist Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center. If you need assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. Please return hearing devices to the Welcome Center following worship.

Today's service is being recorded. You can request a free copy from the office. A basket on the table near the parking lot entrance has previous Sunday recordings on CD. You can also access Sunday worship recordings from our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>.

Worship CDs

Recordings of past Sunday morning services are available in the Perks gathering area. If you would like to be on a mailing list for CD recordings, please contact

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Worship Leader

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Julie Kline, Miriam Downey

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

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First Singers Accompanist

Miriam Downey

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Tom Lundquist, Terry O'Connor, Pam O'Connor

Greeters

Larry & Kim Taylor

Office

Fay Woolrich

Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

Van Driver

Darryl Poplar

Martha's Table Fellowship (4 p.m. @ FCUCC)

Ray & Sue Eden

The **Easter lily cross** is given to the glory of God and in memory or honor of our many family members. Please see today's Easter Memorial insert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests! We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop at the Welcome Center as you exit the side sanctuary doors so that we may personally welcome you and present a gift of love from First Church.

Easter morning child care. Nursery care will be available for the 8:30 service as well as the brunch. During the 11:00 service, child care will be available for infants through 2nd grade on the second floor.

There will be no Sunday School classes today. A new series of adult Academy Classes and Java & Jive for youth will begin next Sunday, May 1.

Please join us for Easter brunch! Join us after worship in Wesley Hall for a delicious brunch. Your free will offering will help pay for the cost of food and go toward the purchase of a new kitchen range.

CROP Walk. Please join FUMC and the Kalamazoo community in working to overcome poverty by signing up to be a walker or sponsor a walker today in the Market Place. The Kalamazoo Valley CROP Walk is next Sunday, May 1. When signing up to sponsor a walker, please make your check out to "CROP Walk." By making your check out in advance, the walkers will be able to turn in the money the day of the walk. The organizations benefiting this year are: the Ecumenical Senior Center, Housing Resources, Loaves & Fishes, Ministry with Community, Open Doors Shelter, YWCA Domestic Assault program and the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

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April "Mission of the Month." A basket is available in the office for your donations of personal hygiene items for Ministry with Community.

Forward in Faith II Kickoff, May 1. We will be holding special celebrations throughout the month of May as part of our spring capital campaign.

Sunday, May 1

Campaign Kickoff @ 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Progressive Perks, 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Campaign Orientation, 9:30 a.m. in parlor

Mother's Day Luncheon, May 8. The ASP Team is planning a special luncheon for mom's and their families on Mother's Day. Proceeds from the luncheon will help benefit the ASP Team's trip to the Appalachia area this summer.

First Golfers. Get back into the swing of summer by joining our church golf league! Dues are \$15 per player plus green fees. They play at Ridgeview Golf Course on West Main Street on Monday nights beginning May 9. Contact Kristin Fouts to sign up or with questions at 269-365-8229.

First Care has openings. Our exceptional early childhood program and child care center that is open Monday through Friday, has several openings. Please call Julie Myers, First Care Director, at 344-6147 if you would like more information on enrolling your child(ren).

Confirmation Sunday, May 15. Join us on Confirmation Sunday as we welcome into membership a new group of faithful youth to our church.

Summer Worship Schedule. Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29, changing to one worship service at 10 a.m.



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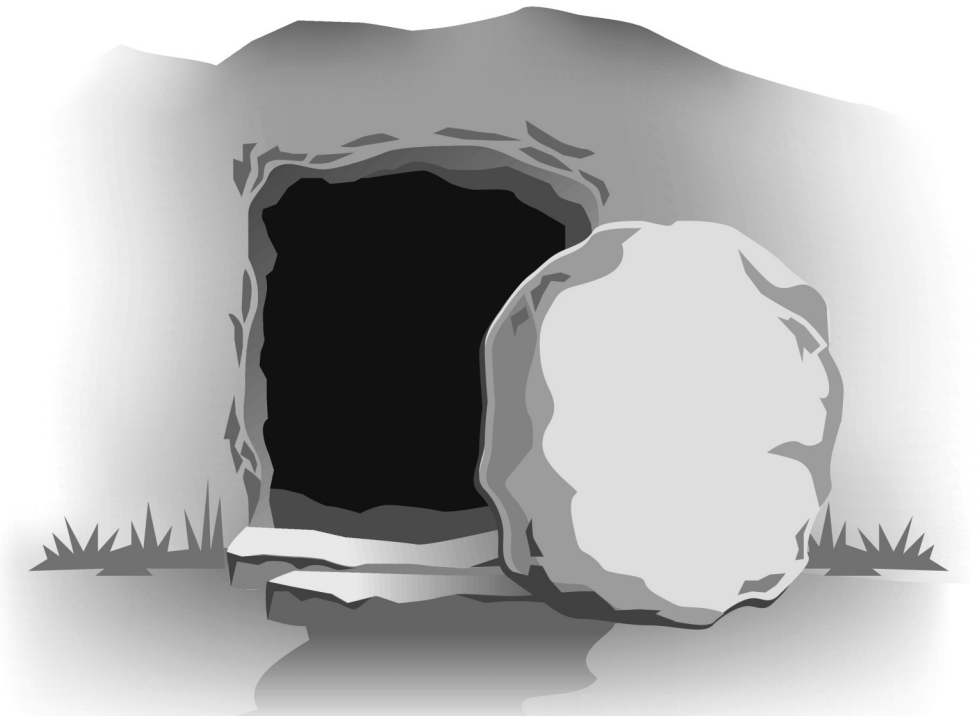
April 24, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!



We are a Reconciling Congregation.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity. We welcome all with

open hearts, open minds, open doors.