

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 22

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

Seeking: Is This the Fast I Choose?

Rev. Matt Weiler

Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16

February 26

10 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

First Sunday in Lent

All Who Hunger

Matthew 4:1-11,

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

March 5

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Seeking: How do we begin again?

Exod. 17:1-7, John 4:5-42

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 trained and fully vaccinated 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/](https://www.youtube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

In our worship, we strive to witness to the wholeness of God, embracing the diversity of images of God that are found within Scriptures. We will seek to include male, female, and gender-neutral language and imagery for God, and utilize language that helps to avoid binary terms in pronouns and images of people. In our hymns and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A History of Racism: An Experiential Journey via the Power of Film. You're invited to an immersive experience of what Black brothers and sisters have endured. Mark Stucky will lead three sessions in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays through Feb. 26. Those not able to attend can view resources and links at cinemaspirit.info/race.

Manna and Mercy. Please join Pastor Matt as we walk through the Narrative Arc of Scripture. This class is open to adults as well as youth and each session will stand alone.

Prayer in the Chapel. For the next three weeks throughout our worship series on grief, the chapel will be available following worship for quiet, candle lighting and Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer.

Small Groups Kick-Off today! Let's spend some time together getting to know each other better and have some fun! From 6-7:30 p.m. at church we will be having an informal potluck, so bring something to share if you would like (no pressure!). We will gather together for a few minutes then go to our groups, with refreshments in hand.

- Multi-generational Board/Card Games in the Parlor/Perks area
- Baking for Perks in the Church kitchen
- Crafting. Bring a project to work on in the First Floor Lounge (or Parlor)
- Lenten Book Discussion: *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* by Walter Brueggemann, in the Chapel

Faith Milestones. An opportunity for our 3rd - 5th graders! Sunday, February 26 we will share dinner and learn about prayer and communion with hopes of helping to lead communion on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Please email Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org for more info.

Bowling! The Children and Families Ministries Team invite all to save the date for the March All Church Family Fun! 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, Bowling Party at Airway Lanes, please RSVP to jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org by Sunday, March 5th with how many bowlers will attend so we have enough lanes for all of us! Cost is \$10 per person, which includes shoes. We'll have the alleys from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Airway Lanes (5626 Portage Road), but plan to arrive by 5:45 to rent shoes and find that perfect ball so we're ready to roll at 6 p.m.!

A 5K Walk to End Homelessness. Saturday, March 18, starting at the Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball Stadium at 10 a.m. Join Housing Resources, Inc's (HRI) fundraising event with a goal of \$110,000 to provide housing assistance to Kalamazoo residents. Donate, start a team, or walk in this event to be part of the solution to end homelessness in our community. Registration is open now on the HRI website, housingresourcesinc.org.

Thank you. The Outreach Team would like to thank the congregation for their support of the January Mission of the Month. A total of 271 items of warm clothing were collected. These items were given to Ministry with Community and the Gospel Mission for their clients. Thank you for helping keep our downtown neighbors warm and dry.

Lenten Labyrinth. The labyrinth will be set up in Wesley Hall throughout the season of Lent. You are invited to walk the labyrinth after worship on Sundays or Monday - Thursdays between the hours of 9am-4pm. This labyrinth requires the removal of your shoes to preserve the cloth of the labyrinth. The labyrinth can take 10-20 minutes to walk depending on your pace and the time you spend in the middle. There will also be prayer stations set up, please make use of them to enhance your time of prayer and contemplation. If you have never walked a labyrinth, I encourage you to try this ancient prayer practice to quiet your mind, center yourself and allow your spirit to be in prayer, curiosity, and expectation. Peace be with you. Pastor Julie.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

(269) 381-6340 † www.umc-kzo.org

You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers using the prayer cards found in the pew pocket. The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, spoken during the Prayers of the People during worship.

We'd like to connect with you. Please fill out a welcome card found at the end of the pews and place it in the offering basket by the door.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Prelude*

D. Buxtehude

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Diane Owen-Rogers

Leader: We have seen the light of God;

All: **on high mountains of celebration and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**

Leader: We have seen the light of God;

All: **through the bitter scorn of betrayal and the searing chasm of grief.**

Leader: We have seen the light of God;

All: **with eyes that have been shaded, with eyes that have been opened, with eyes that have been blinded.**

Leader: We have seen the light of God.

~Katherine Hawker

***OPENING HYMN #2103** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* (FWS-black hymnal)

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Matt Weiler

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.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Peace for the Children*



1. Peace for the child- ren, peace, peace. Peace for the child-ren we pray.
2. Peace for the na -tions, peace, peace. Peace for the na -tions we pray.
3. Peace for cre - a - tion, peace, peace. Peace for cre - a - tion we pray.



Fol-low-ing the path_ of one of peace, we work for heal- ing, we
 Fol-low-ing the path_ of one of peace, we work for heal - ing, we
 Fol-low-ing the path_ of one of peace, we work for heal - ing, we



work for peace; peace for the child-ren to - day.
 work for peace; peace for the na-tions to - day.
 work for peace; peace for cre - a - tion to day.

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***SCRIPTURE READINGS** Matthew 5:1-5 (The Message), Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

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

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 *Where Children Belong* (FWS-black hymnal)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

MESSAGE *We Have Seen the Light* Rev. Julie Kline

RESPONSE #206 vs. 1 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, with you there is no darkness. Your character has no shadows, and you are pure and good. Yet in our broken world, we see so much darkness around us. Pain, sickness, and disease are in our community and in many of our homes.
God illuminate the darkness.

Bring your light and restoring presence to the dark places in our lives. Bring your hope to hearts that feel defeated. Bring your love and compassion to those in pain and to those who grieve.
God illuminate the darkness.
 Give us faith to say with the psalmist, "Lord, you light my lamp; my God illuminates the darkness." May your light of hope shine in the darkness for families today. Show us glimpses of your presence with us and the comfort you bring.
God illuminate the darkness.

In the busyness of today, help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you. To slow down, breathe deeply, and release our burdens to your strong hand. You are trustworthy, good, and true, and we thank you for caring for us so deeply and beautifully. Open our eyes to see you at work today. Give us your light.
God illuminate the darkness. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

RESPONSE #206 vs. 2-3 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (UMH-red hymnal)
 During the singing of the hymn, we invite you to bring your candle to the front of the sanctuary, light it, and prayerfully place it on the table. You may also bring prayer cards and place them on the table.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Appalachian Lord's Prayer* Rick Sowash
Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation. Deliver us, we pray, from evil, for Thine is the kin-dom, the power of morning, the sunset glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee, Opus 30* Johannes Brahms
Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, or fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul be still, compose thee. Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever do bravely. What God decrees brings joy and peace. He'll stay thee. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY #101** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (v. 2) UMH-red hymnal)
**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 till suns shall rise and set no more.**

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

Lord, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with your holy light. Receive our gifts given in love and compassion as we pray that our lives mirror our love for you. It is your wisdom that has brought us into being, and whose care guides us on our way. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE Rev. Julie Kline

***HYMN #2197** *Lord of All Hopefulness* (FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Dance No. 2* Philip Glass

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 19
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center
 6:00 p.m. Small Groups at Church

Monday, February 20
 12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
 2:00 p.m. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute:
 A History of Racism - Parlor

Tuesday, February 21
 9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
 12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - Zoom
 4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
 5:15 p.m. Finance - Zoom
 6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, February 22
 8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)
 9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor
 12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
 12:30 p.m. Food Pantry
 3:00 p.m. HON - Zoom
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23
 9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
 11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - 305
 4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Wesley Hall
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Wesley Hall

Friday, February 24
Saturday, February 25
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 5:30 p.m. Faith Milestones - Wesley Hall
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Winter Weather Closing Policy
 The church will always be open for worship on Sunday.
 Please use discretion deciding when to venture out.
 Weekday meetings may be cancelled if travel is dangerous.
 Team and committee chairs are asked to contact the church and their team/committee if a meeting is cancelled.
 Please check Channel 3 news, our website, Facebook, and email for closing notices.
 Please note the church may be open even when area schools are closed.

2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful

high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -
lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,

hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.
find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.

Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
 Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in
 we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

2233 Where Children Belong

This, this is where chil - dren be - long, wel - comed as part of the
 wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
 cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil - dren be - long.

WORDS: James Ritchie
 MUSIC: James Ritchie

RITCHIE
 Irregular

206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

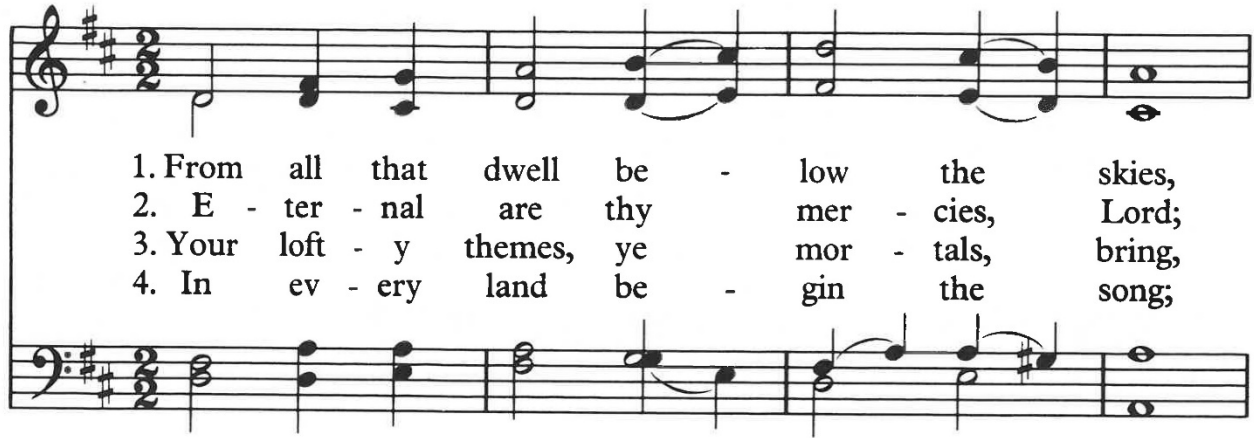
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

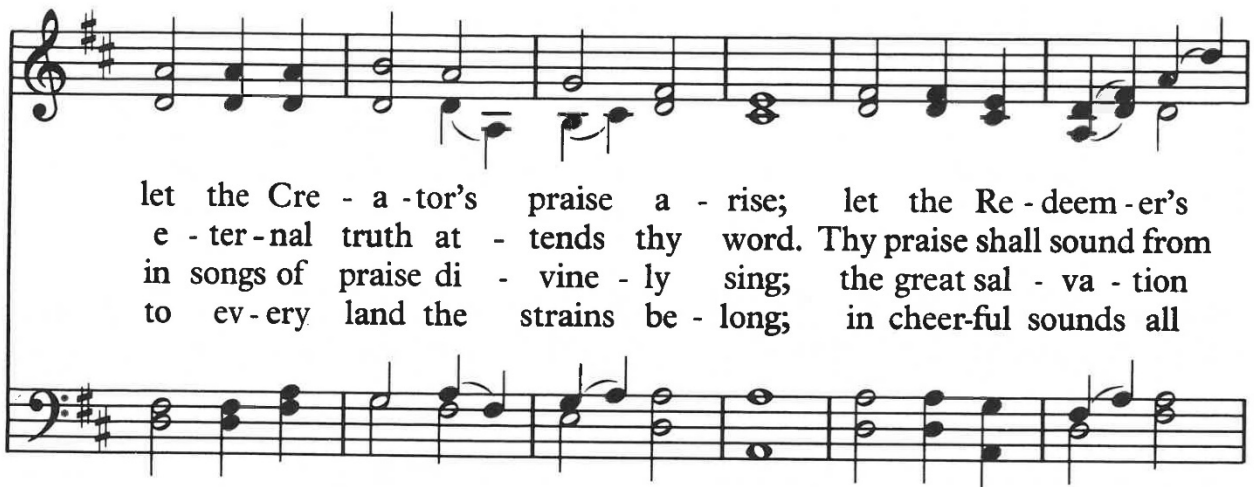
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. ☺

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus. ☺

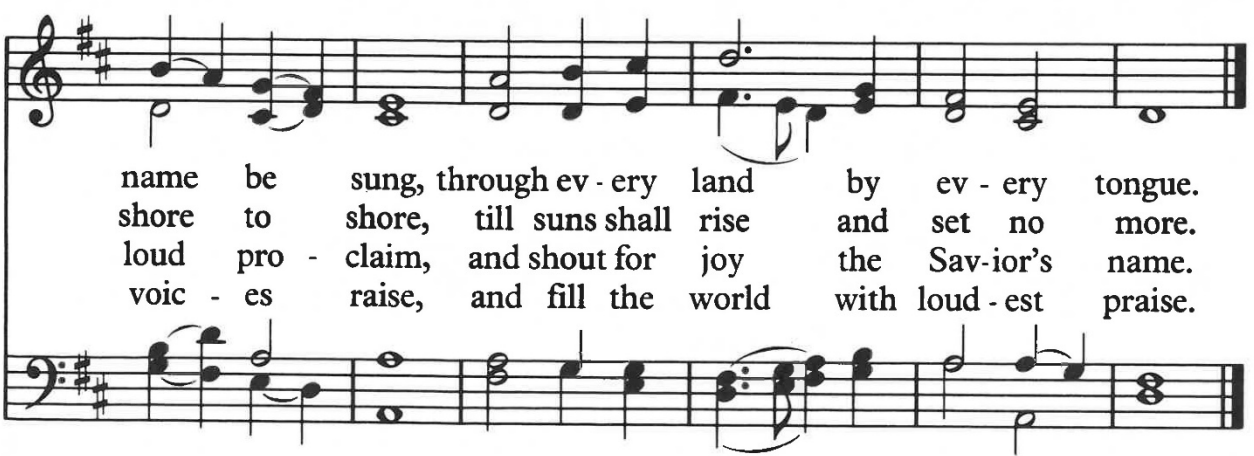
From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;



let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all



name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev - er child-like, no cares could de - stroy: Be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be
 hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be
 voice is con - tent-ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be



there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

WORDS: Jan Struther
 MUSIC: Irish folk melody

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