

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.*

Please silence cell phones and other alarms.

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle, and passing it to your neighbors.

“Now, O Lord, calm me into a quietness that heals and listens and molds my longings and passions, my wounds and wonderings into a more holy and human shape.”

~ Ted Loder

GATHERING MUSIC *“Antiphon”*

M. Dupre

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

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

We gather, longing for the breath of God’s Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

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

***GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

We ask your presence among us, O God, Creator of the universe, Sustainer of life, Redeemer of humankind; bring your healing light and power into our wounded hearts and bodies and minds and souls, clear the way for each of us to discover within ourselves the fullness of your power and all of your wondrous blessings; help us dear God to respond to your vast love and to bless you, so that we may be a beacon through which you may shine into the world and be everlasting citizens of your Kingdom both in heaven and on earth. Amen.

RESPONSE 2040 *(black hymnal) “Awesome God”*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

EPISTLE READING

James 5: 13-16 (NT, p. 231)

HYMN 2117 *(black hymnal) “Spirit of God” (v. 1, 2 & 4)*

***GOSPEL LESSON**

This is what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE **“Healing: God’s Liberating Touch”**

HYMN 2118 *(black hymnal) “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”*

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND GRACE

BLESSING OF OIL

HYMN 2118 *(black hymnal) “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”*

ANOINTING AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

You are invited to come forward and receive anointing and a blessing, or pray with a Stephen Minister on the side of the sanctuary, or visit the prayer tapestry and write a prayer and clip it to the tapestry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(praying together)*

We give praise and thanks to you, O God! In Jesus Christ, you have given us life; brought ministry, forgiveness, healing, and peace; commanded the disciples to heal the sick; and continued the healing ministry among us to this day. Keep us mindful of your love and mercy that we may be faithful throughout all our days, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *“Prayer”*

Philip Glass

***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** *(all praying together)*

You breathe within us, breathing God, inviting us to expand and fill ourselves with your generous and life-giving power, and then to breath it out into the world as acts of love and justice. You have inspired us to bring these offerings from the fullness of the generosity we now know. Bless these gifts as they leave our hands, and bless our hands, that they may always be full of ever more generous gifts. Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

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

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH *“Praeludium”*

J.S. Bach

Mark 1: 21-28 (NT, p. 35)

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Rev. John Boley

“Healing: Signs and Wonders”

Mark 1: 29-39

Sunday, February 12

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. John Boley

“Healing: The Extraordinary
in the Ordinary”

Mark 1: 40-50

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, January 29

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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

4:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center

MONDAY, January 30

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

TUESDAY, January 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

11:00 a.m. ALS Support Luncheon - Fellowship Room

12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor

3:30 p.m. March of Dimes for Babies Kick-off Mtg. - Wesley Hall

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

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:30 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, February 1

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

9:30 a.m. WMU LLA - Fellowship Room

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304

1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds - Parlor

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting - Parlor

5:45 p.m. Fermata Kalamazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

THURSDAY, February 2

7:30 a.m. Faith Alliance Prayer Breakfast - Wesley Hall

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

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support - Youth Center

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

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. The Way of Blessedness - Chapel

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

FRIDAY, February 3

Youth Ski Trip to Caberfae

SATURDAY, February 4

Youth Ski Trip to Caberfae

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 also 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 John Ross, jross@umc-kzo.org

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. John Boley, Andy Vorbrich

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Diana, Tom & Riley Lundquist

Greeters

Marti Hearnon

Welcome Center

Jeanne Plott

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Audio & Lighting

Gordon Bundy

Martha's Table @ 4 p.m. (First Congregational Church)

Sue & Ray Eden

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Franklin & Edna Douglas and Ellen Sue, parents and sister of Fred and Nancy Douglas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Celebrations. Virginia VanPeenen and Margaret Brunson are 100 years old!! Virginia's birthday is today, January 29, and Margaret's is tomorrow, January 30. If you would like to send them a birthday card, Virginia's address is: 810 Kingswood, Cary, NC 27513 and Margaret's address is: Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake Rd., #126, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

"Mission of the Month." The Outreach Team is once again taking up a monthly mission. In February, please bring travel size toiletries that you have collected or can purchase to benefit Ministry with Community. A basket for your donations is available in the office under the mailboxes.

Wesley Foundation Meal. One of our newest ministries, providing a Sunday evening fellowship meal at the Wesley Foundation, has been met with enthusiasm and gratitude. Our next opportunity to serve a potluck meal is Sunday, February 12. If you would like to provide a salad, side dish or dessert for the students, please sign up in the Marketplace today or contact Jonathan Richardson at jt62@chartermi.net.

Faith Alliance Breakfast. Come and celebrate faith and social justice efforts at this interfaith gathering on Thursday, February 2 from 7:30—9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Invited guest speakers are State Senator Tonya Shuitmaker, State Representative Sean McCann and Kalamazoo Major Bobby Hopewell. The Faith Alliance is affiliated with the Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center. We are looking for hosts to help provide hospitality that morning and also baked goods. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Deb Search Willoughby at 349-9311.

Sunday Greeters. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to greet on an upcoming Sunday morning. We would also LOVE for some new people to participate. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.

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Can and Bottle Drive. The Youth Tribe will be collecting pop cans and bottles to raise funds for local missions and the ASP trip. On Sunday, February 12, a truck will be in the parking lot ready for your can and bottle donations. Please save your cans and bottles and help us to change lives for the better!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Join us for a hearty pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. in Wesley Hall. This is a youth missions fundraiser.

Ash Wednesday Worship. Begin the Season of Lent with us! Ash Wednesday worship is February 22 @ 7 p.m., led by Rev. Julie.

Lenten Organ Concerts. Mark your 2012 calendar for our upcoming Thursday organ concerts during Lent featuring talented organists from the SW Michigan area. The first concert is February 23 at noon. Concerts will run through March 29.

Prime Timers Lunch. Everyone is welcome to join the Prime Timers for lunch at Theo & Stacy's Restaurant on S. Westnedge on Friday, February 17 @ 11:30 a.m. Call Dorothy Newton at 388-5078 or Dorothy Osborne at 343-5128 by Wednesday, February 15 so they know how many tables to reserve.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The church will always be open for worship on Sunday mornings. But please use your best discretion in deciding when to venture out. During the week, the church office will be open (even when Kalamazoo Public Schools are closed), unless the roads are hazardous. Meetings during the week can be cancelled if it is deemed dangerous for people to travel. Team and committee chairs are asked to call and/or email the church and their members if a meeting is cancelled. Please check our website's home page for cancellation notices.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

January 29, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

Healing

God's

Liberating

Touch

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.