

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.

“Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s” Matthew 22: 21 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is unfolding a new moment, an hour of blessing, a time of healing, a day of beauty. It is the gift offered to you, filled with ordinary moments made holy by attention to the movements of Grace, the tremors of Love, the ripples of Hope, the whispers of Peace. This time is for you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2001** *(black hymnal) “We Sing to You, O God”*

*GREETING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This practice of the early church is an expression of unity, signifying that there is nothing between us but the love of Jesus Christ. The traditional greeting is “The peace of Christ be with you,” with a response, “And also with you.”

OPENING PRAYER *(praying together)*

Almighty God, in whose power we now stand, by whom the whole world is supplied and upheld, and the wondrous heavens lifted over our heads: Bring all of thee works of your hands before us now, that we may forget our own foolish business for an hour and give mere praise to your name. 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.

CENTERING HYMN 2065 *(black hymnal) “More Precious than Silver”*

PROCLAMATION

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 22: 15-22 (NT, p. 24)

MESSAGE “Render to Caesar, Render to God”

RESPONSE

RESPONSE 344 *(red hymnal) “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

SILENT, PASTORAL and 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

***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)*

Let us laugh so much, O God, that we become Laughter; let us sing so much that we

become Song, let us give so much that we become Gift. Amen.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN 664** *(red hymnal) “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

BLESSING

GOING FORTH

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 16

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ministry Showcase

Rev. John Boley

“Really Good Software”

Philippians 4: 1-9

Sunday, October 23

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ministry Showcase

Laity Sunday

Lay Leader John Clark

“Neighbor? What Neighbor?”

Matthew 22: 34-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, October 9

Ministry Showcase 9:30am—12:30pm

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. Inquirer’s Class - Chapel

12:00 p.m. Youth Tribe Bike Trip to South Haven

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

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

6:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

MONDAY, October 10

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

7:00 p.m. CPR Refresher - Parlor

TUESDAY, October 11

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 2-8pm

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

5:30 p.m. Reconciling Ministries - Allen Library

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

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

WEDNESDAY, October 12

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 2-8pm

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

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304

12:30 p.m. Building & Grounds - Parlor

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

4:30 p.m. Trustees - 305

5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Team - Parlor

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

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

7:00 p.m. CFM Team - 203

7:00 p.m. Lou Gehrig’s Support Group - Chapel

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, October 13

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 2-8pm

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

1:00 p.m. Any Soldier Care Package Packing - Perks

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 14

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 2-8pm

2:00 p.m. CPR Refresher - Fellowship Room

SATURDAY, October 15

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 9:30-4pm

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. John Boley, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Andy Vorbrich

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Ushers

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

Greeters

Kim & Larry Taylor

Welcome Center

Robin Entenman

Audio & Lighting

Riley Lundquist

Van Driver

Volunteers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Irvin Eby, father, farmer, and outdoorsman, born on this day in 1892, given by Jack & Laurabelle Roderick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today: Foods Resource Bank, Reconciling Ministries, Any Soldier, Wedding Hostesses, First Puppets, Recreation.

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 in the Chapel beginning this morning through November 14. Rev. Boley will lead this class.

Pictorial Directory Photo Sign-ups. Have you signed up for a time to have your family photo taken for the upcoming pictorial directory? Photos will be taken between October 11-15 and 18-22. You can sign up at the Welcome Center for your photo appointment.

UMW Sloppy Joe and Bake Sale, October 23. UMW will be taking orders for sloppy joe today and next Sunday (\$5/container). You can pick up your order the day of the bake sale, October 23. Proceeds will benefit UMW's mission programs for women and children.

Any Soldier Packing. Thursday, Oct. 13 @ 1 p.m. we will pack care packages for our soldiers. We need packers and donations. Please support this wonderful ministry for our soldiers.

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. Applications for the training class are available in the Stephen Ministry mailbox in the office. If you need more info, please contact Rev. John Boley.

Sunday Volunteers Needed. Please sign up on the grid at the Welcome Center to greet or be lay liturgist.

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WMU Classical Music Concert CANCELLED. Unfortunately, these concerts had to be cancelled due to WMU student and faculty scheduling conflicts. We hope to bring back this noon concert series next year. We will keep you posted!

October Mission of the Month. Our mission of the month is a collection for new and gently used Halloween costumes. We will give the costumes to the children from the Gospel Mission and Family Shelter at our Trunk or Treat event on October 30th. Please put your costume donations in the large basket in the office.

"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.

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.

Dinner at Fricano's of Alamo. All are welcome to join the Prime Timers on Friday, October 21 @ 5 p.m. at Fracano's (7454 North 6th St.). Please call Dorothy and Loel Newton (388-5078) by Monday, October 17 if you'd like to join them so they can reserve tables for everyone.

Park Street Perks. Can you bring in a small snack for an upcoming Sunday for Perks? Just sign up on the board by the serving table today. Your help in making Perks a success every Sunday is appreciated!

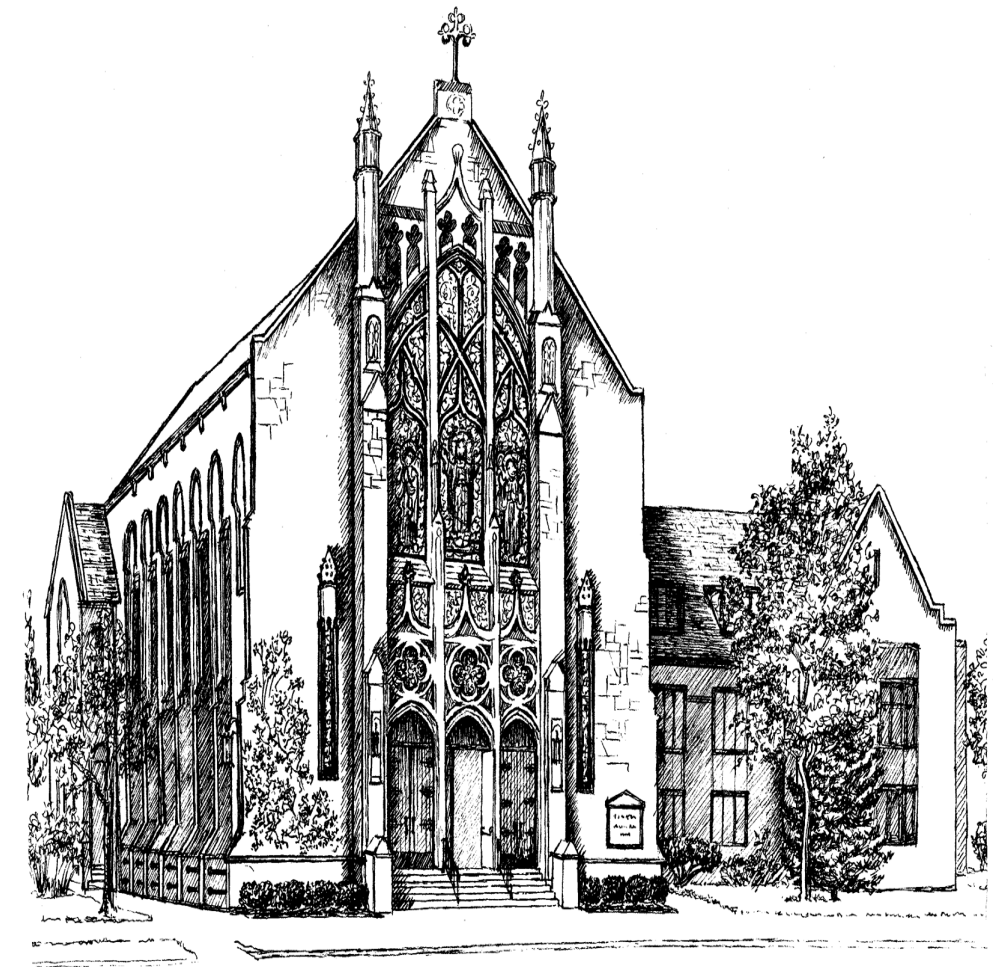


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

October 9, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love



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.