

PRELUDE *Sonata in G minor - Corrente*

Henry Eccles

Lisa Stucky and Noah Krzan

WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Matt Weiler

OPENING PRAYER

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; Where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, siblings in that family called love:

Where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* (vs. 1,5,6) Brianna Attard, Dewey Bolz, Hannah Elandt, Justin Hamann

1. All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3. Sin-ners, whose love can ne'er for-get the worm-wood and the gall,
4. Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball,
5. Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from his al-tar call;
6. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex-tol the Stem of Jes-se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.



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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

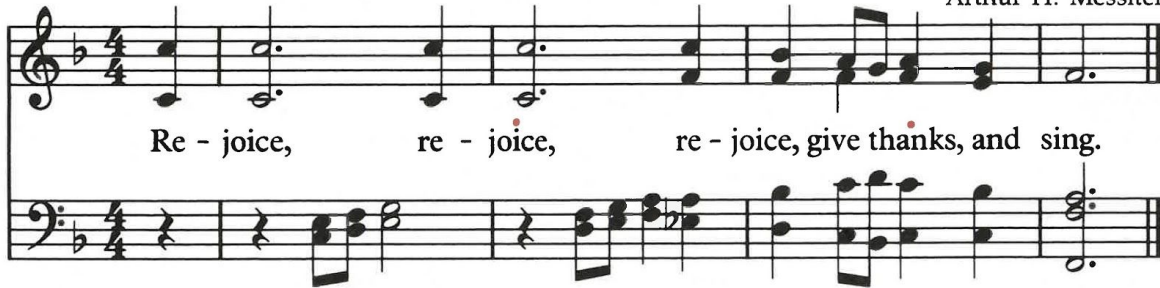
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PSALTER READING Psalm 100 (NRSV)

Larry and Linda Lueth

PSALTER REFRAIN (Sing through twice)

Edward H. Plumptre
Arthur H. Messiter



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**Our Father/Mother/God, 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:40-46

Linda and Larry Lueth

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Julia Librizzi and family

HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come*



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt. (Mk. 4:26-29; Mt. 13:36-43)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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MESSAGE *It's Like New Year's Eve Today*

Rev. Matt Weiler

OFFERING INVITATION

Rev. Julie Kline

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Grave*
Lisa Stucky and Noah Krzan

Evaristo F. Dall' Abaco

OUR SHARED LIFE

Rev. Julie Kline

CLOSING HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

BLESSING *As We Go*
First Beats

Jeremy Johnson

POSTLUDE *All' Offertorio*

D. Zipoli

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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.***

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