

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE Be Still, My Soul (Jean Sibelius, arr. Barry)

INTROIT Bright Morning Stars (Kentucky folk song, arr. Jay Althouse)

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 85 Nancy Hyde

ONE: Beloved, how gracious you are to your people;
ALL: You restore our souls time and time again.
ONE: You forgive our distractions
ALL: when we wander far from you; you give us new life.
ONE: Yes, you bless us and rase up new hope;
ALL: You awaken our hearts to love.
ONE: Restore us again, O spirit of Truth;
ALL: burn us with the refining Fire of Love!
ONE: Let us worship God with our whole beings.

*OPENING HYMN #147 (red hymnal) All Things Bright and Beautiful
We light the Christ Candle to remember Jesus as the light of the world—conquering darkness and offering new life.

WELCOME Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace one another. Wisdom will spring up from the ground and truth will look down from the sky. Yes, the Eternal Giver will grant what is good, and the lands will yield abundantly. Mercy and compassion are Love’s way; You will guide our footsteps upon the path of peace as we recognize with open hearts that you are our peace.

*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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON + Colossians 2:6-19 (The Message)
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 “You’re Deeply Rooted in Him” Rev. Julie Kline

*HYMN #2228 (black hymnal) Sacred the Body

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 How Can I Keep from Singing (Quaker song, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)

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

Three staves of musical notation for the Doxology. The lyrics are: All glo-ry to the Cre - a - tor_ be. All praise e - ter - nal Son to thee. And to the Spir - it - - ev - er__ blest, One God in tri - une maj - es - ty.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Acolyte
Living and redeeming God, as we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude.
May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

*HYMN #2220 (black hymnal) We Are God’s People

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Toccaa in C Major (Johann Pachelbel)

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

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

Monday, July 28
Tuesday, July 29
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
10:30 am Restorative Yoga - Library
4:30 pm Food Pantry Open
6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, July 30
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 pm Food Pantry Open

Thursday, July 31
9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:30 am Restorative Yoga - Library
6:15 pm Softball - Pathfinder Church

Friday, August 1
Saturday, August 2
10:00 am First Strings Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sunday, August 3
10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary

UPCOMING WORSHIP

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

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Julie Kline

“Vigilant Discipleship”

Luke 12:32-40

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

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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 the beginning moments of worship 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.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Nancy Hyde, Julia Librizzi, Chancel Singers and the Kalamazoo Community Chorale

Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger

Pianists: Susan Brown, Dana Stewart

Soloist: Kameran Long

Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Jamie Gruber, Georgia Hutton, Diego Menchinger

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. Join Pastor Julie LIVE on our Facebook page for her weekly times of reflection and spiritual rejuvenation on Wednesdays at noon. These uplifting messages are also available for viewing at any time on our Facebook page.

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.

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 31 is at 6:15pm vs. Westwood.** If you have questions, please contact Jay Gross at 269-382-0597 or jaynlaura5@gmail.com.

Free Store 2025. Our annual Free Store event is Wednesday, August 20 from 9am to 3pm! We will begin accepting donations on Sunday, August 17.

You may also bring your donations during of-
fice 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 dam-
aged 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 Wel-
come Center desk after worship on Sundays
August 3, 10 and 17. Please check your calen-
dars and see when you might help!! Ques-
tions? Contact Vickie Winfield at vandcwinfield@aol.com.

Food Pantry Needs. Many of our pantry cli-
ents 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 pan-
try. In addition, the following items are always
needed: toilet paper, tooth brushes, toothpaste,
deodorant, and can openers.

Blessing of the Backpacks. Attention anyone
of any age returning to school this fall! Please
join us in worship on Sunday, August 24 with
your backpack for a back-to-school blessing!

Family Fun Event! We invite you to join us for
our next event on Sunday, August 24 at 1pm at
River Oaks’s County Park splash pad. Bring a
dish to pass and your own drinks.

2025-25 Confirmation Class. Our next confir-
mation class for students in 7th grade or older
is set to begin on Sunday, September 14 follow-
ing worship until 1pm. Parents are asked to
attend this first session. Classes will then meet
every third Sunday of the month from 11:30am
-1pm, and there will be a retreat at Wesley
Woods Camp on October 24-26. If you would
like your child to participate in confirmation
this coming year, please register at the link
provided in the youth email or in the Around
the Corner, email. You can also register by
emailing Pastor Matt at mweiler@umc-kzo.org.

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.

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SEVENTH

SUNDAY

after Pentecost

JULY 30, 2025

10:00 AM