

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we have the honor of participating in the baptism of Felicity Klauth, child of Jennifer and Bo Klauth

Clergy: We come to this water as a community.
All: We come to this water to renew our love as siblings in Christ, and to renew our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ.
Clergy: Do you, Christ’s Body, the church, reaffirm your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

All: We do.
Clergy: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

All: We will live as faithful members of the Body of Christ and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world.
Clergy: Will you nurture one another in living the faith through the church and include these people in your care?

All: With God’s help we will embody the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will surround Felicity with faith, hope and love that she may grow in grace and faith and learn to trust God and live in loving service in the world. We will pray for her and walk with her on her journey of discipleship among us.

Clergy: The Spirit of God is among us.
All: The blessing of the Beloved is upon us!

Clergy: Let us pray. Loving, life-giving God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth Creation. You brought us to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea. You gave us new birth through baptism into Christ, and gave us life that cannot die.

All: The river of God is full of water, the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the heart of God.

Clergy: We who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his life, born in the water of a womb; we are baptized into his ministry, giving water to the thirsty, washing the feet and sharing the tears of all who suffer; and we are baptized into his death, so that just as Christ was raised by the glory of God, we too might walk in the newness of life.

All: Born of water and the Spirit, may we enter into the Realm of God as children of God, born not of human will, but of God. Felicity, you are God’s Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.

Clergy: All reverence and delight is yours, infinite and loving God, now and forever.
All: All praise to you, Eternal Father and Mother, Son and Holy Spirit, in the present moment and in eternity. Amen!

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #2249 “God Claims You”** (FWS-black hymnal)
(Please sing “Felicity” where the name “Daniel” is printed)

Clergy: Let us welcome our new sibling in Christ.
All: Felicity, Child of God, claimed by water and the Spirit, you are joined to God’s new creation. We are one in Christ Jesus, sharing in Christ’s royal priesthood. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of Christ’s church. God bless you now and in eternal life. Amen.

CHILDREN’S PROMISE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 37:1-11;39-40

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

SONG OF COMFORT *Be Still My Soul, (In You I Rest)* Hannah Elandt, Soloist
Kari Jobe and Jason Ingram

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

MESSAGE *Cultivating a Resilient Spirit* Rev. Julie Kline

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #2119** *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* (FWS-black hymnal)
Please join in singing after the soloist sings the hymn through once.

CALL TO OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY *God Our Refuge and Our Strength*

God, our re-fuge and our strength, e - ver pre-sent help and aid. We give ho-nor, thanks and praise, with you we shall be un - a - fraid. God our rock, for - ev - er sure, from age to age your love en - dures!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN #534** *Be Still My Soul* (UMH-red hymnal)

***BLESSING** Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

POSTLUDE *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* G. Walther

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, February 20
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Academy Class - Parlor
11:00 a.m. Book Discussion “Caste” - Zoom
3:00 p.m. Heritage Community Worship - The Bistro
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Worship - The Fountains Auditorium
4:30 p.m. Gifts of Imperfection - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Friendship Village Worship - KIVA

Monday, February 21
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Zoom

Tuesday, February 22
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Book Club—Parlor
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Zoom
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center
6:30 Church Council

Wednesday, February 23
8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom
9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Zoom
10:30 a.m. HON Meeting - Zoom
12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Curbside Only

Thursday, February 24
9:30 a.m. Office Team Meeting - Zoom
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Project—Zoom
6:00 p.m. Book Discussion “Caste” - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir—Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers

Friday, February 25
No events scheduled

Saturday, February 26
No events scheduled

Want to connect?

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 staff.



UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 27, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler
Transfiguration Sunday
Luke 9:28-36

March 6, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline
First Sunday of Lent
First Kings 19:11-12

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 live-streamed and recorded. You may request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website or YouTube. Please subscribe to our channel. [YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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Sue Ellen Christian

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Organist

Jacqueline Stilger

Bernie Foulk

Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Deal Weekend Lead-Up Events.

Gifts of Imperfection: A small group experience on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom, continues. This group will discuss podcasts recorded by Brene Brown and her sisters around the learning found in her book. Email Pastor Julie for further instructions: jkline@umc-kzo.org.

Telling Our Stories. Experience the power of telling stories through the arts, Feb 20 - Mar 13. Whether sharing our stories through music, memoir, genealogy, or poetry, we all have something to learn from each other. We hope you will participate in one or all of this series in the parlor after worship.

Feb 20 - Heroines in the Family: Women of Color Who Challenged Slavery, with Angelica Roberts.

Feb 27 - Original Hymn presentation with Jackie Stilger and Jennifer Clark.

Mar 6 & 13 - Introduction to poets and their works to learn about race, ourselves, and others.

Small Group Book Discussion. Join a small group discussion lead by Deacon Cara Weiler at 11 am on Sunday, February 20th (via zoom) or at 6 pm on Thursday, February 24th (via zoom) to discuss the information and impact in Isabel Wilkerson's work shared through *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontent*.

Sunday School and Family Foundations. We hope to resume soon and are planning for March 6th! We are having nursery and Godly Play available for children during worship each week of February.

Mission of the Month. The February Mission of the Month is for Community in Schools (CIS) Kids' Closet. The Kids' Closet plays a key role in helping to meet the needs of K-12 students for clothing, personal care items and school supplies so that they are ready and able to learn every day. Kids' Closet is requesting the following items: New girl's briefs sizes 5, 6, 12 and 16, New girl's leggings and pants sizes XS - XL, New sweatpants sizes SM - XL, Deodorant, Thin Crayola markers (10-12 pack). Please bring your donations to the Mission of the Month box near the security desk.

BIG DEAL WEEKEND



Black History Month. We support Black History Month events in our community. Look for highlighted events in the Around the Corner email. Please also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information.

What's The Big Deal Weekend? March 18-20, a weekend of worship, workshops, and learning experiences. Look for more information at the table outside the sanctuary. Brought to you by the Reconciling Ministries Team and Church Council.

Helping Our Neighbors Volunteers. Have you wondered what you can do to help with ministry while staying safe at home? HON is in desperate need of people to make response phone calls to assess the needs of our neighbors. Contact Timothy Mullikin at 269-547-8612 for more information.

Healthy Habits of Hospitality.

- Wear masks while in the church building.
- Please wear your name tags, or use a paper name tag found at the entrance.
- Introduce yourself freely. Masks make it harder for us to recognize one another.
- Greeting one another can be a little awkward. Ask the person what makes them comfortable and err on the side of caution.

Thank you for helping us to create a safe space to worship and be in community. Know that we will be faithful to our online ministries and will offer hospitality to all who join us online as well.

Volunteers Needed for our Phone Ministry Project. Please consider volunteering to help distribute phones, make phone calls to people receiving phones, assist with administrative needs, and more. Contact David Lundquist for information at (269) 352-0582 or dlundquist@ameritech.net. Our financial goal also still needs support. Mail a check to the church marked "phone project" or at the church's website.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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February 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

COMFORT FOR THE SOUL

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. The prayer card 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*

PRELUDE "Prelude"

F. Couperin

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Kline

***OPENING PRAYER & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***OPENING HYMN #115** *How Like a Gentle Spirit*

(UMH-red hymnal)

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 CANDLES

Julia Librizzi

We light these candles to remind us that Jesus is always with us.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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.*

How Like a Gentle Spirit

Unison

1. How like a gen - tle spir - it deep with - in
 2. Let God be God wher - ev - er life may be;
 3. God like a moth - er ea - gle hov - ers near
 4. When in our vain pre - ten - sions we con - spire
 5. Through all our fret - ful claims of sex and race

God reins our fer - vent pas - sions day by day,
 let ev - ery tongue bear wit - ness to the call;
 on might - y wings of pow - er man - i - fest;
 to shape God's im - age as we see our own,
 the un - i - ver - sal love of God shines through,

and gives us strength to chal - lenge and to win
 all hu - man - kind is one by God's de - cree;
 God like a gen - tle shep - herd stills our fear,
 hark to the voice a - bove our base de - sire;
 for God is love tran - scend - ing style and place

de - spite the per - ils of our cho - sen way.
 let God be God, let God be God for all.
 and com - forts us a - gainst a peace - ful breast.
 God is the sculp - tor, we the bro - ken stone.
 and all the i - dle op - tions we pur - sue.

WORDS: C. Eric Lincoln, 1987
 MUSIC: Alfred Morton Smith, 1941


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God Claims You

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*Refrain**



**"Dan - iel, Dan - iel," God claims you, God helps you, pro -
Child of prom - ise, *Fine*



tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
 ***2. We your fam - ily
 3. We are here to
 4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
 love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
 say this day that we will help you on your way.
 tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

*Sing Refrain twice at beginning and end, and once between stanzas.

**May insert child's name.

***May insert parents' names "Jeff and Kathy love you so, we vow ..."

WORDS: Stanley M. Farr

MUSIC: Stanley M. Farr

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 Irregular with Refrain

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is 2119

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Where the Spir-it of the Lord is, there is peace; where the Spir-it of the Lord is, there is love. There is com-fort in life's dark-est hour; there is light and life, there is help and pow-er in the Spir-it, in the Spir-it of the Lord." The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, the fourth system covers the fourth line, and the fifth system covers the fifth line. The music features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and full notes, as well as rests and repeat signs.

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Spir-it of the Lord is, there is love. There is

com-fort in life's dark-est hour; there is light and life, there is

help and pow-er in the Spir-it, in the Spir-it of the Lord.

WORDS: Stephen R. Adams (2 Cor. 3:17)

MUSIC: Stephen R. Adams

ADAMS

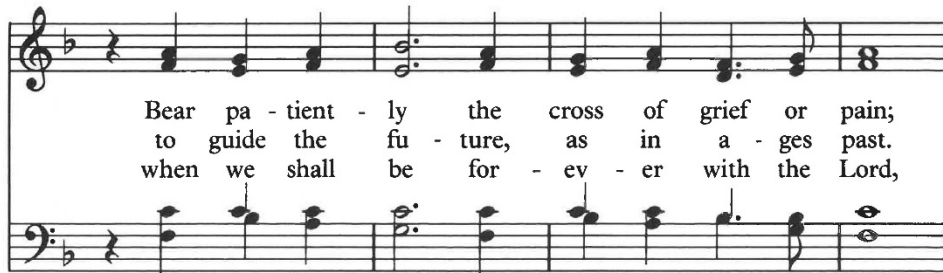
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Be Still, My Soul



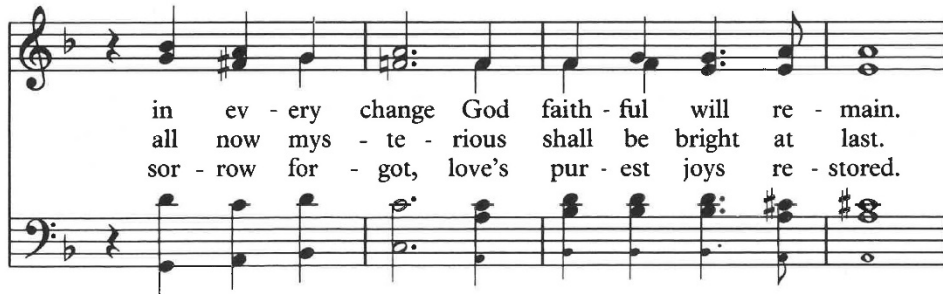
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



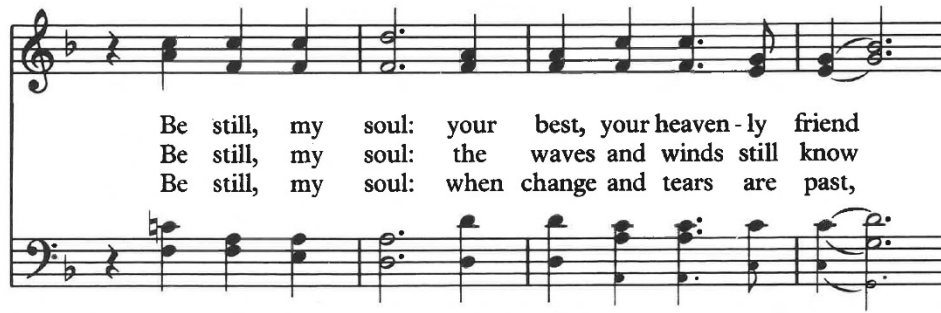
in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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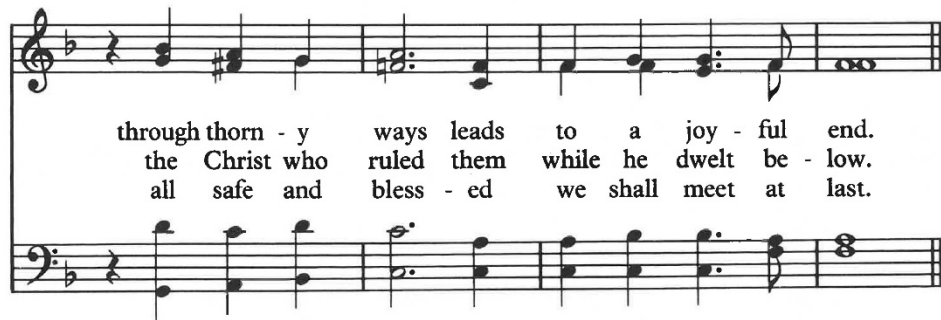
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STRENGTH IN TRIBULATION



Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note chord (F4, A4), a half note chord (Bb4, D5), and a half note chord (C5, Bb4). The bass staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note chord (F3, A2), a half note chord (Bb2, D3), and a half note chord (C3, Bb2). The lyrics are aligned under the notes.



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a whole rest, followed by a half note chord (F#4, A4), a half note chord (Bb4, D5), a half note chord (C5, Bb4), and a half note chord (F#4, A4). The bass staff has a whole rest, followed by a half note chord (F3, A2), a half note chord (Bb2, D3), a half note chord (C3, Bb2), and a half note chord (F#3, A2). The lyrics are aligned under the notes.