

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.
Please silence cell phones.*

In these opening moments, let us center our spirits on God. Prayers may be offered by filling out a pink or green card and passing it to the side aisle during the lighting of the peace candle. Welcome to worship!

GATHERING "Canzona" Girolamo Frescobaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)*

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.
God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.
Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.
We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.
God seldom comes as earthquake, wind or fire.
Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.
We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.
We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.
All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.
Here is a place to find healing and promise.
Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.
Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

***HYMN 529** *(red hymnal)* "How Firm a Foundation"

***GREETING**
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This practice of the early church is an expression of unity, signifying that there is nothing between us but the love of Jesus Christ. The traditional greeting is "The peace of Christ be with you," with a response, "And also with you."

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Gracious God, who has provided for us a bountiful inheritance, help us in this time of worship to be fully aware of your presence in all of life and to be fully responsive to your Word. Be for us a hiding place in our times of distress. Lead us and make your way straight before us. Increase our faith through this time of joyous praise. Amen.

RESPONSE 2232 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of u - nit - y, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile your peo - ple.
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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Child care for ages infants to age 3 is provided in room 204. Children's Chapel for ages 4 and up is offered in room 203. Our family room is always open on the mezzanine level, accessed via the stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19: 1-15a (OT, p. 326)

SERMON "Entertaining Angels Unawares"

HYMN *(see insert)* "Angels Before Me"

COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(praying together)*

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

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, TITHES AND GIFTS

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

***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)*

Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN 396** *(red hymnal)* "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

BLESSING

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 27
10 a.m.
Pulpit guest Rev. Terry Euper
Clergy Assistant to the Bishop
"Exploding With Good News"
Acts 10: 23-35 from "The Message"

Sunday, July 4
10 a.m.
Rev. Sandy Elfring

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, June 20
10:00 a.m. Childcare (infant—age 4) - 204
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel - 203
4:00 p.m. Martha's Table - First Congregational Church

MONDAY, June 21
9:00 a.m. VBS - First Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, June 22
9:00 a.m. VBS - First Presbyterian Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room - Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, June 23
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:00 a.m. VBS - First Presbyterian Church
4:30 p.m. Trustees - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. MOP/Justice Team - Allen Library
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, June 24
9:00 a.m. VBS - First Presbyterian Church
2:00 p.m. Memorial Committee - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel
6:15 p.m. KLUMP Softball game - Portage FUMC
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Parlor
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center

FRIDAY, June 25
9:00 a.m. VBS - First Presbyterian Church
5:00 p.m. Cook/Goodman Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, June 26
2:30 p.m. Cook/Goodman 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 visiting 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.

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

Joe Konrad, jkonrad@umc-kzo.org

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Rev. Sandy Elfring, Rev. Jim Barney, Jeff Swenarton

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Anthony Ertz (head usher), Michael Seals, Scott Centilli, Jay Gross, Jim Treece, Dan Macek, Bella Centilli, Noah Gross, Sarah Headapohl

Greeters

Ron & Marilyn Tonander, Russ & Roberta Gabier

Office

Dana Anderson

Welcome Center

Kim & Larry Taylor

Van Driver

Vickie Winfield

Audio & Lighting

Greg Anderson

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

Sharon Dougan & Terry Mishler

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of Marilyn and Ron Tonander's 40th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Jim Barney as clergy liturgist today. Jim and his spouse Rev. Marilyn Barney, are both West Michigan Conference UM clergy who have related to First Church since their retirements in 2005 and 2008 respectively. Most Sundays find them singing in our choir! We are grateful for their presence and continued service.

Summer Children's Chapel. Children ages 4 and up are welcome to attend Children's Chapel after "Time With Our Children" in room 203.

VBS is June 21-25, 9am—noon. VBS starts tomorrow! It's not too late to register. We are still accepting registrations at the VBS table in the Marketplace. You will also be able to register your children on Monday morning. We are going to have a fun week exploring the HIGH SEAS! See you at VBS! Questions? Please contact Andrea Murphy at airmurphy390@comcast.net.

United Methodist Community House Special Offering June 27. The UMCH is owned by the United Methodist Women and based in Grand Rapids. Its mission is to help all people succeed in a diverse community. They offer a safe haven where all will be treated with dignity and respect while getting the support they need. Government cuts have resulted in critical operating deficits for UMCH. Please be generous in your support for this outreach of the United Methodist Church.

Christmas in July. Beginning in July, we will have a Christmas tree displayed in the hall with "house" tags. On these tags will be listed items needed by the Housing Resources Family Shelter, a short-term emergency lodging for homeless families. Please take as many "house" tags as you feel called to take and return the item(s) by the end of July. The Outreach Team will deliver them to the shelter. Thank you for your support!

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Vocalists, instrumentalists needed. We are looking for artists who would like to offer their gifts and talents this summer during our 10 a.m. worship service. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jacqueline Stilger at the church or e-mail at jstilger@umc-kzo.org. We are open to the gifts of vocalists, instrumentalists, liturgical dancers, poets, etc.

KLUMP softball. To sign up, please call John Winchell, 381-4927. This is an easy and fun league, so join us! Games are played at Portage FUMC on S. Westnedge Avenue. Our next game is scheduled for Thursday, June 24 @ 6:15 p.m. vs. Cherry Creek Gold.

MOP Nehemiah Assembly. Thursday, July 1 @ 7 p.m. at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on Lake Street. Please join our Justice Team and MOP members in attending this important gathering of people fighting for justice for immigrants. A proposed wage theft ordinance will be publicly unveiled, at which Kalamazoo City Commissioners will be asked to support.

Outreach Ministries. Have you picked up your copy of our 2010 Outreach Ministries brochure? Copies are available at the Welcome Center. There are many ministry opportunities listed that will help others in our community, so pick up your copy today. Your time and talents offered in service to our neighbors are needed and appreciated!

Summer Reading Book Sale. Clean off your bookshelves for a good cause. Bring gently-used, clean books to the church over the next few weeks and deposit them on a cart in the Youth Lounge at the foot of the stairs. The youth will then have a book sale on Sunday, July 18 to help pay for 2011's ASP trip.

Sunrise Patrol. The Monday morning men's group has finished their meetings for the 2009-2010 school year. They will begin again in the fall on Monday, September 13. They will be studying the Johns (e.g., John Wooden and John Wesley, as seen through the eyes of John Boley).



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

June 20, 2010

10 a.m.

A Blessing of Angels

May the angel of the annunciation bless you,
inviting you daily to awaken to the God-life within you.

May the angel of Joseph's dreams bless you,
stirring your spirit to trust the many ways that Mystery whispers to you.

May the angel of birthing bless you, calling forth wonder,
awe and gratitude for all that was helped you to become your true self.

May the angel of Bethlehem-songs bless you,
tickling your soul with laughter and joy,
heralding hope and good tidings to you.

May the angel of the journey to Egypt bless you,
guiding and protecting you as you travel the inner and outer roads of your life.

May the angel of desert wilderness bless you,
bringing courage when you experience bleak, intense searching and struggle.

May the angel of prayer bless you,
gathering you closely to the divine Beloved who longs for your embrace.

May the angel of children on the lap of Jesus bless you,
helping you to see the beauty and freedom of your inner child.

May the angel of the agony in the garden bless you,
offering you solace in your times of tribulation.

May the angel at the tomb of resurrection bless you with faith,
assuring your faith and trust that all shall be well.

-Joyce Rupp

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.