

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.

*“What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well.”
~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Have Mercy, Lord”* H. Scheidemann

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

People of the Way, arid and winding as life may feel at times, come to this place of God’s dwelling, where honest expressions of heart and mind are always honored. Come to the Well-Spring of grace bringing your many questions, concerns, laments, and longings of the heart.

In God’s embrace, we are welcomed. We are listened to. We are filled with hope and encouraged on our way. Amen.

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

***LIGHTING THE PEACE AND LENTEN CANDLES**

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!

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

MEDITATION

There is so much during the day that clamors for our attention. Friends, family, work, classes, household tasks. And the noise! We are bombarded with sound, from the clock that awakens us to the telephone, the radio, the television, the conversation that we have or overhear. Where is the time and place to listen for the still, small voice of God? Sometimes it seems that God would have to speak in a whirlwind to be heard above the clamor! Listen now. There is a place of quiet rest, and it is the place where God dwells within you. Close your eyes. Be aware of the place. In Lent we journey to the parts of ourselves known only to God, beneath the clamor. Let the story of Jesus reach us there. Let it teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. *(followed by silent time)*

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in the world and to the Earth. Amen. *(a candle is extinguished)*

Let us pray.

Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN 2275 *(black hymnal) “Kyrie”*

PROCLAMATION

***GOSPEL LESSON**

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

John 4: 5-26 (NT, p. 94)

MESSAGE **“Quenching our Thirst”**

RESPONSE 641 *(red hymnal) “Fill My Cup, Lord”*

RESPONSE

COMMUNITY & 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

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 *“My Heart is Filled with Longing”* J. Brahms

***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)*

**As One closer than our breathing, and as One knowing of our needs before we ask,
bless the gifts we bring today, O God. Through us, use them in the love and service of
others. Amen**

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN 383** *(see insert) “When, Like the Woman at the Well”*

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH *“Canzona”* G. Gabrieli

UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 3
8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Holy Communion
Rev. John Boley
“The Nit-Picker in Each of Us”
John 9: 1-41

**Sunday, April 10
8:30 and 11 a.m.**

United Methodist Women Sunday
Pulpit guest Angela Cunigan
Red Bird Ministries

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 27

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. 20/30’s Lenten Book Study - Lower Lounge
12:15 p.m. Hospitality - Parlor
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. “Notified” Music Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. First Singers - Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Area

MONDAY, March 28

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, March 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
11:00 a.m. Woodruff Memorial - Chapel
12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor
4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Russia Initiative Potluck & Program - Wesley Hall
5:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, March 30

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting - Parlor
12:00 p.m. Classical Wednesday Concert - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, March 31

9:30 a.m. First Stitches - 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, April 1

SATURDAY, April 2

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

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. John Boley, Jeanne Konrad

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Terry & Pam O'Connor, Harriet Swanson

Greeters

Doug & Sue Paul, Miriam Cook

Office

Fay Woolrich

Audio & Lighting

Jacob Texel

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

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

Paula Willson, Dude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick & Rose Platt, parents of Jennifer Stupica.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Kennedy Reese Coy, who was born on March 1 to Rebecca and Scott Coy.

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.

Youth Silent Auction. The auction ends today at 10:45 a.m. Items are listed in today's bulletin insert. Please BID, BID, BID! Stop by after the 11:00 service to see what you have won. We appreciate it if you can make payment today. The ASP team thanks you for your wonderful support of this fundraiser for their trip this summer and other youth mission projects.

Help us celebrate Maxine's birthday! Today we will celebrate Maxine Gill's 90th birthday! She has been a member of First Church for over 37 years. Join us for birthday cake in the Perks Gathering Area after the 11:00 service and wish Maxine well.

Russia Initiative Potluck. All are invited to meet Russian Pastor Irina Mitina who is visiting the United States for a short time, and enjoy a potluck this Tuesday, March 29, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Pastor Mitina will make a presentation on the current state of the Russian United Methodist Church. You can sign up at the Welcome Center today for this event (please state what dish you'd like to bring), or contact Deanna Hogarth, 375-1476; or Donna Dunyak, 344-056, for further information.

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Special Church Conference on Sunday, April 10. All members are invited to attend this special meeting that will be held immediately following the 11:00 worship. The purpose will be to examine and vote on the possible adjustment of 2011 salaries for our clergy and directors.

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

Classical Wednesday Concert. Join us for our second Classical Wednesday Concert on Wednesday, March 30 at noon. The Lenten Series Concert will present "Muzika Russe," a Soviet Sampler of music featuring WMU students on violin, viola, cello and piano. Open to the public. Free will offering suggested.

Lenten Organ Recitals. Enjoy relaxing lunch-hour organ concerts during Lent. Our third concert will be April 6 at noon and will feature our own organist, Bernie Foulk. Open to the public. Free will offering.

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.

Sunday morning van drivers needed. Are you available once a month to help pick up from 2-4 Sunday morning worshippers? We need your help! Please contact Kelly Green in the office, 381-6340, if you are available.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

March 27, 2011

8:30 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.