

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 13, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Listening to Our Bodies

Romans 8:26-30; 38-39

March 20, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship

Bishop David Bard

Listening to the Text

Proverbs 1:20-23

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

Gifts of Imperfection: A small group experience on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom, continues. Email Pastor Julie for further instructions: jkline@umc-kzo.org.

Telling Our Stories. Experience the power of telling stories through the arts. 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 this series in the parlor.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY! We're hosting a Sunday School kickoff celebration in the Arches on the 2nd floor for an hour right after worship! Join us for fellowship with families, children and Sunday School teachers and to make cards to share with the FUMC Caring Committee. On Sunday, March 13, we will 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 new curriculum called, "Celebrate Wonder" that engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love. It creates a safe environment for kids to ask big questions—helping them explore the Bible in ways that feed their imagination and encourage creativity.

Family Foundations. A Sunday School class for parents, will begin meeting 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.

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.

BIG DEAL WEEKEND



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Labyrinth in Wesley Hall. 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.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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March 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: LISTENING SPACES

We welcome you to worship.

You are invited in this gathering time to sit quietly in the sanctuary.

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

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

H. Scheidemann

EVOKING THE MYSTERY

Rev. Julie Kline

COME AND REST

The song leader will invite the congregation to sing one verse after they have sung it once. We will sing verse two following further refection.

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

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SILENCE

EXAMEN

***OPENING HYMN #2126** *All Who Hunger*

(FWS-black 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 #2128 vs. 1 Come and Find the Quiet Center (FWS)

THE PSALMIST’S PRAYER Psalm 5:3-7 Diane Owen-Rogers

Leader: Lord, in the morning you hear my voice. In the morning I lay it all out before you.

People: Then I wait expectantly.

L: Because you aren’t a God who enjoys wickedness;

P: evil doesn’t live with you.

L: But me? I will enter your house because of your abundant, faithful love;

P: I will bow down at your holy temple, honoring you.

SEEKING THE WORD 1 Kings 19:11-12

CHORAL ANTHEM Be Still Rick Sowash

LECTIO DIVINIA 1 Kings 19:11-12

HOMILY Thin. Quiet. Still. Rev. Julie Kline

*SUNG RESPONSE #2128 vs. 2 & 3 Come and Find the Quiet Center (FWS)

HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy One be with you
And also with you
Open your hearts to the one who is Love
We open our hearts to you, O God
Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together
To the one who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise.

... Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the companies of heaven, singing praise to you,

(Sanctus) Musical Setting C pg. 21 (UMH-red hymnal)

... In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

(Memorial Acclamation) Musical Setting C pg. 22 (UMH)

Receiving Communion

All are welcome to the meal Jesus hosts. There is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one too old or too young; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. You, who are part of God’s creation are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning by coming forward by the center aisle, taking a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Please move to the basket at the end of the communion stations, pull your mask down to receive communion, and then put it back in place and put your cup in the basket. Gluten-free bread is available at each station. You are invited this morning to spend time in prayer at the communion rail, kneeling or standing.

Communion Anthem Bread of the World Heber/Abdenour
Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart, by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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

Our Mother/Father/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 #436 The Voice of God is Calling (UMH)

*A WORD OF HOPE

*SUNG BLESSING We’re So Thankful

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

POSTLUDE Praise to Almighty God J.S. Bach

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

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, March 6
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
4:30 p.m. Gifts of Imperfection - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center
6:30 p.m. Friendship Village Worship - KIVA

Monday, March 7
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group (Hodges) - Zoom

Tuesday, March 8
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Lenten Small Group (Boley) - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Zoom
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, March 9
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

Thursday, March 10
9:30 a.m. Office Team Meeting - Zoom
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Project - 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 11
6:00 p.m. Memorial Visitation - Perks/Parlor

Saturday, March 12
1:00 p.m. Deanna House Memorial - Sanctuary

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.

All Who Hunger

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

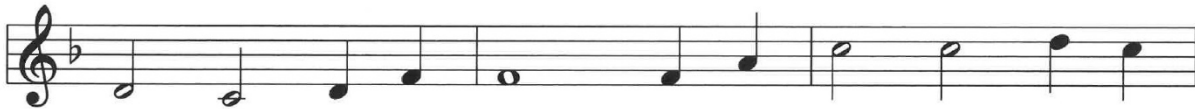
2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

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MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

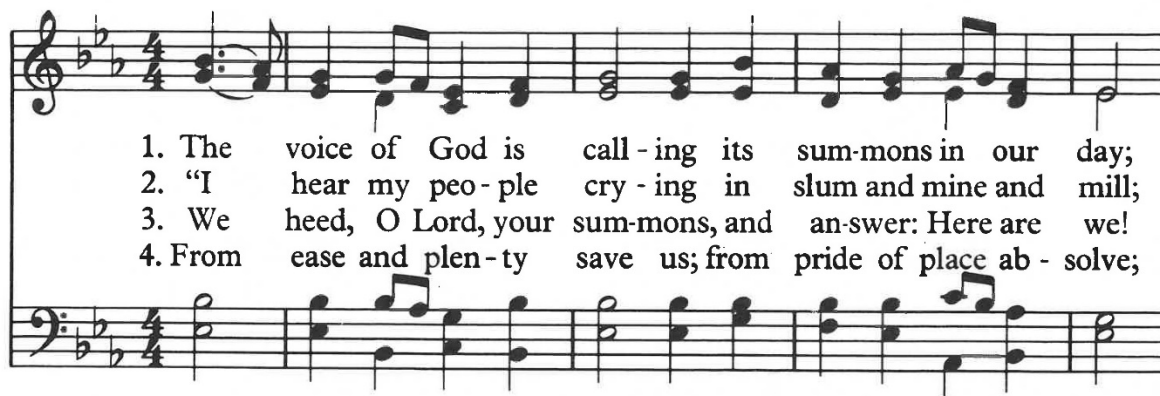
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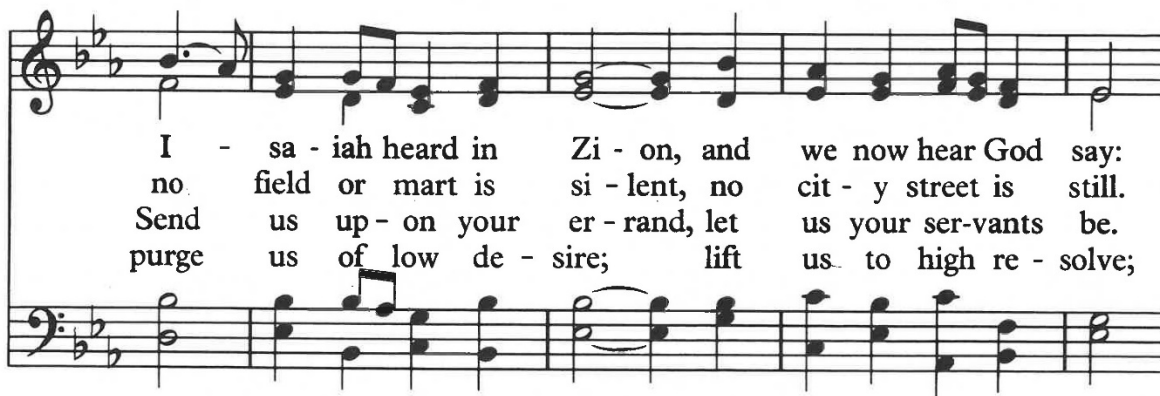
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The Voice of God Is Calling

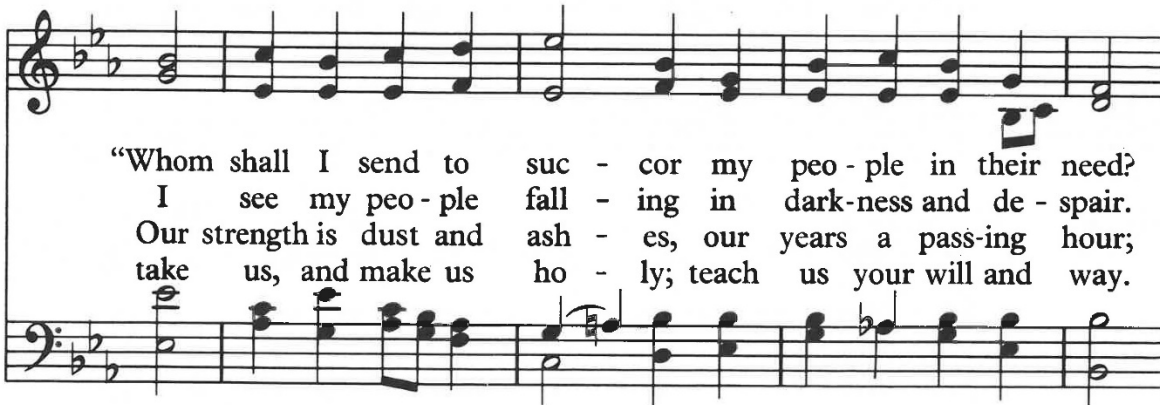
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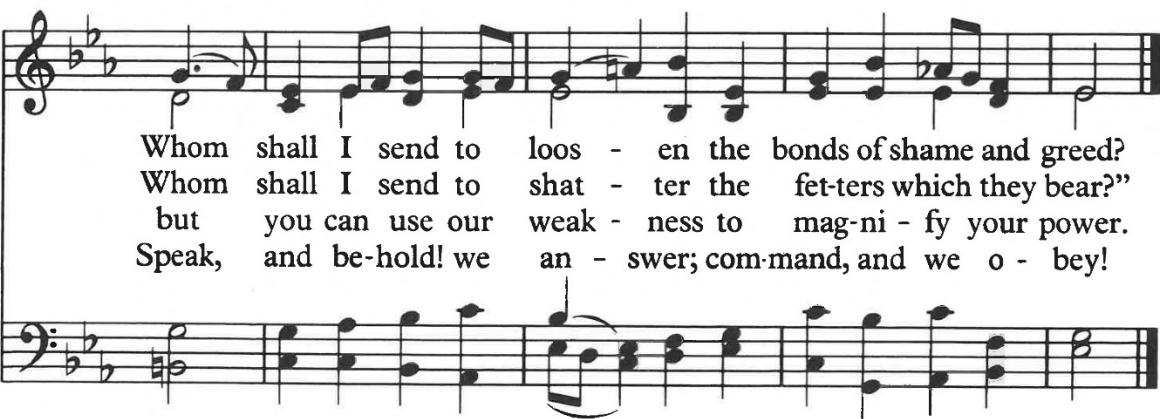
1. The voice of God is call - ing its sum - mons in our day;
 2. "I hear my peo - ple cry - ing in slum and mine and mill;
 3. We heed, O Lord, your sum - mons, and an - swer: Here are we!
 4. From ease and plen - ty save us; from pride of place ab - solve;



I - sa - iah heard in Zi - on, and we now hear God say:
 no field or mart is si - lent, no cit - y street is still.
 Send us up - on your er - rand, let us your ser - vants be.
 purge us of low de - sire; lift us to high re - solve;



"Whom shall I send to suc - cor my peo - ple in their need?
 I see my peo - ple fall - ing in dark - ness and de - spair.
 Our strength is dust and ash - es, our years a pass - ing hour;
 take us, and make us ho - ly; teach us your will and way.



Whom shall I send to loos - en the bonds of shame and greed?
 Whom shall I send to shat - ter the fet - ters which they bear?"
 but you can use our weak - ness to mag - ni - fy your power.
 Speak, and be - hold! we an - swer; com - mand, and we o - bey!