

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.

*“From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with your work.”* Psalm 104: 13 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE “

INTROIT “*Pia Jesu*”

Andrew Lloyd Weber

English translation: *Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We’re here because we believe in the unseen presence of God. We believe that although we can’t see God physically with our eyes, the Lord of the universe is in this place this morning. And our souls will be nourished as we once again gain the perspective that comes from presence. Join with us to worship our Creator and Sustainer, the Ancient of Days.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *(see insert)* “*Earth and All Stars*”

*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)*

Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler’s first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in these precious moments in this holy place. 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

Psalm 104: 1-13 (OT, pg. 554)

MESSAGE “Faith & Science: What do Creationists Believe?”

RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER 2197 vs. 1, 2 *(black hymnal)* “*Lord of All Hopefulness*”

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE 2197 vs. 3, 4 *(black hymnal)* “*Lord of All Hopefulness*”

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 “*If With All Your Hearts*” (aria from ‘*Elijah*’) Felix Mendelssohn

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

*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)*

Holy God, it is in fulfilling your vows to you that we bring these gifts and offerings into your house. Surely you have been faithful to us and your grace is sufficient. May all that we do bear witness to your love and to your glory. Amen.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN 150 *(red hymnal)* “*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*”

*BLESSING

GOING FORTH “

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 7

10 a.m.

Rev. John Boley

Faith & Science Sermon Series
“What About Intelligent Design?”

Sunday, August 14

10 a.m.

Rev. John Boley

Faith & Science Sermon Series
“When Science & Faith Trump Each Other”

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, July 31

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, August 1

5:15 p.m. First Golfers - Ridgeview Golf Course

TUESDAY, August 2

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

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

5:15 p.m. Acappazoo Rehearsal - Choir Room

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

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, August 3

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

Fellowship Room and Youth Center

5:15 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, August 4

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

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

FRIDAY, August 5

Family Camp @ Lakeview Campground

SATURDAY, August 6

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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, Robin Entenman

Minister of Music/Organist **Trumpet**
Jacqueline Stilger Richard Neckerman

Vocalists

Joanne & Skip Decker

Ushers

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

Greeters

Lou Bradley, Don & Harriet Chalker

Office **Welcome Center**
Fay Woolrich Ginie Hessler

Audio & Lighting **Van Driver**
Stuart Wheaton Jay Gross

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Derek & Dawn Wheaton's wedding anniversary on August 1.

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.

Hymn Sing. Join us today 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.

August "Mission of the Month." Start looking at those sales 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 facial 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 Cherry Creek Gold on Thursday, August 4 @ 7:45 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.

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, jboley@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 31, 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.*