

BIBLE BLESSING

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**Congregation: We rejoice with you as you continue on your journey of faith. We hold the Bible in our hands, hearts and minds, and discover God’s love for us. May we each be open to learning, to surprise, to new insights, and amazing grace all of our days.**

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

**SONG #601** (UMH-red hymnal)    *Thy Word Is a Lamp*  
Please join in singing the refrain


**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**    Mark 13:1-8    Michael Bovid

This is what the spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**


WHEN THE GROUND SHAKES

We reflect on the question, “When have you felt the ground beneath your feet shake,” and we remember God’s presence with us in every adversity. During this time of prayer, please join in singing the refrain as indicated.


**PRAYER REFRAIN**    *In God Alone*



In    God a-lone my soul can    find rest and peace,    in



God    my peace and    joy.    On - ly in God my




soul can find its rest,    find its rest\_ and    peace.    In

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**SERMON**    Rev. Matt Weiler

*UMH -The United Methodist Hymnal, FWS - The Faith We Sing*


RESPONSE TO THE SERMON    *When the Waves are Crashing*




1. When the waves\_ are crash-ing and my faith\_\_ is drown-ing, though I



2. When dark clouds\_ have gath-ered and my love\_\_ is bat - tered, though I



may\_ for-get you, hold me, Lord.\_\_\_ When the cliffs\_ are steep-est and my



may\_ de-sert you, hold me, Lord.\_\_\_ Faith may be\_\_ e - ter - nal, hope will

hope\_\_ is weak-est, though I fail\_\_ to trust you,\_ hold me, Lord.\_\_\_

last\_\_ for - ev - er, great-er still\_\_ is love that\_\_ holds me, Lord.\_\_\_

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**    Rev. Julie Kline

**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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY SONG**    *In Christ Alone*    Keith Townend and Stuart Getty

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

**We are called together as one body to be citizens of Christ's shalom, and in Jesus' name, we give thanks to you, our maker. We offer you these gifts — in the service of our neighbor, to the honor of your name — and we ask your blessing upon them: May those who wear them be clothed also with compas-sion and kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. And above all, may they be clothed with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Amen.**

OUR SHARED LIFE

**\*BLESSING SONG**    *Send Us Out in Love and Mercy*  
The ensemble will sing and play through once and the congregation is invited to rise and sing the second time through.

**Send us out in love and mercy, send us out to spread your word.  
Send us out to share with others, all the things we’ve seen and heard.  
Give us hearts full of forgiveness, hands to serve in Jesus’ name.  
Send us out in peace together, your love to all we will proclaim!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

**Sunday, November 14**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Apple Pie Sales and Pick-Up  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Matt’s Class - Fellowship Room  
11:00 a.m. Half Truths - Parlor  
11:00 a.m. BACC Program - Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Tweens - Youth Center  
1:30 a.m. Youth Group  
2:00 p.m. Children & Families Ministries Fall Hike - Oshtemo Park  
3:00 p.m. Heritage Community Worship - The Bistro  
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Worship - The Fountains Auditorium  
6:30 p.m. Friendship Village Worship - KIVA

**Monday, November 15**  
10:30 a.m. House Meeting - Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel  
3:00 p.m. Big Deal Weekend Planning - Zoom

**Tuesday, November 16**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom  
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Zoom  
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Outside  
5:15 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom  
7:00 p.m CFM Team - Zoom

**Wednesday, November 17**  
8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom  
9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor  
10:30 a.m. HON Team - Zoom  
12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live  
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Curbside Only  
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

**Thursday, November 18**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Outreach Team  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir - Wesley Hall  
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Team - Zoom  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Church

**Friday, November 19**  
7:00 p.m. House Meeting - Member Home

**Saturday, November 20**  
No Events Scheduled

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our Connect Card and let us know you were here, share requests for prayer, or messages for our church leaders and worship leaders.



## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

**November 21, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Rev. Matt Weiler  
Revelations 1:4B-8  
John 18:33-37

**November 28, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Rev. Julie Kline  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:4-5

### We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center. **Child care** is provided on the second floor for infants through 3-year-olds with fully vaccinated and masked staff.

**Worship activities for children** can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

**LARGE print** Bibles and Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available at the Welcome Center.

**Today's service is being livestreamed and recorded.** You can request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

## Clergy & Directors

**Rev. Julie Kline**

Lead Pastor

**Rev. Matt Weiler**

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**Jacqueline Stilger**

Director of Music

**Julia Librizzi**

Director of Children and Families Ministries

**Thom Victor**

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, and Michael Bovid

**Director of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

**Organist**

Bernie Foulk

**Brianna Attard & Hannah Elandt** - Vocals

**Chris Haber** - Bass

**Ethan Bausma** - Percussion

**Lead AV Tech:** Casey Curran

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Apple Pie Sales.** Pies are \$15, Crisps are \$12. Pick-up after worship this Sunday and next!

**Academy Class.** "Half-Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." We're all familiar with them: simple phrases that sound Christian, like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. When compared to the wisdom found in actual Scripture, they're really just popular sayings. In this DVD-based series, Rev. Adam Hamilton searches for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The class will be led by John Clark.

**The Eucharist, Antiracist Identity, and Theology.** This six week course is designed to challenge traditional white normative assumptions about scripture and theology by examining our biases and assumed norms in reading scripture and learning from a variety of theologians of color. Meets after worship in the Fellowship Room, Oct. 24 - Nov. 28 for 90 minutes. Presented by Rev. Matt Weiler.

**Pew Patrol.** Do you enjoy acts of service that are behind the scenes? We need a team of individuals who will take turns going through the sanctuary pews each week to tidy and re-supply. Interested persons should contact Christi, [clandreville@umc-kzo.org](mailto:clandreville@umc-kzo.org) or the church office, 381-6340.

**Healthy Habits of Hospitality.** As we gather, we continue to love our neighbor and prioritize the health of our congregation and community. With caution and we remember these habits of hospitality:

- Wear masks while in the church building.
- Please wear a name tag.
- Introduce yourself freely.
- Greeting one another can be a little awkward. Some may be comfortable with a handshake, hug, fist or elbow bump. When greeting, ask and err on the side of caution.
- Help others to find their way around the building by leading the way or walking alongside.

Thank you for helping us to create a safe space.

**November Mission of the Month.** We are supporting Ministry with Community and their annual Under Wear Party. A drop off, collection box for your donations will be located inside the back entrance of the church by the security station. Specific items that they have requested are: Thermal undergarments, (pants and long-sleeved shirts) sweatshirts & sweatpants, insulated gloves (no knits), winter hats, men's boxers or boxer-briefs, women's underwear, and hand warmers. Please be certain all items are Men's or Women's Adult sizes, M-4XL, new, and no hand-knit or open-knot items. Plain colors are preferred.

**Tween Group** for our 4th to 6th graders will meet after church this Sunday, November 14, until 12:30pm in the Youth Center downstairs. We will practice gratitude, play games, and pray together!

**Children and Families Ministries.** Please join us for Family Fun Day today, November 14 at 2:00 p.m! We will meet at Oshtemo Township Park for a fall hike beginning by hiking to the Arboretum and end enjoying some hot cocoa and snacks at the park afterwards!

**Special Thanksgiving.** Usually, the children of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church invite you to help us gather food to stock the shelves of our Loaves and Fishes food pantry. However, our food pantry was closed for a bit and is now operating differently because of the pandemic. We are not in need of any food items at this time. We invite you to please give monetary donations on November 21 in the spirit of Thanksgiving to help Loaves and Fishes buy pallets of food for those who need it most in our community. If you would like to give by check, please write the check out to the church and mark on the, "For," line, "Food Pantry." Thank you for your understanding. Our Thanksgiving offering may look a little different this year, but it will enable Loaves and Fishes to buy more food at a much lower cost, and will help feed the most amount of people. There will be a special Thanksgiving blessing over this offering during the worship service on November 21.



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**November 14, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

## Coffeehouse Worship

*We welcome you to worship. You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers by using the prayer card found in the pew pocket. They will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, offered up to God during worship.*

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

## GATHERING MUSIC & CHIME

### WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh God who is our sure foundation, our rock and our redeemer. You have gathered us in among the multitudes. Now in our worship fill us with the deep assurance that we are loved, that we are enough, that while the ground beneath our feet can sometimes feel unstable, you are keeping us in your grip.

**All: Come our creator, our redeemer, and our sustainer. Ground us. Fill us. Strengthen us and send us to be your grace in this world. Amen!**

**\*OPENING SONG #529** (UMH-red hymnal) *How Firm a Foundation*

During the singing of the opening hymn, the children are invited to join Ms. Julia at the back of the sanctuary to help bring in the light of Christ

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Julia Librizzi

**We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.**

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.*