

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 the side aisles during the Lighting of the Peace Candle.

“Courage. Just look inside yourself and remember where you come from, what you believe in and who you live for. Courage.” Olivia Lyszyk

PRELUDE *“Gloomy Winter” “Reilly’s Reel” “Jolie Brown” “Ookpik” (and others)* Jacob Texel

DRAMA INTROIT *“The Menu”* Brennan Mange, Mary Landreville, Brian Mange, Sammy Turner

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(all reading the bold)* Willie Vorbrich

Let us worship God who wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves;

the one who is weak and the one who is strong,

the one who is happy or sad,

the one who is blessed with mental health and the one who is not,

the one whom we understand and the one we don’t,

the one who is embraced or the one who is shunned,

the one who is like us or the one who is different.

Let us worship God who desires our love.

Let us worship God with our thoughts, prayers and songs.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2032** *(black hymnal) “My Life is in You”*

Musicians: Riley Lundquist, guitar; Brent Higgins, guitar; Barret Eminhizer, bass; Mitchell Severson, percussion; Stephen Vorbrich, trombone; Andrew Texel, tuba; Jacob Texel, violin/vocal; Vanessa Rankin, vocal

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE** Shaun Dunyak

We light this 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!

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Lord, we come to church for many reasons. We come to recover our vision. The everydayness of life sometimes overwhelms us all. Often we lose our purpose and our way. Speak to us, today, through the hymns, the prayers, and the holy scripture, that we might be stirred to dream the dreams and to do the deeds you have for us. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON **1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23** (NT, p. 167) Hannah Boley

RESPONSE 2228 *(black hymnal) “Sacred the Body”*

***GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 5: 38-48** (NT, p. 5) Olivia Lyszyk

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Fear vs. Courage” Colin Winchell, Mary Landreville, Stuart Wheaton, Robyn Lane

Words of Reflection Ian Turner

Poem on Courage written by Olivia Lyszyk Olivia Lyszyk

Solo *“God of Wisdom – Courage”* Vanessa Rankin

“What Should I Fear?” written by David Weatherford Tim Landreville

The Meaning of Love Robyn Lane, Stuart Wheaton, Brian Mange

RESPONSE 408 *(red hymnal) “The Gift of Love”* Jacob Texel, violin

COMMUNITY PRAYERS *(see insert)* Matt Peavler, Jake Ost, Andie Ost, Maya Eaton, Willie Vorbrich

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING INVITATION Kim Peavler

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 143 *(red hymnal) “On Eagle’s Wings”* Vanessa Rankin, soloist; Jacob Texel, violin

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after each solo verse

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life. Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(praying together)* Maya Eaton

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN** *(please see insert) “You Are Good”*

Musicians: Riley Lundquist, guitar; Brent Higgins, guitar; Barret Eminhizer, bass; Mitchell Severson, percussion; Stephen Vorbrich, trombone; Andrew Texel, tuba; Jacob Texel, violin/vocals; Vanessa Rankin, vocals

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH Brent Higgins , Riley Lundquist, Barret Eminhizer

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 27
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Rev. John Boley
“Subversive Stuff”
Matthew 5: 38-48

Sunday, March 6
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Holy Communion
Rev. John Boley
“It’s a Fearful Thing to be With Jesus”
Matthew 17: 1-9

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 20
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. 20/30/College “Justice House” - Youth Center
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Team - Parlor
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. Inquirer’s Class - Fellowship Room
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

MONDAY, February 21
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, February 22
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305
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, February 23
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:45 a.m. Coffee & Conversation - 210
9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor
12:00 p.m. Classical Wednesday Concert Series - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, February 24
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:00 a.m. WMU Class w/Julie Kline
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Justice Team - Allen Library
5:30 p.m. Prime Timers - Old Burdick’s Restaurant & The Susan Parrish Theatre
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Fellowship Room
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, February 25
6:00 p.m. Texel Eagle Scout Ceremony - Parlor

SATURDAY, February 26

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

Joe Konrad, jkonrad@umc-kzo.org

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline and FUMC Youth

Minister of Music Jacqueline Stilger
Organist Bernie Foulk

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Brennan Mange, Brian Mange, Andie Ost, Jake Ost, Ian Turner, Sam Knoechel, Willie Vorbrich

Greeters

Shaun Dunyak, Tim Landreville, Becky Henning, Sammy Turner, Matt Peavler, Kim Peavler

Office

Ginnie Hessler

Jeanne Konrad

Audio & Lighting

Bob Lane

Daryl Ost

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

Virginia Weller, Deanna Hogarth

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Betty & Bill Donaldson and Rosemary & Alden Lepley, parents of Kristy & Roger Lepley.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Jane & Doug Vernon's grandson, Casey James MacLean, born January 26. Parents are Darrah & Matt MacLean.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob Texel's Court of Honor. Jacob and his family invite church friends to join them in celebrating Jacob's Eagle Scout award with a reception in the parlor on Friday, February 25 at 6 p.m.

Justice "House" Meeting for 20/30/college-age TODAY @ 12:30 p.m. We will have fun hanging out in the lower level lounge, sharing thoughts about justice issues in Kalamazoo, and eating delicious food.

Lenten Concert Series: Classical Wednesday Concert. On February 23, The Western Horn Choir, Graduate Brass Quintet, Graduate Wind Quintet and solo pianist Robert Hjelmstad will begin the first of our Classical Wednesday concerts. Open to the public. Freewill offering.

Youth Silent Auction donations needed. Our annual silent auction is coming up in March. We will be taking auction donations the month of February. Donation forms are available at the Welcome Center (purple) and may be turned into Rev. Julie Kline's mailbox in the office. If you have any questions about the auction or donations, please contact Andrea McCubbin at 665-0049 or 598-5231.

Coffee & Conversation. Parents of young children are invited on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:45 a.m. to join Pastor Shelly in room 210 for coffee/tea and open conversation. No reservations needed. Just come!

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"Soup to Go" and Bake Sale. UMW will be having their annual sale of homemade soups, chili and desserts on Sunday, February 27. Soup/chili cost \$5/container. If you can help with preparation or selling, please contact Suzanne Ost at 353-8027.

Wesley Foundation Meal. We'll be offering another meal to the students at Wesley Foundation on Sunday, March 13. If interested in helping to prepare a dish to pass, there will be a table for sign-ups in the Marketplace between worship services on Sun. February 28. You may also send a note to Dunyak Dunyak (donna.s.dunyak@pfizer.com) or Jonathan Richardson (jt62@chartermi.net).

ASP Pancake Dinner. Mark your calendars for this delicious ASP fundraiser on "Fat Tuesday," March 8, from 5-8 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Proceeds will benefit the ASP Team's trip this summer.

Bishop's Day 2011, Saturday, March 12, 10am-3pm, Battle Creek FUMC. This free event is sponsored by the Albion and Kalamazoo Districts and will feature guest speakers from the United Methodist Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio. Hear about embracing diverse people, starting a free store and impacting your community. Visit www.kazoodistumc.org to register. Deadline to register is March 4. *See flyer at the Welcome Center for more information.*

Lenten Organ Recitals. Enjoy relaxing lunch-hour organ concerts during Lent. The first concert is at noon on Wednesday, March 16 by Eric Strand, Organist/Choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and director of Early Music Michigan. Open to the public. Freewill offering.

God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action. Sat., April 9, 9am-3:30pm at Central United Methodist Church in Lansing. A wonderful conference full of info on how we can change our way of living in the world and respond to God's call to join in renewing creation. *Registration flyers are available at the Welcome Center.* \$25 family, \$15 individual, free for students.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 20, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love



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.