

# Welcome to Worship!

## Lent 2010: A Journey to Hope

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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. Please also register your attendance in the gray registration book.

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *“Lamb of God”*      J.S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(all reading the bold)*      Psalm 32

A new day has dawned. God’s gift to us; the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**We are a new creation in Jesus Christ; the old has passed away, the new has come.**

This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation; celebrate God’s love for the lost who are found.

**The glad cries of deliverance surround us; shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

Let all who are faithful offer up prayers; may all who are in Christ give thanks.

**We will be glad and join the dance of life; with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.**

### Kyrie eleison

John Bell



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(Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.)

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace. Today we add our gratitude for all the ways in which that peace is already present.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

Gracious God, we are your people. For that we give you thanks. In moments of temptation—when we forget who we are, when we fail to see our connection to others and to your creation, when we take more than we need and leave less than others require—help us to feel your presence with us. Lead us in your way and enable us to resist the self-centered impulses of our hearts and our culture. And when we fail to heed your movement in our heart, change us, forgive us, and enable us to be your people in more than words. For that, we give you thanks. Amen.

### A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*HYMN 2197** *(black hymnal)*      *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

**\*GREETING** *(all reading the bold)*

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.”

**\*GOSPEL**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Mark 14:32-40 *(The Message)*

### SERMON

**“A Journey to Hope: Refueling”**

### REFLECTION & PRAYER

**SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE**      *“Stay With Me”*

Jacques Berthier



Stay with me, re - main here with me,    watch\_ and pray,    watch and pray.

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### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### OFFERING INVITATION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*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, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(praying together)*

**Lord Jesus, as your disciples, we commit our resources and ourselves to you. In so doing we respond to the opportunity that is ours to participate in your mission of bringing God's reign of peace and justice upon this earth. Bless these gifts offered in your service and bless us as we minister caring and love under your orders. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 670** *(red hymnal)*      *“Go Forth for God”*

### \*OUR SHARED LIFE

**\*SUNG BLESSING 673**      *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

*God be with you till we meet again;*

*by his counsels guide, uphold you,*

*with his sheep securely fold you;*

*God be with you till we meet again.*

### POSTLUDE

*“Preambulum in d”*

Heinrich Scheidemann

### UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 21**

Rev. Douglas W. Vernon  
*“A Journey to Hope: Money”*  
Mark 10:17-27  
New Member Reception

**Sunday, March 28**

Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon  
*“A Journey to Hope: Passion”*  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
Palm Parade and Children’s Choir  
Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:14-23

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, March 14**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. ICON Exhibit - Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Good Friday Cast - 305  
9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center  
9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - 2nd floor  
9:30 a.m. 3Cs - 310  
9:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study: *If the Church Were Christian* - 304  
9:30 a.m. Reading Together: *Snow Falling on Cedars* - Fellowship Room  
9:30 a.m. Inquirer’s Class - Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
11:00 a.m. Festival Worship - Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
12:15 p.m. Communications Team - Fellowship Room  
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Team - 304  
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church  
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center  
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room

**MONDAY, March 15**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room  
11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room

**TUESDAY, March 16**

12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305  
1:30 p.m. Worship Planning - 305  
4:15 p.m. Children’s Music Rehearsal - Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Simple Supper - Wesley Hall  
6:15 p.m. Lenten Book Study - 304  
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor  
7:00 p.m. NA - Youth Movie Lounge

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

**ICON Exhibit 1-4 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.**  
7:30 a.m. New Year’s Eve Fest Planning - Wesley Hall  
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room  
10:00 a.m. Anna Circle - Nancy Hilliard’s home  
10:00 a.m. (til noon) Labyrinth & Mandala - Wesley Hall  
1:00 p.m. Julia-Phoebe & Miriam Circle - Fellowship Room  
7 p.m. Labyrinth & Mandala - Wesley Hall  
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room  
7:00 p.m. Outreach Team - 305

**THURSDAY, March 18**

**ICON Exhibit 1-4 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitches - Fellowship Room  
11:00 a.m. Lenten book Study - Allen Library  
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Room  
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall  
6:30 p.m. Steering Committee - Allen Library  
7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**FRIDAY, March 19**

**ICON Exhibit 1-4 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.**  
6:00 p.m. Kuck/Godoy Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, March 20**

8:00 a.m. Kalamazoo Area Music Teachers  
5:00 p.m. Kuck/Godoy Wedding - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Film Festival: *Passion of the Christ* - Movie Room

## 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 "cry" 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>.

**Park Street Perks!** All are welcome to coffee and donuts available near the parking lot doors from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Please sign up to help bring donuts, etc. on the board in the welcoming area. Fair Exchange coffee is available for purchase at \$10 a bag.

**Tune into WKZO 590 AM every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. for our LIVE church radio ministry.**

April 4, Easter Sunday, will be our last radio broadcast. If you would like to be on a mailing list for CD recordings, please contact Joe Konrad.

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Julie Dix, Joyce Moore

### Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

### Organist

Bernie Foulk

### First Singers Director

John Leeger

## ASSISTING TODAY

### Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Jack Roderick, Marian Starbuck, Molly Williams

### Greeters

Jonathan Richardson, Andrew & Sally Vorbrich

### Office

Jeanne Plott

### Welcome Center

Marti Hearron

### Van Driver

Daryl Ost

### Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

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

Kitchen crew, Eli & Chloe Lake; Kenneth, Jennifer, Kohler, Kelcey Briggs

**The flowers on the altar** are dedicated to the Glory of God by Tom and Diane Lundquist with thanks to God, source of all gifts.

**Prayer concerns** may be written on a pink or green prayer card and passed to the outside aisle where they will be collected by an usher, and shared in the pastoral prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Jean Flower Icon Exhibit opens TODAY in the parlor.

Jean will give a mini-lecture on this special exhibit at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Please take a few minutes to "glimpse a window to heaven." Exhibit is also open March 17, 18, 19, 1-4 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m. Open to the public.

**The Annual Youth Auction.** The youth auction is every Sunday in March and is a silent auction. See today's bulletin insert for items available for bidding. There are several NEW items on the list today. Stop at the tables in the Marketplace to pick up your bidder number and place your bid TODAY!

**Easter Lilies.** See today's insert to order your plant in remembrance or in honor of loved ones. Deadline to order is Monday, March 22. We will not be ordering extra plants this year. \$8 each.

**Martha's Table.** Join Rev. Julie Kline and our kitchen crew at Martha's Table today at 4 p.m. Pastor Julie will be preaching "Young Prodigal," using Luke 15:11-32. Although we have volunteers available today, we always welcome more help on the Sunday that First Church brings worship and dinner to those without a church home. Please come and join us!

**Labyrinth & Mandala, Wednesday, March 17, 10 a.m.—noon and 7-9 p.m. in Wesley Hall.** "Finding your soul's compass: An Experience of Divine Illumination." An opportunity for ALL to open to inner guidance and peace. No artistic experience is needed! Come and pray, play, create and meditate. (A self-guided labyrinth walk is also available from 5-7 p.m.)

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**The March 21 (week 5) Reading Together Academy Class will host Zarinah El-Amin Naeem.** Zarinah will speak on "The Perils of Silence" and how to improve race relations. She is an author and anthropologist who is active in Muslim communities of Michigan.

**The Passion of the Christ** movie will be shown in the youth movie lounge Saturday, March 20 @ 7 p.m. This movie is rated "R" for violence. We will decide together if we will fast forward through the difficult crucifixion. Popcorn and child care is provided. Friends are welcome!

**Interfaith Service for Peace.** Sunday, March 21 @ 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. S. Street, Kalamazoo. Keynote address: "A Stalled Peace: US Foreign Policy and the Palestine Question" by Shadia Kanaan, an American Palestinian Arab who has lived in Kalamazoo since 1975 and received her Masters degree in Political Science from WMU in 1997.

**Body & Soul Class.** Join this upcoming class on how to live a healthier lifestyle. Thursdays, April 8—May 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Roberta Gabier will lead this class that will explore becoming more aware of automated behavior patterns and how they sap strength, creativity and capacity for love. A class for those who wish to find harmony with body and soul. Registration for the class begins next Sunday or call the church office, 381-6340. They will be using the book "Health Yourself: 10 weeks to a healthier lifestyle."

**Easter Sunday Music.** The Chancel Choir has begun to rehearse music for Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a short-term commitment to the choir and sing with us until Easter, we would love to have you. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:15-9 p.m. Please contact Jacqueline Stilger, [jstilger@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jstilger@umc-kzo.org), for more information.

**Radio Broadcast.** Easter Sunday is the last Sunday that we will be broadcast on AM590 at 11:10 a.m. If you would like to be put on a weekly mailing list of worship CDs, please contact Joe Konrad in the office.



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

March 14, 2010

8:30 a.m.

### 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.*

