

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 10

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Beatitudes: The Compassion of God
Matthew 5:1-5, Psalm 37:1-11

July 17

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Beatitudes: Those Who Mourn
Matthew 5:1-5

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 with fully vaccinated caregivers is provided on the second floor for infants through 3-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 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/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Foundations Summer. The Family Foundations, (group for parents of young children,) Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship this week July 6 at Sunnyside Gardens from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a night of service! We will work in the garden and then have some fellowship! Please bring newspapers if you have them at home for the garden, dress for digging in the dirt, bring garden gloves, a chair, and a water bottle with you! We hope to see you this week at the GROWING COMMUNITY GARDEN - Located beside Sunnyside UMC (2800 Gull Rd).

Softball. Do you enjoy softball? Our church is part of a Co-ed softball league that plays weekly on Thursday evenings at Pathfinder Church in Portage. If you are interested in joining this friendly and casual league, contact Jay Gross, jaynlaura5@gmail.com. Players must be 13 to play, and everyone is welcome to attend and cheer at the game. This week the game on July 7 begins at 6:15 p.m. and play continues until 7:45 p.m.

The Narrative: A Storytelling Collective. For four Wednesdays, June 29 through July 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m. some of our own members will be speaking on their life experiences and how those experiences have shaped their identity and faith stories. As an audience, we will be invited to listen for key words and witness the beauty that is storytelling. We will meet in the sanctuary. All are invited.

ISAAC Annual Meeting on July 12. ISAAC, Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community, will host their annual family meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Zoom. Join the meeting to hear about and celebrate the Beloved Community work of ISAAC! Learn more about upcoming events at isaackalamazoo.org

Biking Beautiful Kalamazoo. Join our small biking group as we explore the trails around Kalamazoo this summer. All trails are out and back, usually flat and under 10 miles round trip. We are not competitive, only out to enjoy God's nature and beauty with fellow riders. We will meet most Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The next scheduled ride is July 11, following the KRVT from Mayor's Riverfront Park to Comstock. If you'd like to be on a group email please email Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@gmail.com.

Kalamazoo Service Project. Adults from our congregation are invited to join in the blessings of work, fun and fellowship with our youth. Join for a day, or all week--all skill levels are welcome! Our dedicated kitchen crew can also use some assistance. For more information on KSP 2022, contact Pastor Matt Weiler at mweiler@umc-kzo.org.

July Mission of the Month. As has become traditional, school supplies for Spring Valley Elementary will be collected in July. Boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, Colored pencils, #2 Ticonderoga pencils, Colored markers, both fine and broad tip Dry erase markers, Glue sticks, Pencil boxes, Wide ruled notebooks, Construction paper - all colors, Blank desk name tags. Please donate any of these items in any quantity and place them in the Mission of the Month box near the security desk at the parking lot entrance of the church. The supplies will be delivered to Spring Valley in August.

Monthly Styrofoam Recycling. The second Sunday of each month is your opportunity to bring EPS foam to our collection box at church. Only foam labeled 6, rinsed and wiped clean food containers, and items that break when bent are accepted. Next Sunday, July 10 is the next collection day.

Healthy Habits. We value most highly the practice of loving our neighbor. Let us continue this in thought, word, and action.

- Masks will not be required within the church as a general practice.
- Masks may be required for select groups or activities based upon the needs of those who gather. This will be designated by the leader of the group or activity.
- All persons should feel comfortable continuing to wear masks anywhere and any time if they prefer to do so.
- Masks will continue to be available at the doors off the parking lot.
- If you are feeling unwell, please join us online.
- We expect that all persons who are able, will be vaccinated.

Summer Hours. The church is open Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. - noon. Additional evening hours as needed are 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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July 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.



Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond...The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends.

~Henri Nouwen

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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers using the prayer card found in the pew pocket. The prayer cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, offered up to God during worship.

We'd like to connect with you, please fill out a welcome card found at the end of the pews and place it in the offering basket by the door.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Kline

*OPENING PRAYER

Dawn Wheaton

God of Liberation, we are gathered to meet with you this morning. Open our hearts to the many ways you will speak to us. As you did with the prophets, you call us out of our everyday lives to share your message of love and grace. Challenge us today to look within ourselves so that we may be your disciples. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #437 *This Is My Song*

(UMH-red hymnal)

During the singing of the opening hymn, the children are invited to meet Ms. Julia at the back of the sanctuary to help bring in the light of Christ.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES & CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Julia Librizzi

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

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Leader: Father, Mother God, Holy Spirit help us to stay connected to our hearts and each other.

All: **Help us to see good in ourselves and each other.**

Leader: Help us to serve the spirit of goodness in all we meet.

All: **Help us, especially to recognize our connections to those who think themselves our enemy.**

Leader: Help us to find value in our connection to those whom we might think our enemies.

All: **Help us to restore love upon this earth. May all be fed. May all be healed. May all be loved.**

John Robins author, Earth Save International, Kentucky

*PASSING THE PEACE

*RESPONSE TO THE PEACE

Deep Peace

John Rutter

Cari Miller, soloist

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 5:1-14

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Humble Channels*

Rev. Julie Kline

SUNG RESPONSE #2253 *Water, River, Spirit Grace*

(FWS-black hymnal)

HOLY 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. Let us come to the table with a prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace and Glory, we confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding our worth in our status, our demographic, or even our location. Forgive us of our idolatry. Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above your love for us. Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate rituals, holding ourselves superior, simply due to our place of birth. You, O God, are the source of our identity. You, O God, call us to love our neighbor. You, O God, challenge us to learn from one another. You, O God, tell us to be different! May we swim in your healing waters, resting in the fullness of being children of God. Amen.

RESPONSE #2253 *Water, River, Spirit, Grace*

(FWS-black hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Miller

RECEIVING COMMUNION

HYMN #2260 *Let Us Be Bread*

RESPONSE #2253 *Water, River, Spirit, Grace*

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Matt Weiler

*DOXOLOGY #318 vs. 5 *Christ Is Alive*

(UMH-red hymnal)

**Christ is Alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, from the prophets of old we hear how your power was often made known to them in small gestures or in a still small voice. We bring our gifts to you this day praying that you will give us eyes that are constantly on the lookout for the small and subtle ways you make your power and presence, love and mercy known to us. In the name of Love, we pray. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN #2237 *As A Fire is Meant for Burning*

(FWS-black hymnal)

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 3

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite - Kiva
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium

Monday, July 4

The church building will be closed

Tuesday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff - Parlor

Wednesday, July 6

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
6:00 p.m. Summer Family Foundations Fellowship - Sunnyside UMC Community Garden
6:30 p.m. The Narrative - Sanctuary

Thursday, July 7

1:00 p.m. Leadership Team - Zoom
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Team Meeting
6:15 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Pathfinder Church

Friday, July 8

No scheduled events

Saturday, July 9

No scheduled events

Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite - Kiva
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium.

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

Connect Card . . .

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our Connect Card.



This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
 Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

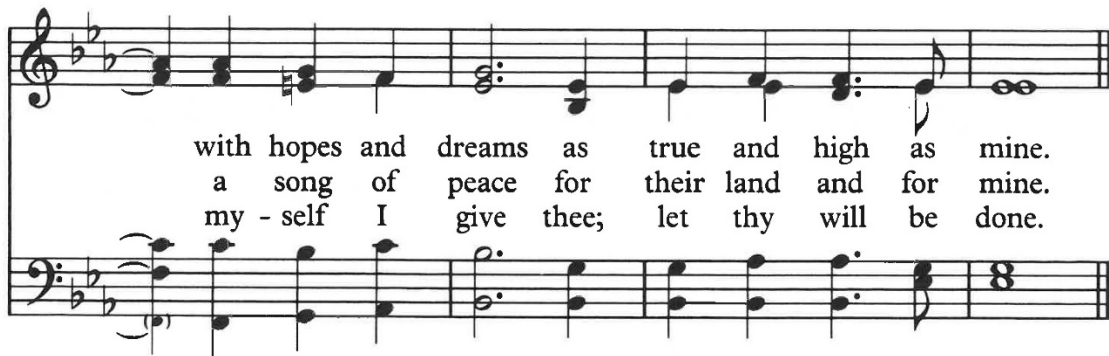
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

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with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

2253 Water, River, Spirit, Grace



Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it, Grace,
 sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me! Re -
 carve the depths your fin-gers traced in
 sculpt-ing me in sculpt-ing me.

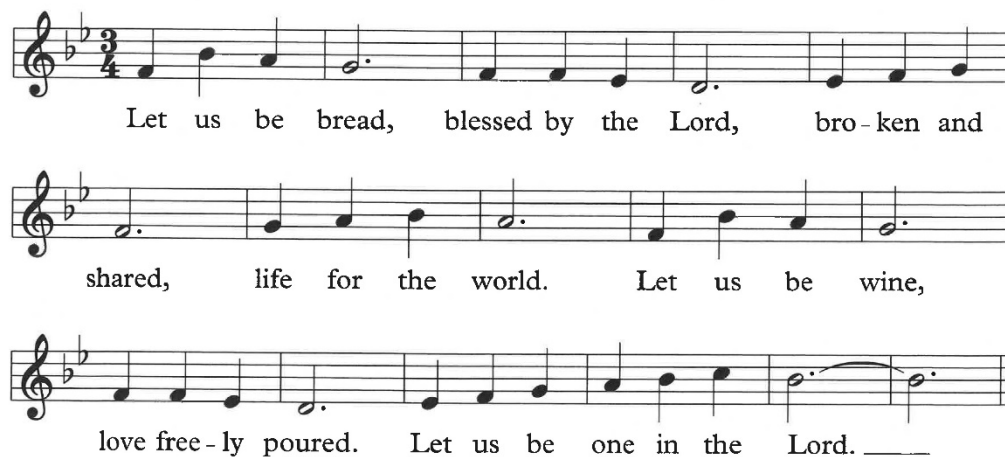
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Let Us Be Bread

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and
 shared, life for the world. Let us be wine,
 love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: Thomas Porter
 MUSIC: Thomas Porter

LET US BE BREAD
 Irregular

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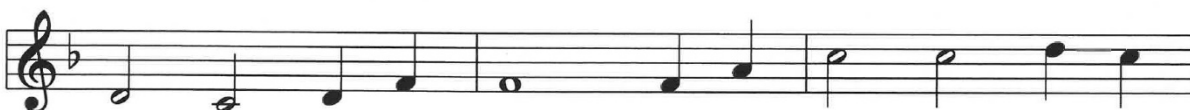
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 2237



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
peo - ples, man - y hued. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

WORDS: Ruth Duck
MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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