

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.

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.”

Proverbs 8: 22-23 (NRSV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1: 1 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE “Canzona”

D. Zipoli

*GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

HYMN SING *(red hymnal)* #696 “America the Beautiful”

#697 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

#437 “This is My Song”

*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.

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Holy God, source of story and song, help us hear your Word in the midst of these words. Help us feel your heart-wrenching care in the midst of troubled days. Help us know your abiding presence, especially as we receive the bread and the cup. We open our hearts, minds and hands to receive. Fill us and bless us. Amen.

ASP COMMISSIONING

PASTOR: Appalachia Service Team of 2011, I commission you to share the love of Jesus Christ through your gift of service with the Appalachia Service Project; In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

PASTOR: Sisters and Brothers, I present to you these persons whom we have commissioned to participate in the Appalachia Service Project. They are representatives of Christ and the Church. I commend them to you for your love, your care, your prayers, and your support for the work that they will perform.

CONGREGATION: We rejoice to recognize you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gift of service. We send you on with our prayers and our support, and with you, we renew our commitment to God and service in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessings for you and the Appalachia Service Project. AMEN

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

Proverbs 8: 22-36 (OT, p. 591)

MESSAGE “Faith & Science: The Wisdom of the Creator”

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 “Word of God, Speak”

Peter Kipley/Bart Millard

I’m finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it’s okay. The last thing I need is to be heard but to hear what You would say. Word of God speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty. To be still and know that You’re in this place, please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God speak. I’m finding myself in the midst of You. Beyond the music, beyond the noise, all that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet hear Your voice.

*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)*

For cheer in giving, we pray. For the power to relinquish, we pray. For knowing what is ours and what is yours and for confusing the two so often, we pray. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

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

You, who are part of God’s creation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning by intinction — coming forward by the center aisle, taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the cup of juice and eating. You are invited to kneel at the communion rail for prayer and/or return to your seat by the side aisle. *Communion hymns: #628 “Eat This Bread;” #614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken;” #2268 “As We Gather at Your Table.”*

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN 671 *(red hymnal)* “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

*BLESSING

GOING FORTH “Hornpipe”

G.F. Handel

UPCOMING WORSHIP

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

Rev. John Boley
Faith & Science Sermon Series
“The Battle Over Darwin”

**Sunday, July 17
10 a.m.**

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Faith & Science Sermon Series
“God and Evolution”

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, July 3

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Summer Perks - Gathering Area

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

6:00 p.m. “Notified” Rehearsal - Sanctuary

MONDAY, July 4

4th of July Holiday—office closed

TUESDAY, July 5

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

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

6:00 p.m. Advocacy Services—304, 305, Allen Library

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:45 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Portage FUMC

WEDNESDAY, July 6

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

Fellowship Room and Youth Center

5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room

6:00 p.m. CFM Team - 203

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, July 7

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 8

5:00 p.m. Williams/Sherd Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, July 9

ASP Team leaves for Chavies, Kentucky

4:00 p.m. Williams/Sherd 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, Michael Seals

Minister of Music Organist Soloist

Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk Jonathan Richardson

Ushers

Anthony Ertz (head usher), Jeff Swenarton, Jay Gross, Jim Treece, Lois Miles, Noah Gross

Greeters

Jan Bundy, Tom & Jan Kayser

Office/Welcome Center

Jeanne Plott

Audio & Lighting

Gordon Bundy

Van Driver

Darryl Poplar

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

Ray & Sue Eden

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of family members of Jeanne Plott.

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.

ASP Team Commissioning. Our 2011 ASP Team leaves for Chavies, Kentucky this Saturday, July 9. Please lift up in prayer our Team, the families that they will serve, the ASP staff, and the ministry of ASP as a whole.

Be an ASP Prayer Partner. All are welcome to become a prayer partner with an ASP Team member. Homemade bracelets (or bookmarks!) are available in the Marketplace today. Use these bracelets/bookmarks daily and pray for your "missionary" as he/she works to share God's abundant love. We hope you will not only be a prayer partner, but also donate to their mission trip.

MOP Special Offering July 10. The Michigan Organizing Project works to promote justice issues for those in our community who are unable to do it on their own. The special offering that we will have next Sunday will help to provide health care, low-wage worker and immigration rights, and housing for the homeless. Please give generously if you are able.

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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. If you or your group would like to provide a snack or cookies, etc. as well as a beverage, you are welcome to do that, but it isn't necessary.

Summer Reading Books. There is a cart of books for your summer reading pleasure in the Perks! gathering area. These books are available for the taking. Read one and bring it back, or take one and replace it with a book you have at home that you would like to share. No checkout required.

Food Pantry Help. Due to the increase in the number of families that we are serving in the food pantry, we will be receiving an additional shipment of food each Friday. If you are available at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays (even once a month) and wish to help, please contact Doug Paul at 349-8218, or Dolores Heidanus at 353-9081.

FUMC will Host Martha's Table. On Sunday, July 17, we will be the location of Martha's Table at 4 p.m. while FCC is renovating their dining area. We are looking for many volunteers (security, setup, clean up, food prep and serving, etc.). Please call the church if you can help or sign up at the Welcome Center.

KLUMP Softball Game. Come and cheer on our team as they play Life Spring UMC on Tuesday, July 5 @ 7:45 p.m. at Portage FUMC on South Westnedge. If you are interested in playing or have questions, contact John Winchell at 381-4927 or john.winchell@wmich.edu.

First Church Golf Team. Although they are in the middle of their schedule, the golf team could always use more players as well as subs. Competence is not a prerequisite! Call Don Chalker at 375-9884 or Emerson Eidson at 375-4066 for more info.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

July 3, 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.