

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 *“Have Mercy, Lord, My Sin Forgive”* Jan Sweelinck

CALL TO WORSHIP *(all reading the bold)* Psalm 34:1-4

I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt God’s name together!

I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Kyrie eleison

John Bell

Cantor: ALL: Cantor: John Bell

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

ALL: Cantor: ALL: ALL:

CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON. Ky - ri - e e lei - KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

(son)

© 1998 WGRG Iona Community. GIA Publications. Reprinted with permission by OneLicense A-717536

(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)*

O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus we so often choose to ignore, we confess that we settle for lesser goals while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven. We look beyond our own interests to the well-being of our sisters and brothers. We can see clearly the wasteful acts of others, but not our own selfish habits. We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others. We need forgiveness, O God. Do a new thing within and among us, we pray.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN 662 *(red hymnal)* *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”*

*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.”

FIRST BELLS *“Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart”*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Following Time With Our Children, Bible Buzz for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the secure 2nd floor. Parents can pick up children at the 2nd floor check-in desk following worship (take the west stairwell or elevator).

*GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31 *(The Message)*

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON **“A Journey to Hope: Wealth”**

*HYMN 405 *(red hymnal)* *“Seek Ye First”*

COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(praying together)*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Cantique De Jean Racine”* (translation on back) Gabriel Faure

*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)*

All that we are and all that we have, comes from your generous hand, O God. We return this portion so that it might sustain and nurture others. You have blessed us in our receiving, now bless us in our giving, that the power of compassion may grow ever stronger. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Congregational Response *(pledging together)*

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy Church, and welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

*HYMN 399 *(red hymnal)* *“Take My Life, and Let it Be”*

*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 *“See the Lord of Life and Light”* J.S. Bach

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28
“A Journey to Hope: Passion”
Palm/Passion Sunday
Palm Parade and Children’s Choir
Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:14-23

Maunder Thursday
Rev. Julie Kline
“Light Into Darkness”
7 p.m.

Good Friday
A Drama: **“The Calling & Falling Away of the Disciples”**
7 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 21
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Good Friday Cast - 305
9:30 a.m. Java & Jive - Youth Center
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Movie Lounge
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. New Member Reception - Parlor
12:30 p.m. New Member Luncheon - Wesley Hall
12:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
3:00 p.m. United Nations - Parlor
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 22
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
12:30 p.m. Census Assistance - Marketplace

TUESDAY, March 23
12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Census Assistance - Marketplace
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. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 305, 310, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, March 24
7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Census Assistance - Marketplace
4:30 p.m. Trustees - Fellowship Room
6:00 p.m. Children & Families Team - Parlor
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, March 25
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:00 a.m. Census Assistance - Marketplace
11:00 a.m. Lenten book Study - Allen Library
12:30 p.m. Weavings - 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
7:00 p.m. GLBT Youth - Youth Center
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, March 26
12:30 p.m. Census Assistance - Marketplace

SATURDAY, March 27
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat - Youth Center

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. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Julie Kline, Jeanne Grubb

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

First Bells Director

Liza Wolfe

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Acolytes

Jonah & Lukas Bolton

ASSISTING TODAY

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Derek Geerlings, Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Nic Aranda, Blake Rankin, Christopher Aranda, Dorian Murphy, Nick McKenzie, Sarah Robson

Greeters

Keith & Peg Edmondson, Vicki Eichstaedt

Office

Lynn Spurr

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

Welcome Center

Brad & Lauren Keller

Audio & Lighting

Bob Lane

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

John, Jennifer & Thomas Clark

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marquita Willoughby, given by Deb and Jim Willoughby.

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

Cantique De Jean Racine (French translation) :O divine Word above, our hope and consolation, eternal light of the heavens and the earth. Our voices greet the morning: Look down and hear thy people's prayer. Inspire us, with the power of thy Spirit, that hell may flee before thy mighty word. From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving, that we may never forget all thy laws. Lord Jesus, have mercy on thy congregation now gathered here. Receive the hymns we offer to thy endless glory; renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

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!

Holy Week. We need several people to help greet at the 7 p.m. Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you!

Palm Sunday (March 28) Events. All children are welcome to join in the procession parade at the beginning of the 11 a.m. worship service. After worship, there will be a child-friendly lunch followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. We will need at least ten stealthy egg-hiders to hide eggs in the sanctuary during the lunch. Please contact Rev. Julie Dix or just show up willing to help!

Worship CDs. 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

212 S. Park St.

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone 269-381-6340; Fax 269-381-1678

www.umc-kzo.org

Easter Lilies. See today's insert to order your plant in remembrance or in honor of loved ones. Deadline to order is TOMORROW, March 22. You can take your plant(s) home after worship on Easter Sunday.

March 28 (Week 6) Reading Together Academy Class will host Sherry Brockway. Ms. Brockway will discuss the work of the Kalamazoo YWCA in eliminating racism and domestic and sexual violence in the Kalamazoo community. Brockway also works with the housing initiative to address issues of housing racism.

Interfaith Service for Peace. TODAY @ 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. South 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.

Martha's Table on Easter. Every Sunday our church provides at least two fellowship friends for Martha's Table. We currently do not have anyone scheduled for Easter Sunday. If you are interested in "breaking bread" with Martha's Table guests on Easter (or any Sunday), please contact Sue Eden, 375-9880.

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. Register for the class in the hall on Sundays or call the church office, 381-6340. They will be using the book "Health Yourself: 10 weeks to a healthier lifestyle."



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

March 21, 2010

11:00 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.*



Fifth
SUNDAY IN
LENT