

Soloist: Brianna Attard

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *A Thanksgiving Gathering* arr. Joseph Graham

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev 1:4B-8 and John 18:33-37 Mary Whittaker Duncan

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

SERMON *What Is and What Is to Come* Rev. Matt Weiler

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let Us Pray.

Holy one, we confess to you that we have failed to love one another and your creation as you love us. In our baptism we are given the freedom and power to resist evil, injustice, and oppression and yet fearful of the cost we have chosen complacency.

(silence)

Forgive us.
We are enchanted by the methods of the Kingdoms of this world that prize individualism, instill fear, seek dominance and maintain power by way violence.
 (silence)

Forgive us.

Our reluctance to follow the way of Christ and Christ's Kin-dom culminates in harm to ourselves and to our siblings, perpetuates racism, elevates the supremacy of Whiteness and fails to proclaim any good news to a hurting world.

RESPONSE *Kyrie - vs. 2* **#2127** (FWS-black hymnal)

Free us, O God, to live in joyful obedience, that our collective resistance might make known to all people the good news of your liberating love. It is in the name of the Christ who has broken down the dividing wall between us that we pray. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE

Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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SHARING OUR STORIES

HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom* **#2190** (FWS-black hymnal)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Song of Thanksgiving* Arnold B. Sherman

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **#94** (UMH-red hymnal)

**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)

Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor’s daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.

Prayer of dedication in-Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2. Kim Long

*OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN** *Soon and Very Soon* **#706** (UMH-red hymnal)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* Benton Price

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 21

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Apple Pie Sales and Pick-Up
11:00 a.m. Cradle Kalamazoo Presentation - Wesley
Hall
3:00 p.m. Heritage Community Worship - The Bistro
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Worship - The Fountains
Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center
6:30 p.m. Friendship Village Worship - KIVA

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, November 23

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Director Meeting - Zoom
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Outside
7:00 p.m Church Council - Zoom

Wednesday, November 24

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 25

Office Closed, Holiday Observance

Friday, November 26

Saturday, November 27

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 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Julie Kline

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:4-5

December 5, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

Rev. Matt Weiler

Luke 3:1-6

Philippians 1:3-11

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)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, and

Mary Whittaker Duncan

Director of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Guest Organist

Buff Coe

Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academy Class. - Wesley Hall. This morning we welcome Komal Razvi, YWCA Director of Community Health, for an informational presentation on YWCA Cradle Kalamazoo – an infant mortality reduction initiative in Kalamazoo County. Komal will discuss the history of Cradle Kalamazoo, trends in infant mortality, and the strategy and accomplishments of the collective.

Special Thanksgiving. Usually, the children of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church invite you to help us gather food to stock the shelves of our food pantry. However, our pantry is operating differently because of the pandemic and we are not in need of any food items. We invite you to please give monetary donations 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.

Children's Sunday School. The Children's Sunday School hour is excited to be planning to come back in the New Year. Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 we plan to offer in-person Sunday School after church for 4-yr-olds through 6th grade children, and nursery for those under 4-yr-olds. We are looking for folks who are interested in helping our young children grow in faith each Sunday morning! If you are interested please join me in the arches on the 2nd floor after church on Dec. 12 to learn about the curriculum! All materials are provided, as well as training and support! Please email Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org to find out more about this wonderful opportunity!

Healthy Habits of Hospitality.

- Wear masks while in the church building.
- Please wear a name tag.
- Introduce yourself freely.
- Greet each other with care and caution.
- Help others to find their way around the building.

Advent Concert Series. Join us on Thursdays at noon in the sanctuary for the return of our annual Advent series. This year we welcome:

- December 2 - Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra
 - December 9 - The Sweetbriar Sisters, an all-female ukulele trio known for close harmonies, vintage songs and fun!
 - December 16 - Bill Cessna Jazz Piano Trio
- We ask all attendees to remain masked to ensure hospitality and protection for all vulnerable populations. Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted, but admission for all Advent concert series events is free.

December Mission of the Month. The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be displayed starting November 19. Please choose an angel tag and return it to the tree with your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 5. If you choose to purchase a gift card, please leave it with the security desk attendant and not under the tree. Members may also mail a check to the church (212 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, 49007) with Salvation Army Angel Tree in the memo line or donate online through the church website. The church will send one check to the Salvation Army. (Monetary gifts are also due by Sunday, December 5.) Thank you from the Outreach Team!

November Mission of the Month: Ministry with Community's Annual Under Wear Party. A drop-off, collection box for your donations is located inside the back entrance of the church by the security station. Specific items 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 not hand-knit or open-knot items. Plain colors are preferred.

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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Voluntary on "Kremser"*

Gordon Young

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

OPENING PRAYER (praying responsively)

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was
and who is to come,

**All: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

One: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

***OPENING HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **#154** (UMH-red hymnal)
During the singing of the opening hymn, the children are invited to join Rev. Duncan at the back of the sanctuary to help bring in the light of Christ

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLES

Rev. Dan Duncan

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Rev. Julie Kline

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.*