

Welcome to Worship!

Lent 2010: A Journey to Hope

** 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 *“Consonanze Stravaganti”* Giovanni de Macque
“Sacris Solemniis” Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)* Psalm 91:1-2

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

Kyrie eleison

Musical notation for Kyrie eleison. The first line is for the Cantor, and the second line is for ALL. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON. Chri - ste e - lei - son. CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON. Ky - ri - e e lei (son) KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

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(Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.)

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

Holy God, we repent of the self-promoting we do. We repent of our unworthy ambitions, our striving to be at the top, and our climbing over others to get there. We confess our tendency to judge the success of our own and others' lives by social and economic status, by achievements and degrees, by club memberships and market investments; all despite Jesus' command to choose the humblest place. Forgive our exclusivity, O God, our strivings and judgments. Enable us to be reborn in spirit, heart, and mind.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***HYMN 110** *(red hymnal)* *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

*GREETING *(all reading the bold)*

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

*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.”

*GOSPEL

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

Luke 4:1-13 *(The Message)*

SERMON

“A Journey to Hope: Identity”

*HYMN 143 *(red hymnal)*

“On Eagle's Wings”

COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(praying together)*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“When We Are in the Deepest Need”

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY 95 *(red hymnal)* *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(praying together)*

Generous God, when we think we have nothing to give, you shower us with riches beyond our imagining. All that we have and all that we are becoming, are yours already. May the offerings we bring shower your world with the abundant life to which you call us all. Amen.

*HYMN 2105 *(black hymnal)*

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*SUNG BLESSING 673

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in a”

J.S. Bach

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 7
Rev. Sandy Elfring
Holy Communion
A Journey to Hope: Work
Mark 10:35-44

Sunday, March 14
Rev. Julie Kline
A Journey to Hope: Temptation
Mark 13:32-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 28

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. Lenten Book Study: *If the Church Were Christian* - 304
9:30 a.m. Reading Together: *Snow Falling on Cedars* - Parlor
9:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class - 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. Church Conference & Special Church Council Meeting - Wesley Hall
4:00 p.m. Martha's Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

MONDAY, March 1

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

TUESDAY, March 2

9:30 a.m. UMW Park Lunch Committee Meeting - Parlor
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
5:30 p.m. Simple Supper - Wesley Hall
6:15 p.m. Lenten Book Study - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Youth Movie Lounge
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 305, 310, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, March 3

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. UMW General Meeting - Parlor
7:00 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Allen Library
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, March 4

9:30 a.m. First Stitches - Fellowship Room
11:00 a.m. Lenten book Study - Allen Library
12:30 p.m. Weavings - Allen Library
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. GLBT Youth - Youth Center
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, March 5

SATURDAY, March 6

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. Julie Dix, Deb Willoughby

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Larry Taylor (head usher), Tom & Diana Lundquist, Kim Taylor

Greeters

Doug & Sue Paul, Joe & Jeanne Konrad

Office

Fay Woolrich

Welcome Center

Avis Keene

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

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

Bob & Carol Hamet, John & Carol Holms

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Elizabeth Bundy and Helen Tierney, given by Jan and Gordon Bundy.

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

Please keep Pastor Julie Kline in your prayers this week as she travels with the Wesley Foundation to Nicaragua.

Human Relations Sunday Special Offering. Your gift will assist the caring ministries—providing childcare, after-school tutoring, gang intervention, work with at-risk teens, outreach with current and former prison inmates, **Special Church Conference TODAY @ 12:15 p.m.** in Wesley Hall for the purpose of setting clergy/directors compensation for 2010.

Today's (Week 2) Reading Together Special Guest (9:30 in the parlor) will welcome David Wakefield, a retired military pilot. Mr. Wakefield will present "A Veteran's Story," having served over twenty years in the Army Air Corp. He worked for 24 years as a manufacturers' representative before retiring. David lives in Comstock and is a docent (tour guide) at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo with over ten years service as a volunteer. The class meets in the parlor and is open to the public.

Weeks 3 & 4 Reading Together Special Guest is Dr. Takashi Yoshida, Associate Professor of History at WMU, who will speak on "Remembering the Japanese American Experience during World War II." Dr. Yoshida earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 2000. He teaches a range of courses in Japanese history at the undergraduate and graduate level, including "Japanese History," "WWII in American and Japanese History," and "WWII and Memory in Postwar Japan." The author of numerous publications, his research has focused on war and memory in the Pacific. His next book project examines various pacifism movements in postwar Japan and War/peace museums in China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

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Adult Sunday School Classes @ 9:30 a.m.

- 1) Reading Together 2010: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. PARLOR
- 2) Inquirer's Class for those exploring the idea of membership at FUMC, five weeks of info on Methodism and sharing a faith journey. CHAPEL
- 3) 3Cs will continue to explore *Tell it Slant* by Eugene Peterson, the author of *The Message*. ROOM 310
- 4) Lenten book study of *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*, by Phillip Gulley will also include week-day and a Tuesday evening study group. ROOM 304

Java & Jive (Youth Sunday School)

- 1) Andy Griffith Bible Study, Youth Center
- 2) Confirmation Class, Youth Movie Room

Simple Suppers. The Tuesday evening Lenten book study group (*If the Church Were Christian*) will offer a simple supper before the book study beginning at 5:30 p.m. for \$5. The book study will begin at 6:15 p.m. in room 304.

The Annual Youth Auction is coming! The Annual Youth Auction will be held Sundays March 7-28 in the Market Place (first floor, outside the food pantry). We have wonderful donations this year, thank you First Church! Yard work, baby sitting services, homemade goodies, Easter baskets, boat rides, basketball camps and so much more. Be sure to stop by the registration table March 7th to get a bidder number so that you may bid on your favorite items. Contact Andrea McCubbin at jamcubbin@aol.com or 665-9036 for more information.

UMW invites congregation to hear missionary Karen Ujereh. On Wednesday, March 3 @ 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, Karen Ujereh, will speak on her support in several African countries and her primary responsibility as supervisor of the MicroCredit Program, a program that enables people to begin their own businesses.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 28, 2010

8:30 a.m.

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.*



Second
SUNDAY IN
LENT

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)