

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 3

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline
Humble Channels
2 Kings 5:1-14

July 10

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler
Beatitudes: The Compassion of God
Matthew 5:1-11

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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Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

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. Please join us in the Parlor.

Family Foundations Summer. Wednesday Fellowship this week for parents with young children: June 29, 2022, fellowship from 6:00-:008 p.m. at the Lindstrom's - 2315 Portage St. Kalamazoo MI 49001. Please bring a chair and water bottle for each person in your family and a snack to share!

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 begins at 7:45 p.m. and play continues usually until it's too dark to see the ball!

The Narrative: A Storytelling Collective. For four Wednesdays, starting June 29, 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.

Local Jazz Concert Today, 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.

Card Ministry. Know someone whose day you would like to brighten? 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. They will be joining us live by watching our live feed at 10:00 a.m.

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. beginning June 20 at Portage Creek Bicentennial Trailhead on Kilgore Road to Celery Flats. If you'd like to be on a group email please let Dawn Wheaton know at dawheaton53@gmail.com. (Rain or inclement weather at start time will cancel a ride.)



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June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m.

THIRD 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 *Israeli Sketches*

John Chagy

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Kline

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Batten

***OPENING HYMN** *All Are Welcome*

(see insert)

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Deb Search Willoughby

God of infinite diversity, God of holy mystery, God of boundless love, we come to you as the breaker and the broken. We repent of the sorrow that we have let fester into rage; we repent of the fear that we have let grow into faithlessness; we repent of the grief that we have let spin into despair. Forgive us, Spirit of mercy, for the moments when we look at this world and forget to see your grace. Forgive us when we speak for you out of our own worry. Turn our sorrow into wisdom, our fear into faith, our grief into hope. Remake us, Anointed One, even as you remind us that your love is unfailing, unflinching, unafraid of anything we hold in our secret hearts. Show us how to bring the mercy you so freely give to everyone in this world who longs for old news, for a reason to hope. Free us for your work of restoration through Jesus the Christ, firstborn over all creation, as we continue to pray.

Leader: Hear this good news, before we even thought to ask, God's love bound God-self in relationship with us. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

Written by J.D. Waggy in "The Night I Came Out to God" Resource Publications: Eugene, Oregon. Jenaba Waggy is a United Methodist Pastor. Their call to ministry is held and affirmed by Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church where Jenaba served during their seminary days.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Matt Weiler

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE TO THE PEACE #2226 *Bind Us Together*

(FWS-black hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1, 13-25

David Lundquist

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

MESSAGE *An Old Nail and a Piece of Paper*

Lori Owen-Rogers

VIDEO: Celebrating our Reconciling Work of the Past and our Expanding Work for the Future - Deb Search Willoughby, Phil VanOrman, Jonathan Richardson, Diane Owen-Rogers, and Oliva Cramer-Erbes.

A TIME OF REDEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Lisa Batten

RECONCILING STATEMENT

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.

*HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord*

(UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reconciling Litany by Mandakini Brophy

Leader: May the Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Leader: We lift our praises to the Lord

All: **May our praises be lifted up and held in love**

Leader: Lord who possesses all knowledge of what is before us and what goes beyond, give us the ears to listen empathetically, the eyes to seek kindly, the voice to speak thoughtfully, the brain to know righteously, and the heart to witness and love each other as you have loved us so.

All: **Make us vessels of compassion as we continue to love and listen, deepening our connections, uncovering truths, as we are in community with each other and You, God.**

Leader: *(continues in prayer with moments of silence)*

. . . and building a path to restoration.

All: **As we hold space for each other, give us the curiosity and love to dig deeper.**

Leader: Lord, allow us to listen with purpose. Give us the space to practice grace as we witness spiritual truths unfold. Remind us we are loved for all of our identities. Hidden, and unhidden.

All: **As we begin to know each other more deeply, we can love each other deeply. Lord guide us with the Spirit, as the path is uncharted. We pray that our seeds of intention, education, action, and witness become rooted and come to fruition in the beauty that is Your love. May we remember we are blessed to do this holy work. May we honor You and become more like Your son Jesus. Praying together the Lord's Prayer . . .**

Our God/Mother/Father, 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

*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

Accept our gifts, O God, because we need to give. Use our gifts to the greatest good they can accomplish here in our midst and far beyond our individual reach. May they bring more love to the world. We give with gratitude for the privilege of sharing in your work. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN #2170 *God Made from One Blood*

(FWS-black hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Promised Land*

John Carter

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 26

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

Monday, June 27

11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor

Tuesday, June 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Book Club - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors - TBD
6:30 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

Wednesday, June 29

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 - Lindstrom Home
6:30 p.m. The Narrative - Sanctuary

Thursday, June 30

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
7:45 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Pathfinder Church

Friday, July 1

No scheduled events

Saturday, July 2

No scheduled 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 building will be closed for holiday observance.

Connect Card . . .

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



All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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

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BIND US TOGETHER

Irregular

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain (Harmony)

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
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Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

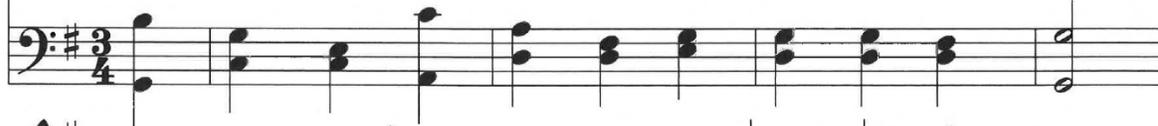
I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

God Made from One Blood

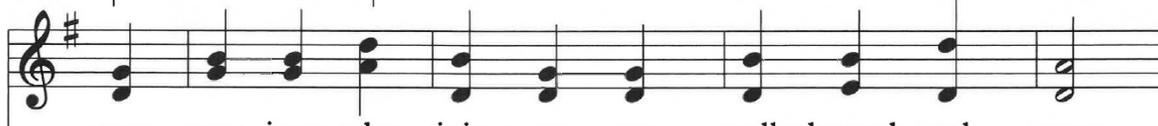
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1. God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3. We learn through our fam - ilies how close - ness and trust
 4. Give, Lord, to each fam - ily in con - flict and storm
 5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in - clude



the cir - cles of nur - ture that raised us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 in - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just.
 a sense of your wis - dom and grace that trans - form
 the rac - es and view - points our fam - ilies ex - clude



com - pan - ions who join us to walk through each stage
 the in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles,
 sharp an - ger to in - sight which strength - ens the heart
 till peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud



of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ent and part - ner and room - mate and friend.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruis - ing their souls.
 and makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
 of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.



WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger (Acts 17:26)
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody

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