

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.*

Please silence cell phones and other alarms.

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle, and passing it to your neighbors. We would also appreciate it if you would turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

“Faith is also a journey, a walking with God’s Spirit, daily allowing ourselves to ‘put on Christ’ to become more and more like Jesus.” (“The Name I Claim”)

PRELUDE *“Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP — A LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED** *(all reading the bold)*

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth’s goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God deploras violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world’s warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we.

***HYMN 2130** *(black hymnal) “The Summons”*

***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)*

Converting Christ, make us sensitive to your presence as we worship this day. The light of the Easter candles remind us that you continue to call us as persons and as a church into new life, new vision, and new commitment to carry your healing, saving love into the world. Give us courage to be open and responsive to your Spirit's ongoing work in and among us, that we may be better equipped to fulfill our responsibility in mission as your disciples. Amen.

RESPONSE *“A Repeating Alleluia”*

Calvin Hampton



***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10: 1-11 (NT, p. 103)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

VISUAL VIGNETTE

MESSAGE *“Can You Hear Me Now?”*

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

SILENT, COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 *“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”*

B. Glyncannon

***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)*

God of Grace, help us today through our gifts and lives to be an answer to another’s prayer so that we may be one of your signs of hope in the world you love. Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE & FORWARD IN FAITH II**

***CLOSING HYMN 100** *(red hymnal) “God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *“Prelude to Te Deum”*

M. Charpentier

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 22
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Commitment Sunday for Forward in Faith II Capital Campaign
Rev. John Boley
“Power Surge”
John 14 1-14

May 29
10 a.m.
Memorial Day Weekend
Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long
“Groping for God”
Acts 17: 22-31

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 15

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Progressive Perks - lower level
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Reception - Perks Area
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Team - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Lunch - Wesley Hall
3:00 p.m. United Nations Meeting - Parlor
4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. Notified - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center

MONDAY, May 16

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds - Fellowship Room
5:15 p.m. First Golfers - Ridgeview Golf Course

TUESDAY, May 17

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305
12:00 p.m. Clergy/Staff Meeting - 305
4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Advocacy Services - 3rd floor
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, May 18

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 303, 304
9:30 a.m. Anna Circle - Martha Hilboldt’s home
12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee - 305
1:00 p.m. Julia-Phoebe Circle - Parlor
1:00 p.m. Miriam Circle - Bev Siemer’s home
1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle - Friendship Village
5:00 p.m. Portage Northern Concert Rehearsal - Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee - Parlor
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Outreach - Allen Library
6:00 p.m. Kalamazoo Wild Ones - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, May 19

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. Portage Northern Rehearsal & Concert - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Fellowship Room
6:00 p.m. Kalamazoo District UMW Team - Parlor
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, May 20

6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Night - Wesley Hall

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. Julie Kline, Rev. John Boley, Deanna Hogarth

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Ushers

Roger Williams (head usher), Wendell Pierce, Steven Vorbrich, William Vorbrich

Greeters

Doug & Sue Paul, Mildred Hedrick, Linda Fazio

Office

Nancy Hyde

Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

Van Driver

Vickie Winfield

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

Jeanne & Dave Grubaugh

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara & Paul VanWestrienen's 45th wedding anniversary on May 14.

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.

Forward in Faith II. Between services today enjoy a "Progressive Perks" complete with snacks and tours of the lower level of the church. You are welcome to enjoy these new and updated spaces and read the "Did you know?" signs provided by the CFM Team in the lower level. Next Sunday, May 22, is Commitment Sunday. Everyone is invited to prayerfully consider a gift to God in support of the Forward in Faith II campaign and to make those intentions known during worship. Following the 11:00 service, we will celebrate as a church family with a hot dog picnic and announce the campaign results!

Meet the Confirmands. We welcome all to join us for cake after the 11:00 service and meet the 2011 class of confirmands in the Perks area.

Sponsor a fleece blanket/pillow. Today and May 22 you will have the opportunity to sponsor material for 15 fleece blankets and pillows for Camp New Day. You can make a gift to this ministry at the table in the Market Place. Please make your check to FUMC with "blanket/pillow ministry" in the memo. Thank you!

Family Fellowship Fun Night. Families are invited to this monthly get together on Friday, May 20 @ 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Our own Youth Tribe will be providing the meal. Sign up on Facebook or at the 2nd floor sign-in desk located in the Arches.

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May "Mission of the Month." Clean 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.

Bronson Park VBS. Get your child signed up for a fun-filled week (June 20-24) of PandaMania VBS. Sign up is available at the Arches or the Welcome Center.

Last day of Sunday School is next Sunday, May 22. For children ages 4 through 6th grade, don't miss the wrap-up and conclusion to the series of stories that have strengthened their faith journeys this year!

Summer worship schedule. Our summer worship schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29, changing to one worship service at 10 a.m. There will be no children's classes that day.

"Summer-Full of Scripture." Summer school for children ages 4 through grade 3 begins Sunday, June 5. Each week during the summer, children will have the opportunity to hear Bible stories, make crafts and enjoy a snack after "Time With Our Children." Adult leaders are needed to ensure that this ministry can happen. Please contact Pastor Shelly or Andrea Murphy if you'd like to volunteer.

Graduates! We will honor all our high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 5. Please send graduate info to Jennifer at jstupica@umc-kzo.org.

KLUMP Softball. Join our co-ed softball team that plays at Portage FUMC. Games begin the week of June 5. All levels of playing skill are welcome (age 13 years and older) We also like to stop at Ritter's Frozen Custard post games. Contact John Winchell at john.winchell@wmich.edu to sign up.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

May 15, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

WE GO FORWARD IN FAITH WITH PRAYER

O Lord, our God, open our hearts, minds and doors to your spirit as we celebrate our church and its service to our community.

We give thanks for the legacy and mission of all who have been here before us and for the sacrifices they made to establish this church.

We have been blessed by their courageous spirit of generosity and strong determination.

Now as we experience, celebrate and share your love, O God, help us to have a Spirit-filled vision toward sustaining our church and expanding God's welcome.

May your Spirit direct each of us as we decide with courage, passion and hope to continue to support a stronger, move vibrant faith community.

Loving God, be always at work in us and through us as we move

Forward in Faith.

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.