

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 an usher. 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.

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” ~ John 20: 19 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Sonata in f minor”*

G.P. Telemann

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

The sound of the trumpet still lingers,

The smell of lilies hovers in the air,

The candy is not quite gone,

It is still Easter.

Though the fanfare has died down,

It is still Easter.

In the ordinary and routine,

It is still Easter.

The pulse of hope,

The signs of new life,

The spirit of peace,

The welcome joy,

It is still Easter.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 304** *(red hymnal) “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”*

***LIGHTING THE PEACE and EASTER 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!

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

To honor and praise you, O God, we come in gratitude and love. With great joy and amazement, we remember the victory of life over death. We light our Easter candles again, knowing that Christ’s life, death and resurrection is the light of the world. Therefore, we raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving for your incomparable gift of love revealed at Easter.

“A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton



FORWARD IN FAITH II Presentation

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

John 20: 19-31 (NT, p. 115)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE **“Forward in Faith”**

RESPONSE

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 *“Exultation”*

Arnold B. Sherman

Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise, sing to God a hymn of gladness and praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled is risen from the dead. Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life and life immortal on resurrection morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise. Alleluia! We by his resurrection rise. Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory. Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Glory to God, Praise to the Triune majesty.

***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)*

Resurrect in us, O God, the power to really give so that we may be fully open and empty, like the tomb, ready to receive new life at any moment. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

This morning, 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: #628, *“Eat this Bread:”* #617, *“I Come with Joy;”* #162, *“Alleluia, Alleluia”*

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN 303** *(red hymnal) “The Day of Resurrection”*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

Jeffrey Honore

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 8
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Mother’s Day
Rev. Sandy Elfring
Luke 24: 13-35

May 15
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Julie Kline
“Can You Hear Me Now?”
John 10: 1-10

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 1

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Forward in Faith Orientation - Parlor
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

MONDAY, May 2

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Justice Team - Clements’ home

TUESDAY, May 3

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
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, May 4

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 p.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor
9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304
2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 304, 307
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, May 5

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
12:00 p.m. A Classroom - Parlor
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
2:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, May 6

SATURDAY, May 7

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 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 Leader

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Cari Miller

Minister of Music/Organist **Choral Accompanist**
Jacqueline Stilger Carol Hodges

Forward in Faith Presentation

Dennis Moon

Ushers

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

Greeters

Tom & Gerry Schaberg, Bruce & Jeanne Grubb

Acolytes

Malana Sherfield, Carly Braginton

Office

Dolores Heidanus

Welcome Center

Lynn Spurr

Audio & Lighting

Rich Peavler

Van Driver

Vickie Winfield

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

Jeff Swenarton & Eli Lake

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in appreciation and thanks to all of our troops stationed around the world, given by Tom and Gerry Schaberg.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the March 23rd birth of Kennedy Grace Nelson, granddaughter of Bill Welke.

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.

Easter Sunday musicians. We'd like to acknowledge our Easter morning musicians: Trumpet: Erin Yanachek and Mi'Quan Cosey, Timpani: Mitchell Severson, Crash Cymbals: Nic Aranda. We thank these youth and WMU students for their wonderful contribution to our Easter services.

Forward in Faith II Kickoff, TODAY.

Today's schedule

Campaign Kickoff @ 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Progressive Perks, 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Campaign Orientation, 9:30 a.m. in parlor

May "Mission of the Month." A basket is available in the office for your donations of good used towels, sheets and pillowcases for the Eleanor Street Shelter and Ministry with Community.

Dinner with the Prime Timers. On Friday, May 13 @ 5:30 p.m. you are invited for dinner at Michelle's (Gull Rd.) and a short presentation on the Drake Homestead by Neil Sikora, president of the Oshtemo Historical Society. Call Dorothy & Loel Newton (388-5078) or Millie & John Karnemaat (382-3689) to make your reservation.

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CROP Walk TODAY at 2 p.m.. Please join FUMC and the Kalamazoo community in working to overcome poverty by sponsoring a walker today in the Market Place. When signing up to sponsor a walker, please make your check out to "CROP Walk." By making your check out in advance, the walkers will be able to turn in the money the day of the walk. The organizations benefiting this year are: the Ecumenical Senior Center, Housing Resources, Loaves & Fishes, Ministry with Community, Open Doors Shelter, YWCA Domestic Assault program and the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

Mother's Day Luncheon, May 8. The ASP Team is planning a special luncheon for mom's and their families on Mother's Day after the 11:00 worship service. Proceeds from the luncheon will help benefit the ASP Team's trip to the Appalachia area this summer. There will be a special gift at the luncheon for all moms in attendance, made by the ASP team.

First Golfers. Get back into the swing of summer by joining our church golf league! Dues are \$15 per player plus green fees. They play at Ridgeview Golf Course on West Main Street on Monday nights beginning May 9. Contact Kristin Fouts to sign up or with questions at 269-365-8229.

First Care has openings. Our exceptional early childhood program and child care center that is open Monday through Friday, has several openings. Please call Julie Myers, First Care Director, at 344-6147 if you would like more information on enrolling your child.

Confirmation Sunday, May 15. Join us on Confirmation Sunday as we welcome into membership a new group of faithful youth to our church.

Summer Worship Schedule. Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29, changing to one worship service at 10 a.m.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

May 1, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

*"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."* John 20: 29b



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.