

# 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 *“Concerto in a minor”* J.S. Bach

### \*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

#### \*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 *“Sonata in f minor”*

G.P. Telemann

#### \*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. Progressive Perks - Perks Gathering Area  
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  
5:00 p.m. ASP Adults Meeting - Youth Center  
6:00 p.m. Notified - Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center  
6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room

### MONDAY, May 2

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room  
7:00 p.m. Bach Around the Block Organ Crawl - Churches around Bronson Park

### TUESDAY, May 3

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  
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room  
7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, May 4

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room  
9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304  
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. CFM Team Meeting - 203  
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  
5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Fellowship Room  
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall  
7:15 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](mailto:jkonrad@umc-kzo.org)

### **Worship Leader**

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Sue Paul

### **Minister of Music/Organist Trombone**

Jacqueline Stilger Steven Vorbrich

### **Forward in Faith Presentation**

Dennis Moon

### **Ushers**

Roger Williams (head usher), Durrell McKenzie, Kim Taylor, Larry Taylor

### **Greeters**

Avis & Dick Keene, Lou Bradley

### **Office**

N/A

### **Welcome Center**

N/A

### **Audio & Lighting**

Gordon Bundy

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.** We will be holding special celebrations throughout the month of May as part of our spring capital campaign.

### **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."** Clean our your closets and donate to a good cause! A basket is available in the office for your donation 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 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

8:30 a.m.

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*Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love*

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*"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.*