

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. We would also appreciate it if you would turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’”
Revelations 21: 5 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Bring Forth O Beautiful Sunshine”* D. Marcel

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

Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

Open our minds to the truth of your care.

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

Open our lips to share stories of faith.

Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice and to show kindness.

Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.

Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 145 *(red hymnal)* *“Morning is Broken”*

*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

We light the peace 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)*

Precious God, surround us with your presence so we may breathe deeply of this moment and discover a fountain of joy, a river of light, a steam of hope. Precious God, come in word and silence, in song and prayer, and lead us to the heights of glory. Precious God, visit us now with your peace and power that make all things new. Renew the earth, and renew us by your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM *“How Great Thou Art”* trad. Swedish folk tune arr. Lloyd Larson

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to Bible enrichment in room 203 after Time With Our Children.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-7 (NT, pg. 258)

MESSAGE **“Faith & Science: God and Evolution 2”**

RESPONSE

HYMN 408 *(red hymnal)* *“The Gift of Love”*

SILENT, PASTORAL and LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 *“Joshua ‘Fit the Battle of Jericho”* trad. spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down. You may talk about the man of Gideon, and of Saul, but there’s none like good ole’ Joshua, and the battle of Jericho. Then up to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand, “Now go blow them ram horns,” Joshua cried, “for the battle is in my hand.”

*DOXOLOGY 67 vs. 2 *(red hymnal)* *“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”*

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee; God of every nation!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,

songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King,

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee ever more!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(praying together)*

We offer ourselves to you, O God, that we may continue to be transformed into your servants and your ministers in this world. We offer our gifts that they may be used to spread your reign throughout all creation. Amen.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN 383 vs. 1-4 *(red hymnal)* *“This is the Day of New Beginnings”*

*BLESSING

GOING FORTH *“Depart in Peace and Joy”* G. Giovanni

UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 31
10 a.m.**

Rev. John Boley
Faith & Science Sermon Series
“What Do Creationists Believe?”
Psalm 104

**Sunday, August 7
10 a.m.**

Rev. John Boley
Faith & Science Sermon Series
“What About Intelligent Design?”

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, July 24

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Summer Perks - Gathering Area
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - Sanctuary & Wesley Hall
6:00 p.m. “Notified” Rehearsal - Sanctuary

MONDAY, July 25

11:30 a.m.. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room
5:15 p.m. First Golfers - Ridgeview Golf Course

TUESDAY, July 26

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305
5:15 p.m. Acappazoo Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, July 27

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - Fellowship Room and Youth Center
5:15 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
6:15 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Portage FUMC
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, July 28

Extra Food Pantry Hours 10:30-12:30
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

FRIDAY, July 29

6:00 p.m. Hutchins-Viestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, July 30

3:30 p.m. Hutchins-Viestra Wedding - Sanctuary

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

Joe Konrad, jkonrad@umc-kzo.org

Worship Leaders

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Linda Lueth

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Vocalists

Cari Miller, Tricia Tetzlaff

Ushers

Anthony Ertz (head usher), Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Nic Aranda, Chris Aranda, Michael Deaton

Greeters

Barbara Smith, Chuck & Mary Ann Jaqua

Office/Welcome Center

Nancy Hyde

Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

Van Driver

Vickie Winfield

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

Eli Lake, Jeff Swenarton

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marquerite Dove, mother of Vickie Winfield.

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.

"Summer-Full of Scripture." Summer worship enrichment for children ages 4 through grade 3 is available each Sunday after "Time With Our Children." Children will have the opportunity to hear Bible stories, make crafts and enjoy a snack.

Summer Perks! Join us in the Perks gathering area after worship for refreshments. If you would like to help provide a beverage for *Summer Perks!* on an upcoming summer Sunday, please contact Rev. Sandy Elfring. There are Sundays still available: August 14, 21, 28 and September 4.

Christmas in July. Our July "Mission of the Month" is helping the Eleanor Street Family Shelter with everyday supplies. Please take a "house" tag from the Christmas tree in the Perks! gathering area and return the item requested as soon as possible.

August "Mission of the Month." Start looking at those sale flyers for back-to-school supplies for Spring Valley Elementary School. Beginning in August we will be collecting washable markers, glue sticks, pencils, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, kid-friendly scissors as well as boxes of tissue. Please leave your donations in the large basket located in the office.

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KLUMP softball game. Come and cheer on our team as they play Portage Free Methodist Church on Wednesday, July 27 @ 6:15 p.m. at Portage FUMC on South Westnedge. If you are interested in playing or have questions, contact John Winchell, john.winchell@wmich.edu. All are welcome to join them for ice cream and fellowship following the game at Ritter's Frozen Yogurt.

Hymn Sing. Join us next Sunday, July 31, for another hymn sing! For about a half hour after worship, we'll gather in the parlor and sing some of the old favorites. Be ready to call out your favorite numbers.

Native American Sunday, August 7. This is one of six UM Special Sundays. Your gifts will help provide scholarships for Native Americans attending UM schools of theology as well as in helping to develop UM churches in the Native American Urban Initiative.

3rd Grade Bibles. Parents of upcoming third graders should contact Pastor Shelly Wisdom-Long to let her know how your child's name should be imprinted on their Bible. Please contact her at 381-6340 or swisdomlong@umc-kzo.org by August 10.

Inquirer's Class coming this fall. This class for those interested in joining the church will be offered in early October. Questions about the class can be addressed to Rev. Boley, rboley@umc-kzo.org or call the church at 381-6340.

EMERGENCY WEATHER PROCEDURE

Emergency Weather Procedures cards are located in the front cover of the Guest Register. The colored triangle on the back of the pews indicates the exit that your row is to use in the event of an evacuation. Please proceed to the appropriate exit to the basement. Continue to the rooms and corridors in the north wing. Those who cannot negotiate stairways are to proceed to the chapel.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

July 24, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

Faith & Science

sermon series



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.*