

# 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.

*“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these....”* John 14: 12 (NRSV)

## PRAISE

PRELUDE “La Marche”

G.F. Handel

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

Come, all you weary and hurting;

**Here, find rest for your souls.**

Come, enter into the grace of forgiveness;

**Here, taste the living water of renewal.**

Come from busy weeks and anxious worry;

**Here find stillness, vision and power;**

Music that lifts us toward heaven,

**Prayers that ease the wrinkles from our souls,**

Fellowship that helps us face tomorrow,

**Truth that propels us into the future.**

Come and worship, for God is our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 546** *(red hymnal)* “The Church’s One Foundation”

**\*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!**

RESPONSE “A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton



OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Holy One, mold our worship with your tender hands so that the words of our mouths and the whispers of our hearts find their way to you. So shape our celebration with your gracious touch that our prayers find a home with you and our songs bring you joy. Form this service and our lives into an acceptable offering of thanksgiving and witness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM “Chanson Joyeuse” *(Song of Joy)*

Julie C. Stitt

## PROCLAMATION

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14: 1-14 (NT, p. 108)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Power Surge”

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE 2162 *(black hymnal)* “Grace Alone”

FORWARD IN FAITH II COMMITMENT

SILENT, COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 “O Christ the Same”

Courtney

**\*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)*

**Here, O Lord, we give our complete expression of what we really believe. Bless it, O Lord, that it may bless others. Amen.**

**\*OUR SHARED LIFE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 660** *(red hymnal)* “God is Here”

**\*BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

J. Pachelbel

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 29  
10 a.m.**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long

“Groping for God”

Acts 17: 22-31

**Sunday, June 5  
10 a.m.**

**Graduate Sunday/Holy Communion**

Rev. John Boley

Faith & Science Sermon Series

“The Creator of Heaven and Earth”

Genesis 1

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, May 22**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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

9:30 a.m. Park Street Perks - Gathering Area

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Forward in Faith Picnic - Outside

3:00 p.m. Glenn Wheaton Piano Concert - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

5:00 p.m. ASP Parent Meeting - Youth Center

6:00 p.m. “Notified” Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center

**MONDAY, May 23**

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

5:15 p.m. First Golfers - Ridgeview Golf Course

7:00 p.m. Justice Team - Clements’ home

**TUESDAY, May 24**

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

12:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor

7:00 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

**WEDNESDAY, May 25**

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

9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 303, 304

9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board - Parlor

1:00 p.m. Annual Conference Prep - Parlor

2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 304, 307

5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

**THURSDAY, May 26**

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

7:00 p.m. First Care Graduation

**FRIDAY, May 27**

**SATURDAY, May 28**

## 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 also 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. Julie Kline, Jeanne Konrad

### **Director of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

### **First Singers Director**

John Leeger

### **Organist**

Bernie Foulk

### **First Singers Accompanist**

Miriam Downey

### **Ushers**

Roger Williams (head usher), Diana Lundquist, Tom Lundquist, Terry O'Connor

### **Greeters**

Kim & Larry Taylor  
Marti Hearron

### **Office**

Fay Woolrich

### **Audio & Lighting**

Gordon Bundy

### **Van Driver**

Jay Gross

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

Bob & Carol Hamet

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Peter and Theresa Aranda's 11th wedding anniversary.

## 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.** Today 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.

**Forward in Faith Picnic.** Don't miss our picnic today following the 11:00 service! We will celebrate as a church family with hot dogs and more in the back parking lot and announce the campaign results!

**Sponsor a fleece blanket/pillow.** A table in the Market Place is available for you to help 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!

**Bronson Park VBS.** Get your child signed up for a fun-filled week (June 20-24) of PandaMania VBS. Sign up is available today in the Market Place. Please consider taking a "panda tag" home that lists needed VBS supplies. Your help in providing these supplies is deeply appreciated by the VBS team.

**Worship Time Change Starts Next Sunday.** Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, our worship schedule changes to one service at 10 a.m. Summer Perks! will be available in the gathering area after the worship service.

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**Memorial Day.** The church will be closed Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Peace with Justice Sunday, May 29.** When you give to this special offering, you support ministries to remove human violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States and worldwide. Your gift will help remove unjust systems and equip the victimized to live more fulfilled lives. Please give generously if you are able next Sunday.

**"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](mailto: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](mailto:john.winchell@wmich.edu) to sign up.

**Camp New Day Drivers Needed July 10 and 15.** If you can help transport campers to Camp New Day in Reed City on either or both of these two days, please contact Chuck Wilson at 388-5899. (The church's van is being used for the ASP trip that week.)



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

May 22, 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.*