

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.

*“This is my son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him.
When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.”
Matthew 17: 5b-6*

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Capriccio on DFEG”*

G. Macque

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

Just a taste of something wonderful,

Only a glimpse of something magnificent,

Just a glimmer of something holy in something so ordinary.

Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God,

Enough to cause us to stop and stare in awe,

Enough to stir our hearts in wonder,

Enough to set our feet to dancing,

And to prompt our voices to sing and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 117 *(red hymnal)* *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

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!

UNISON PRAYER *(praying together)*

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed your Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration, enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity, and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *“Gymnopedie”*

Eric Satie

PROCLAMATION

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 LESSON

Matthew 17: 1-9 (NT, p. 18)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE **“It’s a Fearful Thing to be with Jesus”**

RESPONSE

RESPONSE 2103 *(black hymnal)* *“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”*

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 *“Christ Upon the Mountain Peak”*

David Bowman

Christ, upon the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing; let us if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him: Alleluia! Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia! Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as the Son by name! nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia! This is God’s beloved son! Law and prophets fade before him; first and last and only one, let creation now adore him: Alleluia!

*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)*

You have made us and you have made us anew, O God. In the joy of our thanksgiving we offer to you our lives and our gifts. We give them in love and in the hope that you will make your creation new through us and through our offerings. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION, Word and Table II, p. 13 *(red hymnal)*

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Holy Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come by the center aisle to receive the elements. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Hymns during communion: #623 *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee;”* #2254 *“In Remembrance of Me;”* #618 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN 258 *(red hymnal)* *“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”*

*BLESSING

GOING FORTH *“Praeludium in g”*

J.S. Bach

UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Wednesday, March 9
7 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

“The Invitation to Dance”

**Sunday, March 13
8:30 and 11 a.m.**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Rev. John Boley

“So Many Temptations”

Matthew 4: 1-11

**Sunday, March 20
8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long

“Understanding These Things”

John 3: 1-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 6

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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 7

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

TUESDAY, March 8

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

12:00 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305

4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner - Wesley Hall

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 307, Chapel

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Reconciling Ministries - Allen Library

WEDNESDAY, March 9 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room

9:45 a.m. Coffee & Conversation - Parlor

4:30 p.m. Trustees - 305

5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig’s Support Group - Parlor

7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, March 10

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

10:30 a.m. Lenten Book Study - 304

1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Packing - Perks Gathering Area

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Fellowship Room

6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Prayer Team - 307

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 11

SATURDAY, March 12

10:00 a.m. Bishop’s Day 2011 - Battle Creek UMC

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

Worship Leaders

Revs. John Boley, Julie Kline, Shelly Wisdom-Long

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Lay Reader

Judy Aardema

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Greg Gill, Andrew Gill, Ken Hall, Nic Aranda, Christopher Aranda, Michael Deaton

Greeters

Sara & Geoff Anable, Archie & Jan Murrish

Office

Joyce Treece

Welcome Center

Bruce & Maggie Binns

Audio & Lighting

Rich Peavler

Van Driver

Jay Gross

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

Daryl, Suzanne, Andie & Jake Ost

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration and gratitude for our many blessings, given by Roger and Kristy Lepley.

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. We hope you will join us again!

Youth Silent Auction Starts Today! Once again we have some wonderful items and services available. 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 to the Appalachia.

ASP Pancake Dinner. Join us for this delicious ASP fundraiser this Tuesday, "Fat Tuesday," March 8, from 5-7:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Proceeds will benefit the ASP Team's trip this summer. Free will offering.

Ash Wednesday Worship, March 9 @ 7 p.m. Please join us this Wednesday evening as we begin the Season of Lent. Rev. Julie Kline will lead a Taizé style worship that will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

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 below. Please sign up for the class of your choice at the Welcome Center.

- 1) **Academy Class** @ 9:30 a.m. beginning March 13
Facilitator: Rev. John Boley
- 2) **Thursday mornings** @ 10:30 a.m. beginning March 10
Facilitator: Rev. John Boley
- 3) **Thursday evenings** @ 7 p.m. beginning March 10
Facilitator: Rev. Julie Kline
- 4) **College/20/30s Sundays** @ 12:15 p.m. beginning March 13
Facilitator: Rev. Julie Kline

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Special Church Conference next Sunday, March 13, immediately following the 11am service. We need your vote to endorse a change in policy to the Endowment Fund distribution. This change will help finance our operating budget. Please vote!

Coffee & Conversation. Parents of young children are invited on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:45 a.m. to join Pastor Shelly in the parlor for coffee/tea and open conversation. No reservations needed. Just come on March 9!

Mission of the Month. The Outreach Team is starting something new: monthly community outreach projects. On Friday, March 11, we will serve lunch at Ministry with Community from 12:15-2:30 p.m. We need 8-10 people. If interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Bishop's Day 2011, Saturday, March 12, 10am-3pm, Battle Creek FUMC. This free event is sponsored by the Albion and Kalamazoo Districts and will feature guest speakers from the United Methodist Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio. Visit www.kazoodistumc.org to register. Deadline to register is March 4. *See flyer at the Welcome Center for more information.*

Lenten Organ Recitals. Enjoy relaxing lunch-hour organ concerts during Lent. The first concert is at noon on Wednesday, March 16, by Eric Strand, Organist/Choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and director of Early Music Michigan. 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.

Altar Flowers. There are still ten open spots for altar flowers. Sign-up is available on the hallway bulletin board.

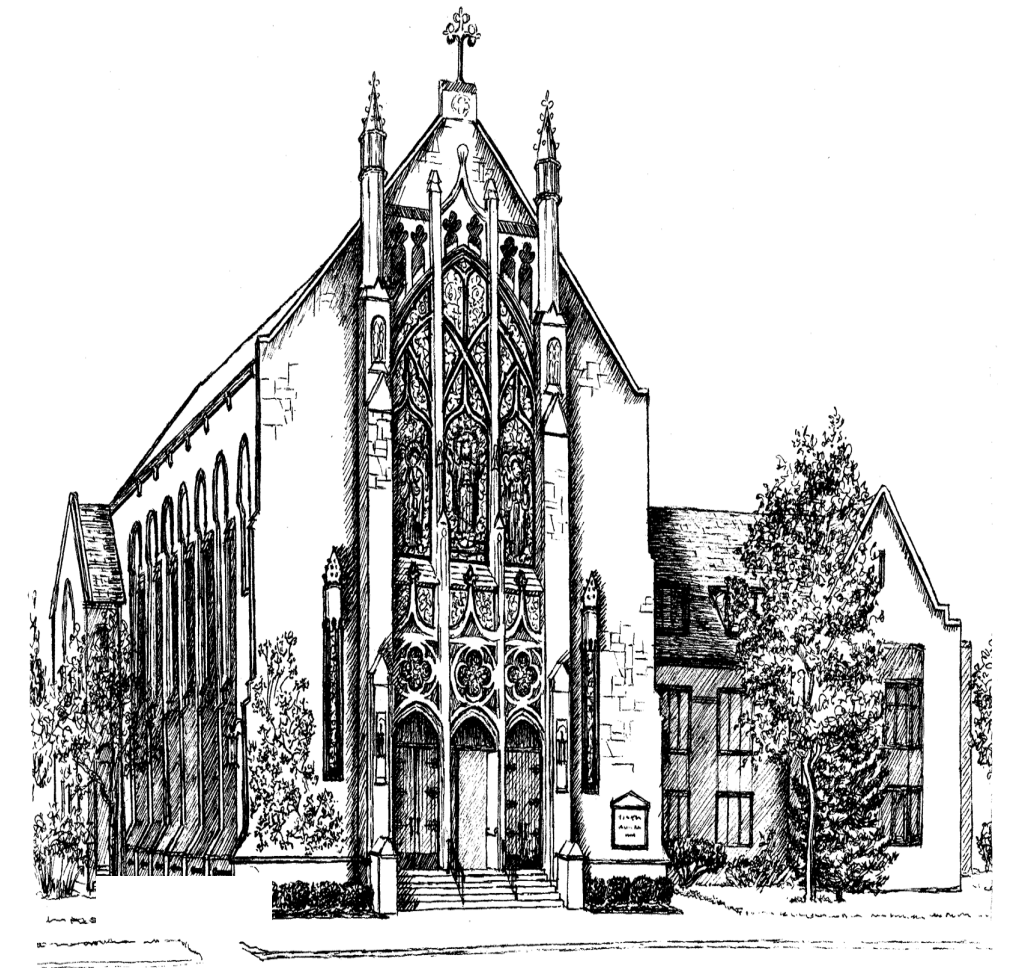


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

March 6, 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.