

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE Andante (Franz Joseph Haydn)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Larry Stuart
ONE: Creator God, you welcome us into your home.
ALL: **You receive us and serve us, and we receive your grace.**
ONE: You sit with us and share quiet moments.
ALL: **You speak your Word to us, and we are changed.**
ONE: You feed us with the energy of your love, and give us courage.
ALL: **So we sit with you; we listen to you; and, changed, we go forth with your good news into this world.**

***OPENING HYMN #674** (red hymnal) See the Morning Sun Ascending

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WELCOME Rev. Julie Kline

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
We invite you to turn to those nearby and offer a greeting as we share the Peace of Christ with one another.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE
From the haste and pressure of the world we come into your gentle silence. From the loneliness of our separate cars and houses we come into your presence. From the noise and shouting of the world we come to listen to your voice. Speak to us, God. Beloved, sit with us and change our hearts. Amen.

GOSPEL READING + LUKE 10:38-42
Two Peas in a Pod by Allen Pote from the musical ‘Life of the Party’
This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi
The children are invited to come forward to the front to hear a message. After the Time for the Child Within, children 4 years old to 6th grade are invited to their own kind of worship on the second floor called “Godly Play.”
Hymn #2233 (black hymnal) Where Children Belong
Blessing the Children
ALL: **May God bless you and be with you. God loves you. So do we!**

MESSAGE “At Home” Rev. Julie Kline

***HYMN #2202** (black hymnal) Come Away with Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Gathering our joys and concerns.

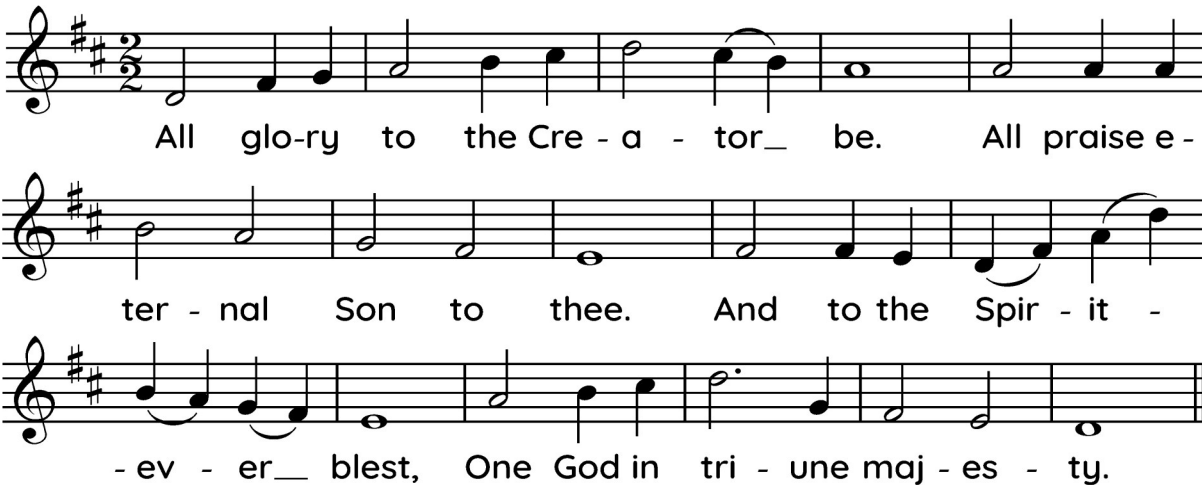
THE LORD’S PRAYER
Please use all terms of affirmation as we pray:

**Our God, Father, Mother, 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 Simple Gifts (Shaker tune, arr. John Purifoy)

***DOXOLOGY** All Glory to the Creator Tune: Duke Street att. John Hatton, 1793



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Acolyte
God, we are often like Martha, distracted by many things, but today we choose to sit at your feet. As we present our offerings, may they be a reminder of our commitment to prioritize you above all else, trusting that you will meet our every need. Help us to be attentive to your voice and faithful in our service. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN #671** (red hymnal) Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Arioso (George Frederick Handel)

MISSION
We are called to:
· Experience God's Love
· Celebrate God’s Love
· Share God’s Love

VISION
We are a Christ-centered community where our stories are woven with God's story.

CORE VALUES



Love: God is Love and all creation is made in love, by love, for love.



Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another.



Inclusion: All identities belong and are loved in Christ.



Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Monday, July 21
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee
5:00 pm Finance/Trustees - Zoom

Tuesday, July 22
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
10:30 am Restorative Yoga - Library
12:30 pm Staff Meeting - Parlor
4:30 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 23
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 pm Food Pantry

Thursday, July 24
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee
9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:30 am Restorative Yoga - Library
6:15 pm Softball - Pathfinder Church

Friday July 25
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee

Saturday July 26
ASP Trip - Johnson County, Tennessee

Sunday July 27
9:00 am Women’s Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:30 am First Strings Rehearsal - Sanctuary

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Julie Kline

“You’re Deeply Rooted in Him”

Colossians 2:6-19

Sunday, August 3 @ 10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

Rev. Matt Weiler

“Blessings: A Cautionary Tale of Greed”

Luke 12:13-21

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE OUR GUEST TODAY! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center. **Child care** with trained and fully vaccinated staff is provided on the second floor for infants through three-year-olds. **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.** You can find previous recordings of worship services on our website (www.umc-kzo.org) under the Livestream tab, or find us on our [YouTube](#) page.

Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline.....Lead Pastor

Rev. Matt Weiler.....Community Formation

Jacqueline StilgerDirector of Music

Julia Librizzi.....Children & Families

Drew BoltonBldg. Superintendent

Christine Landreville.....Office Manager

Christiane Stakely.....Office Assistant

Jennifer Stupica.....Communications

Cody Collmenter.....Bookkeeper

Bryan Heany.....AV Team Leader

Andrew WeareBuilding Host

Ava LoncharteBuilding Host

Eamon Bronson.....Building Host

Sofia FlemingBuilding Host

Jim TiffanyCustodian

Ruth Butters.....Young Adult Resident

Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Larry Stuart, Julia Librizzi
Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger
Organist: Buff Coe
Flutist: Kait Garrison
First Beats Quartet: Grace Harthorn, Penny Librizzi, Neela Parthasarthy, Campbell Weiler
Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Jamie Gruber, Georgia Hutton, Kennedy Hayes, Diego Menchinger
The rosebuds on the altar are in celebration of the births of Lucas Patrick Nolan, son of Patrick & Shawna Nolan (and big sisters Lilly and Charlotte), born on July 6, 2025; and Elliott Wesley Hudson, son of Emilee and Adam Hudson and great-grandson of Jan Kline-Hunt, born July 9, 2025.

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
Cuppa Inspiration. Pastor Julie resumes her weekly times of reflection and spiritual rejuvenation on Wednesdays at noon. Join her LIVE on our Facebook page. These uplifting messages are also available for viewing at any time on our Facebook page.
Volunteer Women’s Choir. Calling all women who would like to sing in worship on Sunday, July 27! Rehearsal will **ONLY** be that morning at **9am**. We will also be joined by some singers from the Kalamazoo Community Chorale. Questions? Please contact Jacqueline Stilger at jstilger@umc-kzo.org, or Susan Brown at indiabrowns@yahoo.com.

Are you on our mailing list? If you would like to be added to our mailing list for our weekly *Around the Corner E-News* and monthly *The First Word* newsletter, please email Jennifer Stupica at jstupica@umc-kzo.org.
Young Adults. Manna is a ministry for young adults that meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the church’s lower level Youth Lounge. On August 2, Manna is planning a local kayak trip. Be a part of their destination decision! Contact Ruth Butters at ruthbutters@gmail.com for more info on this fun ministry.

July Mission of the Month. We are collecting new school supplies for Spring Valley Elementary until the end of July. The teachers have requested the following: #2 Ticonderoga pencils (the school has requested this brand as they work best), colored pencils, Crayola crayons, pencil boxes/cases, glue sticks, thin markers, dry erase markers, boxes of tissue, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, and colored paper. You may place your donations in the large box outside the food pantry.

Softball League. We play at Pathfinder Church, 8740 S. Westnedge, Portage, behind the church. This is a co-ed league, ages 13 and up (sometimes way up). All skill levels welcomed and encouraged to participate. Games usually conclude with a trip for ice cream. **Our next game on July 24 is at 6:15pm vs. Cherry Creek.** If you have questions, please contact Jay Gross at 269-382-0597 or jaynlaura5@gmail.com.

Free Store 2025. Join us for our annual Free Store event on Wednesday, August 20 from 9am to 3pm! We will begin accepting donations on Sunday, August 17. You may also bring your donations during office hours on Monday and Tuesday, August 18 and 19. We need your help to make this event a success. Please start sorting and saving your gently used clothing, shoes, toys, books, small appliances, and more. Please note, we cannot accept car seats, cribs, large furniture, or damaged items. **We will need many volunteers August 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 to make this event a great success.** Sign-up to volunteer at the Welcome Center desk after worship on Sundays August 3, 10 and 17. Please check your calendars and see when you might help!! Questions? Contact Vickie Winfield at vandcwinfield@aol.com.

Food Pantry Needs. Many of our pantry clients are traveling by bike or on foot and the thin plastic bags we have do not hold up well. We are hoping to have a supply of reusable cloth/canvas bags available. If you have any of these stronger bags that you could donate, please place them in the box outside the pantry. In addition, the following items are always needed: toilet paper, tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and can openers.

10:00 a.m.

July 20, 2025



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church

We would like to connect with you. Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor. You are invited in these beginning moments to use the green prayer cards found in the pews. The cards will be collected by an usher during the opening hymn to be shared with clergy.



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