

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 26

10:00 a.m. Worship
Lori Owen-Rogers
Reconciling Sunday
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

July 3

10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Julie Kline
Humble Channels
2 Kings 5:1-14

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/cl/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Academy Class Today. You're invited to Living the Questions, a DVD-based discussion class featuring noted theologians and church leaders exploring difficult issues of our faith. Each week will involve a 20-minute video and active, open discussion among class participants. This week's session focuses on the sometimes controversial and sometimes contradictory letters of the Apostle Paul. You don't need to have attended previous sessions to participate--all are welcome! Carol Hodges will lead the conversation in the Parlor. This week's class will NOT be available on Zoom.

Family Foundations Summer. Wednesday Fellowship this Wednesday for parents with young children: June 22, 2022 yard fellowship from 6-8 p.m. at the Newman's, 4012 Sunvalley Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Please bring a chair and water bottle for each person in your family and a snack to share!

Stephen Ministers Needed: We recently celebrated our history of Stephen Ministry in worship! If you feel called to caring ministry or have questions, please contact Thom at tvictor@umc-kzo.org.

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.

The Narrative: A Storytelling Collective. For four Wednesdays, starting June 29th 6:30-8pm, 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.

2022 Michigan Annual Conference: Mourning to Dancing. June 1-4 this annual meeting of United Methodists met in Acme, MI. Pastors Julie and Matt attended along with retired clergy and lay persons of our congregation. To learn more about it, ask one of the attendees: Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, John Clark, Lisa Coe, Tammy Eaton, Molly Williams, or Deb Search Willoughby

Local Jazz Concert, June 26, 4:00 p.m. The BLT Jazz Trio in The Great American Songbook and All That Jazz presents music by Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and more. The Trio features Lana Hoffman, Terry Lower and Barry Ross This event is presented by the Music and Arts Committee of First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo MOMS Demand Action (for gun sense in America) Wednesday, June 22 @ 6-7:30pm @ FUMC. We will gather outdoors at the picnic tables by the parking lot door. Bring a chair for yourself and water as you need. If the heat is high, the meeting will move inside. This is the first in person meeting in two years. It is a time of rebuilding, orienting new members and planning for actions to take and organizing in this important moment in gun violence prevention. Email Rick at kazoomomsdemandaction@gmail.com with questions, concerns.

Card Ministry. Know someone who could use their day brightened? Check out the Card Ministry box across from the Security Desk. Find an appropriate card and write a brief note. (If needed, you can get address information from the staff member at the security desk.) We've been blessed by the creativity of the kids in Godly Play and some of the cards were designed by them.

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.

Friendship Village Satellite. We are excited to announce a new time for our satellite worship service at Friendship Village – Livestreamed at 10:00 a.m.



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June 19 2022

10:00 a.m.

SECOND 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 *Prelude*

F. Couperin

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mary Whittaker Duncan

Leader: Let our praise for all that God has done

All: **resound within and beyond these walls.**

Leader: When all people turn to God and worship God,

All: **the poor shall eat and be satisfied, and justice and peace will surely embrace present and future generations.**

Leader: Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done,

All: **let our lives and our love proclaim the message of God's gracious and liberating acts.**

Leader: Let us experience, celebrate, and share God's love!

***OPENING HYMN #121** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (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 & CHILDRENS BLESSING

Julia Librizzi

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

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.*

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE *(praying together)*

We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Amen.

From the Archdiocese of Baltimore & the Black Catholic Ministry

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #2226 *Bind Us Together*

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 8:26-39

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

MESSAGE *Purposefully Redirected*

Rev. Julie Kline

ANTI-RACIST CALL TO ACTION

As part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms, we commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level. This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises to be a church that is a credible and active witness for peace, equity and justice in the face of harm visited upon communities of color. We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community so that we recognize our complicity in systemic racism, recognize and condemn white supremacy as sin, and seek a deep knowing of what God calls us to do. We make these vows so that every person—especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)—may live in safety, health, and freedom.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #2219** *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* (FWS-black hymnal)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Siblings in Christ, as we prepare our hearts for prayer, let us confess our sins together acknowledging our collective participation in the perpetuation of racism and its harmful impact on our culture, our institutions, our church, and on individuals. Let us pray.

Holy three in one and one in three, in our baptism we have been given the freedom and the power to resist racism, and yet we have failed. We have at times chosen our own safety over the flourishing of others, complacency for the sake of convenience, and the comfort of silence over the risk of speaking out.

Christ have mercy

Forgive us Lord, for the impact of our sins is the perpetuation of racism in our community and even in our congregation.

Christ have mercy

Forgive us Lord and free us for joyful obedience that our collective acts of resistance might give birth to the flourishing of life for all - White, Black, Indigenous, and all People of Color - that this act of confession and repentance would lead us to the fullness of life offered us in Jesus Christ.

***HYMN** *'Round the River's Bend*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

***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** *(praying together)*

God, grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere to the glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

Dick Shilts shares the work of ISAAC and our partnership

***CLOSING SONG #519** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (UMH-red hymnal)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was penned by lyricist James Weldon Johnson. His brother J. Rosamond Johnson was the composer of the strong and soaring tune. The hymn was written in 1899 to be sung at an African American school in Jacksonville FL in celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The song spread throughout the South and North and in 20 years time, it was declared the Black National Anthem by the NAACP. We sing the hymn today knowing that the 'stony road' is still ahead of us and there is much work to be done to bring racial justice and equity to our land. May Christ's light of hope be our compass as we listen and work with our siblings of all races towards building God's Kin-dom here on earth.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Offertorio*

D. Zipoli

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 19

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, June 20

11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor
7:00 p.m. Dream Team - Zoom

Tuesday, June 21

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff - TBD
5:15 p.m. Finance - Zoom

Wednesday, June 22

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 - Newman Home
6:00 p.m. MOMS Demand Action - Outside

Thursday, June 23

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Office Staff Meeting - Virtual
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Team Meeting
4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Parlor
6:15 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Pathfinder Church

Friday, June 24

No scheduled events

Saturday, June 25

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 26

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.
4:00 p.m. Music & Arts Concert: The BLT Jazz Trio in The Great American Songbook and All That Jazz! - Sanctuary

Connect Card . . .

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



There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
 3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
 4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
 There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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Alt. tune: IN BABILONE

2226 Bind Us Together

Bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er with cords that
 can-not be bro-ken. Bind us to-geth-er, Lord,
Fine
 bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er in love. ____

There is on-ly one God, ____ there is on-ly one King; ____
D.C. al Fine
 There is on-ly one bod-y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)
 MUSIC: Bob Gillman

BIND US TOGETHER
 Irregular

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2219 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than

hate; light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than

death. Vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours through him who
Oh, vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours

loved us. Vic-tory is us.
through him who loved us. Oh, us.

WORDS: From *An African Prayer Book*, selected by Desmond Tutu
MUSIC: John Bell

GOODNESS IS STRONGER
Irregular

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music © 1996 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.

'Round the River's Bend

Lyrics by Jennifer Clark

Music by Jacqueline Stilger
Tune name: ACADEMY



1. Here I am, just wad - ing on the shores of grief, shed - ding
2. Here you are, I see you 'round the ri - ver's bend, hear your
3. Here I am, just churn - ing on this isle of storm, shout - ing
4. Here you are, we see you 'round the riv - er's bend, hear your



songs that no one seems to hear. What re - lief it'd be to lay my
song that runs so deep and clear. What a gift it is to learn your
songs that no one wants to hear. What re - lief it'd be to lay my
song that rum - bles loud and strong. What a gift it is to learn your



sto - ry down, take your hand, and know that I am found.
sto - ry friend, take my hand and let us flow a - long.
sto - ry down, take your hand, and know that I am found.
sto - ry, friend, take our hands and let us flow a - long.

5. Here I am, though not quite sure just where I stand,
can't recall the songs that I once sang.
What relief it'd be to lay my story down,
take your hand, and know that I am found.
6. Here you are, we see you 'round the river's bend,
hear the stirring echoes of your song.
What a gift it is to learn your story, friend.
Take our hands and let us flow along.
7. Here we are, a braided story growing now,
joined and shaped by voices of all kinds.
What a joy it is to sing along with you
as we stream into the great Divine.

Text by Jennifer Clark, tune by Jacqueline Stilger. Written in celebration of the work of the Big Deal Weekend, an event to help people explore the relationship between their Christian identity and Antiracist identity, presented by First United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo MI 2021-22.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921

MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Irr.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - oved be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Ways to celebrate Juneteenth.

There have been many community events throughout the weekend, including a large event today at Arcadia Creek Festival Site from 1-6 p.m. and an event in Washington Square Park from noon – 8 p.m. Other ways to observe this holiday:

- Prayerfully consider the wound of racism.
- Buy a book written by a Black author on Black history, Black poets, or Black achievements.
- Make a list of resolutions, promises and vows to use your power, privilege, and platform to give space to Black and Brown leaders.
- Patronize a black owned business and advocate for its space in our community.
- Listen to this podcast to further your understanding of Juneteenth: “Juneteenth: Black History for White People” (Black History for White People is a multi-ethnic collective dedicated to loving Black and Brown people by educating, resourcing and challenging white people). It is a good resource and there are many more.
- Spend time in spaces with folk who are not like you.
- Advocate for the political and systemic changes that lead to racial equity.