

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.

*“You are the light that transforms. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
... In the same way let your light shine before others ...”* Matthew 14-15 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”* H. Scheidemann
“Preambulum in d” H. Scheidemann

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

Holy God, forever brooding over your creation,
Come and watch over us.
God of changing events and surprising turns,
Come and journey with us.
God of inner depths and majestic heights,
Speak to us again.
Still small voice and eternal light,
We are here to meet you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 103 *(red hymnal)* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

*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)*

Lord of life and health, we bring ourselves body and soul before you now, to give our thanks and declare our need—and with all to sing your praises. Visit this place to hear us now and pour out your blessing upon us. Provide for us the elements of life, that in the bread and wine, we will see you more clearly. Help us to shine our lights for others to see. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

Matthew 5: 14-16 (NT, p. 4)

MESSAGE *“The Light that Transforms”*

RESPONSE

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 *“Keep Your Lamps”*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don’t get weary, ‘til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

*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)*

We bring our gifts, our tithes and our offerings to you, gracious God, because we have received them from you. We bring to you our lives, as well, because we have received them from your generous hand. Bless all that we bring so that our gifts and our lives may be of service to you and to others. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION, Musical Setting A *(red hymnal, p. 17)*

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

This morning, Holy Communion will be served in the pews. Please take a cup, place it in the cup holder in front of you, pass the cup tray, then take and hold a piece of bread before passing the bread tray. When all have been served, we will eat and drink together.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN 571 *(red hymnal)* *“Go Make of All Disciples”*

*BLESSING

GOING FORTH *“Dance No. 2”*

Philip Glass

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 13
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Rev. Julie Kline
“Bring Out the Flavor”
Matthew 5: 12-20

Sunday, February 20
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Youth Sunday
“Courage: Just do it!”
Matthew 5: 38-48
1 Corinthians 3: 10-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 6

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. Capital Campaign Organizational Meeting - Parlor
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, February 7

5:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Communications Team - Parlor

TUESDAY, February 8

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
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 307, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Reconciling Ministries - Allen Library
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, February 9

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:45 a.m. Coffee & Conversation - 210
4:30 p.m. Trustees - 305
5:00 p.m. Stewardship - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig’s Support Group - Parlor
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, February 10

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Packing - Perks area
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, February 11

SATURDAY, February 12

10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Michigan Blood Drive - Wesley Hall

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 Leaders

Rev. Bill Dobbs, Rev. John Boley, William Vorbrich

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

First Singers Director

John Leeger

First Singers Accompanist

Miriam Downey

Ushers

Larry Taylor (head usher), Pam O'Connor, Terry O'Connor, Susan Taylor

Greeters

Jack & Laurabelle Roderick, Marti Hearron

Office

Jeanne Plott

Welcome Center

Jeanne Konrad

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Audio & Lighting

Gordon Bundy

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

Rich & Chris Peavler and family

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in recognition of 101 years of Boy Scouts, given by Dan Bunker, scout leader of Troop #287

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!

Pulpit guest Bill Dobbs. Please welcome Rev. Bill Dobbs, Michigan Area Clergy Assistant to the Bishop, to our pulpit today. Bill is located in Okemos at our Michigan Area Episcopal offices. He has a long history of service for Christ in West Michigan. A native of "the thumb," Bill was a public school music teacher before going into the ministry. He has now served almost 40 years in the West Michigan Conference.

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.

Michigan Blood Drive. Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Help save the life of someone in our community by donating blood.

First Family Fellowship Fun Night. Friday, February 18 @ 6 p.m. Join us for an evening for the whole family. Pizza, salad, dessert, games and more in Wesley Hall.

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Movie Nite. All are invited Saturday, February 19 @ 7 p.m. as we view "The Gods Must Be Crazy" (PG). This is a fun movie that we think all will enjoy. Please bring your own beverage. Fresh popcorn will be provided.

Youth Missions Sunday: Courage: Just Do it! The youth will lead worship on Sunday, February 20, at both morning services. Worship will include youth musicians and a youth drama troupe. We hope you will support our youth with your presence on February 20. A special offering for youth missions will help them in their many outreach programs.

"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.

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.

Lenten Wednesday Recitals at noon. On Wednesdays in Lent, First Church will offer a mixture of organ recitals and "Classical Wednesday" recitals in collaboration with WMU School of Music. Recitals are open to the public. Freewill offering.

Wesley Foundation meals. We will be offering another meal to the students on Sunday, March 13. If interested in signing up early for the March dinner, please contact Donna Duniyak or Jonathan Richardson.

2011 Officiary. There are extra copies of the "2010 Annual Reports/2011 Officiary" at the Welcome Center. They were updated recently to reflect new committee and team members. Pick up your copy today.

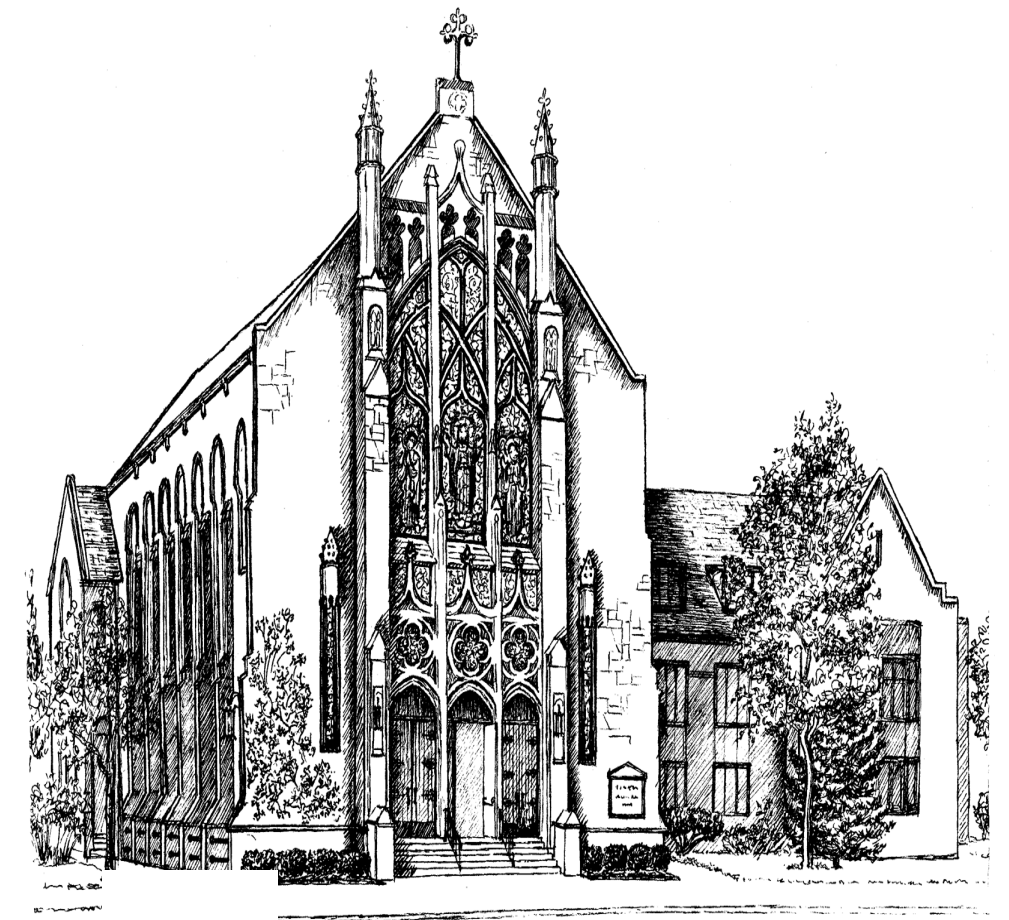


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 6, 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.