

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.

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“Symphony No. 1”*

W. Boyce

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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter continues. It lasts for a season, not just for a day!

We rejoice to hear its meaning—that new life is stronger than death.

Because of Jesus we have come to trust in God. We have been born anew and are now called to love one another deeply from the heart.

Would we do this without the resurrection?

Today we will hear how the Risen Christ was revealed when he broke bread with the disciples who were walking away from Jerusalem.

We pray that we, too, will see the Risen Christ in the Scriptures, in the breaking of bread, and in our lives. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 308** *(red hymnal) “Thine Be the Glory”*

***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)*

Lord Jesus, you would not be held by death. You rose from the dead, defeated death, and then returned to us. We light our Easter candles again to remember that you continue to reveal yourself to us, keep speaking to us, and persist in reaching out to us. For all of this, we praise your name, we worship you, we seek more faithfully to follow you. Amen.

“A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton



TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

“Mother, May I?”

First Puppets

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).

FORWARD IN FAITH II Presentation

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON & HYMN 309 *“On the Day of Resurrection”* Luke 24: 13-35 (NT, p. 90)

The soloist will sing verses 1-5 in between verses of the Gospel. The congregation is invited to please stand and sing verse 6.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *“On the Walk with Jesus”*

RESPONSE

***RESPONSE 2086** *(black hymnal) “Open Our Eyes”*

SILENT, PASTORAL & 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.

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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 *“How Can I Keep From Singing?”*

R. Lowry, arr. B. Ellingboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation. I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Thru’ all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing! It sounds and echoes in my soul. What though the tempest ‘round me roar, I hear the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

***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)*

Accept, O Lord, what we offer freely. Bless our gifts and bless the world even more through our shared ministries. These things we pray in your mighty name, Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN 318** *(red hymnal) “Christ is Alive”*

BLESSING *“Go Now to Love and Serve the Lord”*

Dolores Hruby

POSTLUDE *“Today the Son of God Triumphs”*

J.S. Bach

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 15
8:30 and 11 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday

Rev. Julie Kline
“Can You Hear Me Now?”
John 10: 1-10

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 8

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Progressive Perks - 2nd & 3rd Floors
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Mother’s Day Luncheon - Wesley Hall
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

MONDAY, May 9

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room
5:15 p.m. First Golfers - Ridgeview Golf Course

TUESDAY, May 10

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. Reconciling Team - Allen Library

WEDNESDAY, May 11

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 303, 304
2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - 304, 307
4:00 p.m. Kalamazoo Wild Ones - Fellowship Room
5:30 p.m. Acappazoo - Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Team - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Disciple I - 304
7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room
7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig’s Support Group - Parlor

THURSDAY, May 12

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Wesley Foundation - 305
12:00 p.m. A Classroom - Parlor
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
6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, May 13

5:30 p.m. Prime Timers - Michell’s Restaurant
6:30 p.m. VBS Kick-off Family Movie Night - First Presbyterian Church (321 W. South St.)

SATURDAY, May 14

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. Sandy Elfring, Rev. Shelly Wisdom-Long, Michael Seals

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Forward in Faith Presentation

Bruce & Jeanne Grubb

Hannah/Sarah Headapohl

Ushers

Anthony Ertz (head usher), Jeff Swenarton, Jay Gross, Lois Miles, Noah Gross, Hannah Headapohl, Sarah Headapohl

Greeters

David & Judy Kingsley, Dona & Charles Barnes

Office

Joyce Treece

Welcome Center

Laura VanVlack-Ailes

Audio & Lighting

Stuart Wheaton

Van Driver

Andrew Lehman

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

David & Judy Kingsley

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred Babcock, mother and grandmother of Dana Anderson and family.

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 we enjoyed a "Progressive Perks" complete with snacks and tours of the second and third floors. You are still welcome to enjoy these new spaces after the 11:00 service that our *Forward in Faith I* campaign provided our children. We invite you to also enjoy the informative "Did you know?" signs provided by our CFM Team posted on the walls. Don't miss the conclusion of Progressive Perks next Sunday from 9:30 to 10:50 when we will profile all of the FFI renovations on the lower level of the church.

Mother's Day Luncheon, TODAY in Wesley Hall. The ASP Team is having a special luncheon for mom's and their families today after the 11:00 service. Your free will offering 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!

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

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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.

Dinner with the Prime Timers. On Friday, May 13 @ 5:30 p.m. you are invited for dinner at Michelle's Restaurant (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.

AnySoldier.com Care Package Donations. Letters are the most requested thing by soldiers, but they also request blank cards, beef jerky, seeds/nuts, water flavoring packets, candy, gum, books, DVDs, music CDs, magazines, coffee, Girl Scout cookies, baby wipes and hygiene products. Care packages are assembled second Thursdays of the month (May 12) at 1 p.m. in the Perks Gathering Area. Call Lois Miles if you would like to help assemble boxes.

VBS Kick-Off Family Movie Night. Join us at the First Presbyterian Church with your upcoming VBS friends on Friday, May 13 @ 6:30. We will start with crafts, sing-a-long music and ice-cream sundaes; followed by the movie, "Kung Fu Panda." Family donation of \$10 is suggested.

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

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 16. Contact Kristin Fouts to sign up or with questions at 269-365-8229.



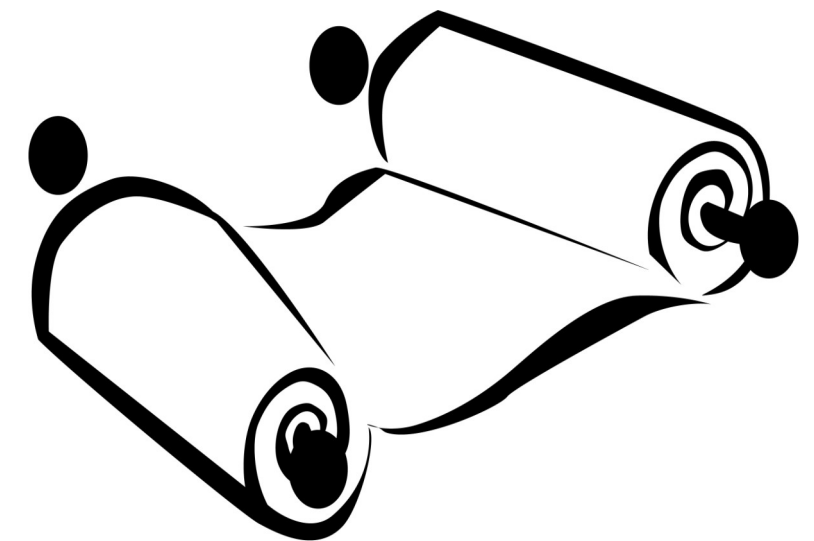
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
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May 8, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

The
Word
of God



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.