

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 20, 2022
10:00 a.m. Worship
Bishop David Bard
Willingly Haunted
Luke 13:1-9

March 27, 2022
10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Matt Weiler
Listening for Healing
Mark 5:25-34

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Telling Our Stories. March 13 - Introduction to poets and their works to learn about race, ourselves, and others.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! We offer Sunday School for 4 years old through 6th graders in room 203 on the 2nd floor for an hour after church, (approx. 11:15am-12:15pm). We will use a curriculum called, "Celebrate Wonder" that engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love.

Family Foundations. A Sunday School class for parents, will meet in room 304 on the 3rd floor! All are welcome! This group was created to support parents through the challenges of raising children. Please email Magen Lindstrom with any questions at jeffmagenlindstrom@gmail.com. Childcare will be available for the Sunday School hour in the nursery.

Lenten Book Groups. This year during Lent, small group opportunities will be offered using the books *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer. Small groups will meet weekly on Zoom or in-person during Lent. Books are available in the church office. Check with Pastor Matt, mweiler@umc-kzo.org, if you have questions.

Support Humanitarian Response in Ukraine. Persons wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Mission of the Month. The March Mission of the Month is Sunnyside Community Garden. We will be having a special offering on March 13 to help fund some larger needs and please watch for small group opportunities to help.

Healthy Habits of Hospitality. Help us continue to love our neighbor and prioritize the health of our congregation and community. With caution and love for all, we remember these 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.

Labyrinth in Wesley Hall. Labyrinth prayer walking can ready our spirits to be part of God's Kingdom and for the Christ to be revealed within our lives. The labyrinth will be set up in Wesley Hall throughout the season of Lent. You are invited to walk the labyrinth after worship on Sunday or any weekday 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. 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.



What's The Big Deal Weekend? March 18-20, a weekend of worship, workshops, and learning experiences. Look for more information at the Welcome Center.



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March 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

LISTENING TO OUR BODIES & FINDING OUR BREATH

The soul speaks its truth only under quiet, inviting, and trustworthy condition. ~Parker J. Palmer

We welcome you to worship. You are invited in this gathering time to sit quietly.

**Our Lenten worship is a reflective time of listening
for the still small voice of God and of finding our own inner voice.**

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

EVOKING THE MYSTERY

Rev. Julie Kline

COME AND REST

Please join in singing v. 1 of the refrain. We will sing v. 2 upon further reflection.

1. Come and rest. Come and lis - ten. Lay the
2. Come and rest. Come and lis - ten. There's a
full-ness of your lives be - fore the Ma - ker. Come and rest. Come and
wis - dom deep with - in that calls us clo - ser. Come and rest. Come and
lis - ten lis - ten. Lay the full-ness of your lives be - fore the Ma - ker.
There's a wis - dom deep with - in that calls us clo - ser.

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SILENT REST

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.*

EXAMEN

***OPENING HYMN #420** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (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 PEACE CANDLE AND CHILDREN’S BLESSING Julia Librizzi

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE TO THE PEACE *Peace for the Children*

Musical notation for the children's response to the peace, including three staves of music and lyrics.

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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THE PSALMIST’S PRAYER Psalm 33:3-6; 20-22 Deb Search Willoughby

Leader: Sing to God a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts! Because the Lord’s word is right,
People: God’s every act is done in good faith.
L: God loves righteousness and justice; the Lord’s faithful love fills the whole earth. The skies were made by the Lord’s word,
P: all their starry multitude by the breath of God’s mouth.
L: We put our hope in the Lord. God is our help and our shield. Our heart rejoices in God
P: because we wait for you.

SEEKING THE WORD Romans 8:26-28; 38-39 Tammy Eaton

MUSIC FOR AN INWARD JOURNEY *Keep Breathing* Ingred Michaelson
Soloist, Brianna Attard

LECTIO DIVINIA Romans 8:26-28; 38-39

HYMN #2120 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (v. 1)

HOMILY *Sighs Too Deep* Rev. Julie Kline

RESPONSE #2120 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (v. 4)

APPOINTMENT WITH GOD
Music during reflection: Breath of God, Breath of Peace Tice/Morris

CLOSING PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Matt Weiler

**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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN #2122** *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* (v. 1-3) FWS)
We will sing the refrain, followed by verses 1-3, ending with the refrain once more.

*A WORD OF HOPE

***SUNG BLESSING** *Listening Now*

Musical notation for the sung blessing, including five staves of music and lyrics.

We're so thank- ful_ that You are still speak ing_ You're still
speak ing grac - ious God, for the sake of_ the world You are
seek- ing_ we are list -'ning list - 'ning
now.___ list 'ning now.___ list 'ning now.

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*BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, March 13
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - 2nd Floor
11:15 a.m. Family Foundations - 304
11:15 a.m. Academy Class - Parlor
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class - Youth Center
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, March 14
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group (Hodges) - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Dream Team - Zoom

Tuesday, March 15
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Lenten Small Group (Boley) - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - Zoom
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Finance Meeting - Zoom
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, March 16
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
12:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group (Hassevoort) - Zoom
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Curbside Only
4:00 p.m. 10 yr Capital Campaign - Zoom

Thursday, March 17
9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
11:30 a.m. Office Team Meeting - Teams
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Project - Zoom
4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Zoom
4:30 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir - Wesley Hall
7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group (Weiler) - Zoom
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Sanctuary

Friday, March 18
Big Deal Weekend
6:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Big Deal Weekend Opening - Sanctuary

Saturday, March 19
Big Deal Weekend 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
10:00 a.m. Big Deal Weekend Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages



Breathe on Me, Breath of God

420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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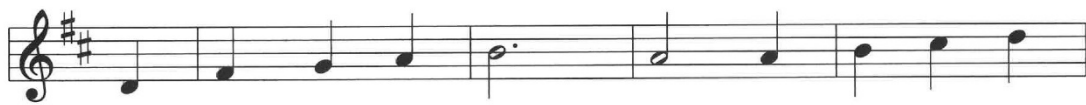
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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the
 wil - der-ness call - ing and free; _____ Spir -
 it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,
 Wind, Wind on the sea. _____

Fine



1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient



deep, _____ then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
sand, _____ and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
hill, _____ then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
schemes, _____ from the bon - dage of sor - row the



val - leys of sleep; _____ and o - ver the e - ons you
law and a land; _____ and when they were blind - ed with their
whole world was still; _____ and down in the cit - y you
cap - tives dream dreams, _____ our wom - en see vi - sions, our



called to each thing: _____ wake from your slum -
i - dols and lies, _____ then you spoke through your proph -
called once a - gain, _____ when you blew through your peo -
men clear their eyes, _____ with bold new de - ci -



bers _____ and rise on your wings. _____
ets _____ to o - pen their eyes. _____
ple _____ on the rush of the wind. _____
sions _____ your peo-ple a - rise. _____

D.C.

WORDS: James K. Manley (Gen. 1:2; Luke 2:7-14; Acts 2:1-4)

MUSIC: James K. Manley

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SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Irregular with Refrain

2122 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Refrain §

She comes sail - ing on the wind, her wings flash - ing in the
 sun; on a jour - ney just be - gun, she flies on.
 And in the pas - sage of her flight, her song rings out through the
 night, full of laugh - ter, full of light, she flies on. *Fine*

1. _____ Si - lent wa - ters rock - ing on the morn - ing of our
 2. _____ Ma - ny were the dream - ers whose eyes were giv - en
 3. To a gen - tle girl in Gal - i - lee, a gen - tle breeze she

birth, like an emp - ty cra - dle wait - ing to be
 sight when the Spir - it filled their dreams with life and
 came, a whis - per soft - ly call - ing in the

filled. _____ And from the heart of God the Spir - it
 form. _____ Des - erts turned to gar - dens, bro - ken
 dark, _____ the prom - ise of a child of peace whose

moved up - on the earth, like a moth - er breath - ing
 hearts found new de - light, and then down the a - ges
 reign would nev - er end, Ma - ry sang the Spir - it

1, 3 || 2, 4, 5 *D.S.*

life in - to her child. _____
 still she flew on. _____ She comes
 song with - in her heart. _____

WORDS: Gordon Light (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 1:26-56; 3:22; Acts 2:1-4)
 MUSIC: Gordon Light

SHE FLIES ON
 Irregular with Refrain