

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 outside aisles during the Lighting of the Peace Candle. 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 the your pew.

*“You have hard it said, ‘an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you....”
Matthew 5: 38-39*

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“La Marche”* G.F. Handel

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

Come, you scattered and torn;

Here find hope.

Come, you scared and lonely,

Here find love,

Come, you tired and tense;

Here, find rest.

Come, you confused and searching.

Here find guidance.

Come, happy or sad;

Here join the song. Here let your lives be embraced by God’s grace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 126** *(red hymnal) “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

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!

UNISON PRAYER *(praying together)*

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews. God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Following Time With Our Children, Bible Buzz for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the secure 2nd floor. Parents can pick up children at the 2nd floor check-in desk following worship (take the west stairwell or elevator).

***GOSPEL LESSON**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 5: 38-48 (NT, p. 5)

MESSAGE “Subversive Stuff”

RESPONSE

RESPONSE 2051 *(black hymnal) “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”*

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 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

John Ness Beck

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us, as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all—not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become. Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one.

***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)*

Creator God, you provide us with all we need for life. You nourish us like water

nourishes a tree. We now share the fruit we have born as a result of our trust in you.

Please accept our tithes and offerings as evidence that we trust in you always. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(see insert for info on our new members)*

Baptismal Covenant I, p. 33 *(red hymnal)*

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN 707** *(red hymnal) “Hymn of Promise”*

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J.G. Walther

UPCOMING WORSHIP

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

Wednesday, March 9

7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Sunday, March 13

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Rev. John Boley

“So Many Temptations”

Matthew 4: 1-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 27

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. New Member Reception - Parlor

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

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

MONDAY, February 28

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

7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

TUESDAY, March 1

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 (rescheduled) - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, March 2

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

9:30 a.m. UMW - Parlor

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Team - Parlor

5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room

6:00 p.m. CFM Team - 203

7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304

7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, March 3

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

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel

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, March 4

SATURDAY, March 5

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. John Boley, Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Pam Buist

Minister of Music	Organist	Choral Director
Jacqueline Stilger	Bernie Foulk	Cari Miller

Ushers

Jeff Swenarton (head usher), Anthony Ertz, Michael Seals, Jay Gross, Jim Treece, Lois Miles, Noah Gross, Hannah Headapohl, Sarah Headapohl

Greeters

Sharon Dougan & Terry Mishler; Hosung & Young Ae Lee

Office

Dana Anderson

Acolytes

Lukas Bolton, Carly Braginton

Audio & Lighting

Rich Peavler

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

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

Sharon Dougan & Terry Mishler

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jan and Gordon Bundy's mothers, Elizabeth Bundy and Helen Tierney.

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. We hope you will join us again!

Welcome Our New Members! Please take a few minutes today to welcome our newest members in the parlor after the 11:00 service.

"Soup to Go" and Bake Sale. Stop in the Market Place for UMW's annual sale of homemade soups, chili and a variety of desserts. Soup/chili cost \$5/container. Proceeds from the soup and bake sale will benefit UMW's mission projects.

Youth Silent Auction donations needed. Our annual silent auction begins next Sunday! 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 598-5231.

ASP Pancake Dinner. Mark your calendars for this delicious ASP fundraiser on "Fat Tuesday," March 8, from 5-7:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Proceeds will benefit the ASP Team's trip this summer.

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 the parlor for coffee/tea and open conversation. No reservations needed. Just come!

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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 Donyak Donyak (donna.s.donyak@pfizer.com) or Jonathan Richardson (jt62@chartermi.net).

Ash Wednesday Worship, March 9 @ 7 p.m. Rev. Julie Kline will lead a Taizé style worship that will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

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. Free will offering.

Lenten Concert Series: Classical Wednesday Concert. Our second Classical Wednesday concert is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at noon. 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. An inspirational 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 27, 2011

11:00 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.