

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.

“Our changed lives may be the only gospel some will ever read.”

~ Elaine Roulet

GATHERING MUSIC *“Prelude Modal”*

J. Langlais

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

In beauty and mystery,

We see the face of God.

In the common and the ordinary,

We know the love of Christ.

In the bread and the cup,

We taste the presence of God.

In the song and in the embrace,

We share the joy of faith.

***MORNING HYMN 2126** *(black hymnal) “All Who Hunger”*

***GREETING**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

RESPONSE 2224 *(black hymnal) “Make Us One”*

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Holy God, weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed. Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility. Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

We light this candle during every Sunday worship service to remember that Christ is in the world offering peace, and to pledge our part in receiving and sharing it.

RESPONSE 2224 *(black hymnal) “Make Us One”*

***GOSPEL READING**

This is what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 21: 33-46 (NT, p. 24)

SERMON *“If I Were a Hoarder...”*

A TIME OF SILENCE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please turn to page 17 in the red hymnal for congregational responses to Communion liturgy. Communion this morning will be served at the communion rail. As the ushers direct, please come forward to receive the cup and bread. You may choose to kneel at the rail or stand. Stay and pray if you desire, for as long as needed.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer *(praying together)*

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

COMMUNION ANTHEM *“Come to the Water”*

John Foley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(praying together)*

We thank you, loving God, that you have refreshed us and united us at the table of Jesus. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Savior. 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

***DOXOLOGY 94** *(red hymnal) “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(praying together)*

Jesus gave us bread and wine as symbols of complete self-giving. Holy God, bless these gifts we offer here, as symbols of our desire to give ourselves completely; mind, body, heart and soul, to your work. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN 548** *(red hymnal) “In Christ There is No East or West”*

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

BLESSING

GOING FORTH *“Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord”*

D. Buxtehude

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 9
8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ministry Showcase

Rev. John Boley

“Render to Caesar, Render to God”

Matthew 22: 15-22

Sunday, October 16
8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ministry Showcase

Rev. John Boley

“Really Good Software”

Philippians 4: 1-9

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, October 2

MINISTRY SHOWCASE 9:30am—12:30 pm

FLU SHOT CLINIC 9:30am-11:00am

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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

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

9:30 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic - Wesley Hall

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Movie Lounge

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

6:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

MONDAY, October 3

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

TUESDAY, October 4

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

5:00 p.m. Advocacy Services - 3rd Floor

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

7:30 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Sanctuary or Chapel

WEDNESDAY, October 5

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

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 3rd floor

11:30 a.m. A Classroom - Parlor

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Team - Parlor

5:45 p.m. Fermata Kalamazoo - Choir Room

6:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

THURSDAY, October 6

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee - 304

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - Chapel

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 7

6:00 p.m. Robyn/Bishop Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, October 8

3:00 p.m. Robyn/Bishop Wedding - Sanctuary

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

John Ross, jross@umc-kzo.org

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Paula Willson

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

First Singers Director

John Leeger

First Singers Accompanist

Miriam Downey

Ushers

Terry O'Connor (head usher), Wendell Pierce, Jack Roderick, Marian Starbuck

Greeters

Jonathan Richardson

Office/Welcome Center

N/A

Audio & Lighting

Nic Aranda

Van Driver

Jay Gross

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Ken & Penny Steuerwald's 57th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6, given by the Dunyak family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Communion Sunday. World Communion is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and support life-changing ministries of the church. Please give as you are able.

Ministry Showcase. On Sundays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 13, several ministries of First Church will showcase what they are all about in the Marketplace. Please take a few minutes to stop at the tables in the Marketplace to visit with the participants of these ministries: Justice Team, Promise Helpers, DORCAS, Music Ministries, Academy Class Planners, and "You are Warmed by God's Love" Blanket/Pillow Ministry.

Flu Shot Clinic TODAY. 9:30-11 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Administered by Borgess Visiting Nurses. \$33 for shots. Nasal spray immunization is also available.

Pictorial Directory Photo Sign-ups. Photos will be taken between October 11-15 and 18-22. You can sign up at the Welcome Center for your photo appointment.

Book Exchange. Books are available on the rack in the Perks area for anyone. Borrow one and bring it back, or borrow one and exchange it for a book from home that you have finished. There is no checkout involved. Enjoy!

Martha's Table. Come and join us at Martha's Table today at 3:45pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. (129 S. Park Street). Rev. Julie Kline will lead a prayer and communion service, reflecting on Matthew 6: 1-15, followed by a meal prepared by FUMC members. We have fellowship friends scheduled, but on Sundays that we lead Martha's Table, it is good to have many bodies representing FUMC! This is an occasion to worship, fellowship and perhaps do a small task or two to make sure that the Martha's Table ministry is complete. New participants are always welcome!

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Inquirer's Class. Those interested in more information on joining the church are invited to this class that is offered during the 9:30 am. Sunday School hour, October 9 through November 14. Contact Rev. Boley if you are interested in attending the class.

WMU Classical Music Concert. Wednesday, October 12 @ noon in the Sanctuary. 50-minute concerts by WMU School of Music students. Free will offering. Open to the public.

Faith & Science Sermons. Whether you enjoyed every sermon or missed a few, you now have a chance to hear all 13 of this summer's Faith & Science sermon series. We have just a few copies of the CDs and accompanying paper copy left at the Welcome Center. Suggested donation \$10.

"Why Talk About Climate Change?" presented by Dr. Julie Doll from the MSU Kellogg Biological Center, Sunday, October 23 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. She will present scientific information about climate change and lead us in a discussion about our faith and climate change. Come for new knowledge and dialogue. How can we as a congregation work toward a solution? Sponsored by the Justice Team.

UMW Sloppy Joe and Bake Sale, October 23. Proceeds will benefit UMW's mission programs for women and children. They will be taking orders for sloppy joe on October 9 and 16 (\$5/container).

2012 Offering Envelopes. If you would like to receive pre-printed offering envelopes for your 2012 gifts to the church, please drop a note to Linda Lueth, LLueth@umc-kzo.org and let her know by October 15. Envelopes are not required for your donation to be credited to your account.

Stephen Ministry. A 20-session training class for those interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister will begin in late October at Centerpoint Church on 10th Street. Please contact Rev. Boley if interested.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

October 2, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love

Something to ponder...

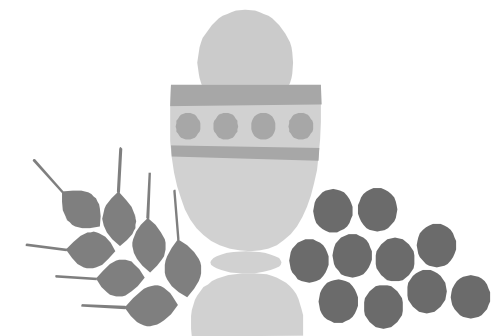
If you woke up this morning healthy... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the fear and loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pain of starvation... you are better off than 500 million people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are more comfortable than 75% of the people in this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read this, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.



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.