

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.*

In these opening moments, let us center our spirits on God. Prayers may be offered by filling out a pink or green card and passing it to the side aisle during the lighting of the peace candle. Please also register your attendance in the gray registration book.

GATHERING MUSIC *“Capriccio on D—F-E-G”* Giovanni de Macque

CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)*

Just a taste of something wonderful,

Only a glimpse of something magnificent,

Just a glimmer of something holy in the ordinary.

Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God,

Enough to cause us to stop and stare in awe,

Enough to stir our hearts in wonder,

Enough to set our feet to dancing

And to prompt our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

***HYMN 173** *(red hymnal)* *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

***GREETING** *(all reading the bold)*

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

This practice of the early church is an expression of unity, signifying that there is nothing between us but the love of Jesus Christ. The traditional greeting is “The peace of Christ be with you,” with a response, “And also with you.”

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Ever-living, ever-loving God, grant us grace to worship you as you are rather than as we would have you to be. Give us the courage to see you as you would appear to us, rather than as we would like you to look. Guide us into the depths of your mystery. Help us to scale the heights of your glory. In all things, help us to love you as our God, our Guide, and our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSE *(see insert)* *“Lord of Life, We Come to You”*

RECOMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS *(see insert)*

RESPONSE *(see insert)* *“Lord of Life, We Come to You”*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace. Today we add our gratitude for all the ways in which that peace is already present.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35 (OT, p. 81)

***GOSPEL**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Luke 9:28-36 (NT, p. 69)

SERMON

“Go, Tell...Glory”

COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(praying together)*

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFERTORY ANTHEM

“Long Black Train”

Josh Turner

There’s a long black train comin’ down the line, Feeding off the souls that are lost and cryin’. Rails of sin, only evil remains. Watch out, brother, for that long black train. Look to the heaven’s, you can look to the sky. You can find redemption staring back into your eyes. There is protection and there’s peace the same: Burnin’ your ticket for that long black train. ‘Cause there’s victory in the Lord, I say. Victory in the Lord. Cling to the Father and his Holy name, And don’t go ridin’ on that long black train. There’s an engineer on that long black train, Makin’ you wonder if the ride is worth the pain. He’s just a-waitin’ on your heart to say: “Let me ride on that long black train.”

***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)*

Wondrous God, it is a mystery to us that you have chosen to work through people like us. But we believe that you do, and that in the light of your love you empower us to serve in ways that reveal the spirit of Christ. May every gift of generosity and sacrifice in this offering be blessed by your grace, and show forth your glory. Amen.

***HYMN 2102** *(black hymnal)* *“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”*

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in g”

J.S. Bach

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk, 5-7 & 8-9 p.m.

Rev. Julie Dix

A Journey to Hope: Beginning Again

Mark 8:31-37

Sunday, February 21

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon

A Journey to Hope: Choosing Your Traveling

Companions

Mark 10:13-16

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 14

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center

9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - 2nd floor

9:30 a.m. 3Cs - 310

9:30 a.m. Mother Roots - 304

9:30 a.m. Affirmations of a Dissenter - Parlor

9:30 a.m. Prayer Primer - Chapel

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

11:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Hospitality Team - Parlor

12:15 p.m. Youth Tribe - Kitchen, Wesley Hall

4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

MONDAY, February 15

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, February 16

12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305

1:30 p.m. Worship Planning - 305

4:15 p.m. Children’s Music Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Communications Team - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. NA - Youth Center

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, February 17

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room

9:30 a.m. Anna Circle - Fay Woolrich’s home

12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee - 305

1:00 p.m. Julia-Phoebe Circle - Parlor

1:00 p.m. Miriam Circle - Fellowship Room

1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle - Friendship Village

5:00 p.m. Labyrinth: Journey to Jerusalem - Wesley Hall

5:15 p.m. Finance Committee - Parlor

5:45 p.m. Outreach Team - Allen Library

6:15 p.m. Prayer Primer:Essentials class - Chapel

7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Labyrinth (continues after worship)

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, February 18

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Room

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. Steering Committee - Parlor

7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

SATURDAY, February 20

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat

4:00 p.m. Alayna Young Graduate Organ Recital

7:00 p.m. Jesus Film Festival: Joshua - Youth Lounge

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 visiting 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.

Child care is provided on the second floor. There is a family "cry" 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>.

Park Street Perks! All are welcome to coffee and donuts available near the parking lot doors from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Please sign up to help bring donuts, etc. on the board in the welcoming area. Fair Exchange coffee is available for purchase at \$10 a bag.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Paula Willson

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Soloist

John Leeger

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher)

Greeters

Mark & Shari St. Clair, Richard & Avis Keene

Office

Ginnie Hessler

Welcome Center

Susan Turner

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Audio & Lighting

Gordon Bundy

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

Sue & Ray Eden

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don Bullock, from Mary and family.

Prayer concerns may be written on a pink or green prayer card and passed to the outside aisle where they will be collected by an usher, and shared in the pastoral prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Definition of Stephen Ministry: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13).

Free blood pressure screening is available today between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Jesus Lounge.

Lent study books for sale at the Welcome Center. "If the Church Were Christian" by Phillip Gulley, \$18.

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship, February 17 @ 7 p.m. The Chartres Labyrinth will be available for personal prayer walks that day from 5-7 and 8-9 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Family Film Festival presents "Joshua." Saturday, February 20 @ 7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge (lower level). Joshua is an inspiration movie great for the whole family. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. Popcorn and child care will be available. Bring your friends!

Congregational meeting. An all-church meeting to share information and possible solutions to balancing the 2010 budget will be held immediately after worship in the sanctuary next Sunday, February 21. Bring your thoughts and ideas on how to balance our budget. Please plan on being present for this important meeting.

2010 Financial Perspective update. Since the January 13 *First Word* 2010 Financial Perspective insert, we have received additional pledges of \$24,594 from 33 families, representing 28 increased pledges and 5 new pledges. Our goal is \$46,500. We now have a grand total of 337 pledging units pledging \$810,178. The very optimistic goal is \$850,000.

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Inquirer's Class. Please contact Rev. Doug Vernon if you are interested in the Inquirer's membership class that runs February 21—March 21. Those electing to join into our family of faith, will be welcomed March 21.

The Annual Youth Auction is coming! Last year's silent auction went so well that we are doing the same format for 2010. Each Sunday in March a table will be available to sign-up and receive a bidder number so that bidders may bid on their favorite items. We will be taking auction donations during February. Donation forms are available at the Welcome Center. You can also email information on the item/service you would like to donate to jamccubbin@aol.com. If you have questions, please contact Julie Kline at the church or Andrea McCubbin 665-0049.

Pastor Julie Kline to travel to Nicaragua. Pastor Julie will be commissioned for her Feb. 26—March 7 trip with the Wesley Foundation on Sunday, February 21. Following worship, she will have prayer bracelets available if anyone would like to make a contribution to the mission trip.

Coming during Lent...

- 1) Reading Together 2010: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.
- 2) Inquirer's Class for those exploring the idea of membership at FUMC, five weeks of info on Methodism and sharing a faith journey.
- 3) 3Cs will continue to explore *Tell it Slant* by Eugene Person, the author of *The Message*.
- 4) Lenten book study of *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*, by Phillip Gulley will also include week-day and Tuesday evening study groups. (See insert for specifics on when this class will be available.)

SAVE THE DATE April 18 is Ministry Sunday, when we will recognize Pastor Doug's 42 years of ministry. Dr. Phil Amerson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary President, is our guest pulpit speaker. A luncheon will follow.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 14, 2010

8:30 a.m.

"I would rather live in a world

where my life is surrounded by mystery

than live in a world so small that my mind

can comprehend it."

~Harry Emerson Fosdick

"The soul should always stand ajar,

ready to welcome the ecstatic experience."

~Emily Dickinson



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.

Tune into WKZO 590 AM every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. for our LIVE church radio ministry.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office. (\$150/Sunday)