

# Welcome to Worship!

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

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

*“The tempter came and said to him ....”*  
*Matthew 4: 3 (NRSV)*

## PRAISE

PRELUDE *“O World, I Must Leave Thee”* J. Brahms

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

All who are searching for something that lasts,  
**All who are hungry for meaning,**  
All who are thirsting for knowledge,  
**All who are seeking a blessing,**  
Come home to God,  
**Here, find forgiveness and healing,**  
Here, find a community of care,  
**Here find truth that is solid,**  
Here sing with angels, sit with sinners, and pray with saints.  
**Here find a home.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 269 *(red hymnal)* *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

### \*LIGHTING THE PEACE AND LENTEN CANDLES

We light this 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!**

### LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

#### Meditation

Prayer after extinguishing the candle *(all praying together)*

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

*(The diminishing light symbolizes the wavering loyalty of the disciples and the waning of light from the world as Jesus departs from it. Each Sunday, another candle will be extinguished, until the final candle goes out on Good Friday.)*

HYMN 2275 *(black hymnal)* *“Kyrie”*

## PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN *“Al’s Best on Lent”* First Puppets  
Following Time With Our Children, Bible Buzz for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the 2nd floor. Parents can pick up children at the 2nd floor check-in desk following worship (take the west stairwell or elevator).

\*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 4: 1-11 (NT, p. 3)*  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE *“The Serpent”* Pavlechko

MESSAGE *“Complexity”*

## RESPONSE

### CALL TO PRAYER

**Sung response, #488 *(red hymnal)* “Jesus, Remember Me”**

### SILENT PRAYER

**Sung response, #488 *(red hymnal)* “Jesus, Remember Me”**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**Sung response, #488 *(red hymnal)* “Jesus, Remember Me”**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER *(praying together)*

**Sung response, #488 “Jesus, Remember Me” *(red hymnal)***

### OFFERING INVITATION (One Great Hour of Sharing)

### 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 *“Jesus in the Wilderness”* Michael Bedford  
Jesus to the wilderness slowly made his way; he went to fast and pray. Jesus looked to God and said, “By your Holy Spirit true, may I now be led.” Jesus from the wilderness came forth clean and pure, strong and sure. May we then, like Jesus Christ, tempted though we be, giving not to Satan’s power, a joyful Easter see.

\*DOXOLOGY 95 *(red hymnal)* *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***  
***Praise God, all creatures here below;***  
***Praise God above, all heavenly hosts;***  
***Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(praying together)*  
**We honor you, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform them into your blessing for others, we pray. Amen.**

### \*OUR SHARED LIFE

\*CLOSING HYMN 2105 *(black hymnal)* *“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”*

### \*BLESSING

GOING FORTH *“Preambulum in d”* H. Scheidemann

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 20**  
**8:30 and 11 a.m.**  
Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long  
“Understanding These Things”  
John 3: 1-17

**Sunday, March 27**  
**8:30 and 11 a.m.**  
Rev. Julie Kline  
“Quenching Our Thirst”  
John 4: 5-42

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, March 13 One Great Hour of Sharing**  
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Special Church Conference - Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. 20/30s Lenten Book Study - Youth Lounge  
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church  
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center

**MONDAY, March 14**  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

**TUESDAY, March 15**  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305  
12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor  
4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor  
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

**WEDNESDAY, March 16**  
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room  
7:30 a.m. NYF Meeting - Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Anna Circle - Do Brown’s home  
12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Recital - Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Julia-Phoebe Circle - Parlor  
1:00 p.m. Miriam Circle - Marian Starbuck’s home  
1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle - Friendship Village  
4:00 p.m. Kalamazoo Wild Ones Meeting - Fellowship Rm.  
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee  
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Outreach Team - Allen Library  
7:00 p.m. Arches Decorating Committee - Arches  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304  
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

**THURSDAY, March 17**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
10:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study - 304  
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Fellowship Room  
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study - 304  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**FRIDAY, March 18**  
Youth Tribe to Detroit Cass Community Services

**SATURDAY, March 19**  
Youth Tribe at Detroit Cass Community Services

## 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 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](mailto:jkonrad@umc-kzo.org)

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Julie Kline, Fred Douglas

### **Minister of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

### **Organist**

Bernie Foulk

### **Ushers**

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

### **Greeters**

Loel & Dorothy Newton

### **Acolytes**

Hannah & Sarah Headapohl

### **Welcome Center/Office**

Ginnie Hessler

### **Audio & Lighting**

Stuart Wheaton

### **Van Driver**

Daryl Ost

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

Bob & Jan Hunt

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Catherine and Marvin Grostic's 60th wedding anniversary.

## 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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** Today's special offering provides funds for the administrative costs of UMCOR, an United Methodist program that provides relief for individuals and communities that suffer the effects of disaster around the world. Please give generously, if you are able to do so.

**Youth Silent Auction.** Take a look at today's bulletin insert and bid, bid, bid!!! Look for the table in the Market Place to get your bidding number. Check the status of your bid each Sunday in March to see if you are still the highest! The ASP Team thanks you for your wonderful support of this fund raiser for their trip this summer.

**New Series of Academy Classes begins today.** We have a new series of adult Sunday School classes available today at 9:30 a.m. Please see today's insert for a complete description. One of the classes is our All-Church Lenten Book Study.

**Special Church Conference.** After the 11:00 service today, we hope members will stay in the sanctuary a few minutes to vote on a proposed change to the Endowment Fund Spending Policy and a change to the 2011 raises to the clergy and directors. Please see today's insert for more information on the proposed changes to the Endowment Fund Spending Policy.

**Blood Pressure Screening.** Our parish nurse will be available for free blood pressure screening this morning in the Jesus Lounge.

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### **All-Church Lenten Book Study: *Justice for the Poor; It's Not Political, It's Biblical.***

We hope you will participate in one of the four sessions planned:

- 1) Academy Class @ 9:30 a.m.  
Facilitator: Rev. John Boley
- 2) Thursday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
Facilitator: Rev. John Boley
- 3) Thursday evenings @ 7 p.m.  
Facilitator: Rev. Julie Kline
- 4) 20/30's Sundays @ 12:15 p.m.  
Facilitator: Rev. Julie Kline

**Lenten Organ Recitals.** Enjoy relaxing lunch-hour organ concerts during Lent. The first concert is at noon on Wednesday, March 16, by Eric Strand, director of Early Music Michigan. Open to the public. Free will offering.

**Movie Nite.** Saturday, March 19 @ 7 p.m. in the Movie Lounge. Join us for fellowship and popcorn as we view "The Secret Life of Bees" (rated PG-13). Please bring your own beverage. Friends are invited!

**First Family Fun Night.** Friday, March 18, 6-8 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Families are invited to join us for an Italian dinner, fellowship, games and a movie for the young children in the Movie Lounge. \$15 per family.

**Interfaith Service for Peace.** March 20 @ 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice will have their 9th annual observance of the war in Iraq. Keynote speaker Mark Braverman will present "The Path to Peace in Israel/Palestine" with discussion following the service. Contact Mollie Clements with questions or for more information.

**God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action.** Sat., April 9, 9am-3:30pm at Central United Methodist Church in Lansing. An inspirational conference full of info on how we can change our way of living in the world and respond to God's call to join in renewing creation. **Registration flyers are available at the Welcome Center.** \$25 family, \$15 individual, free for students.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

March 13, 2011

11:00 a.m.

*Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love*



### **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.*