

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Beatitudes: The Goodness of God
The Pure In Heart
Matthew 5:8

August 7

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Beatitudes

The Peacemakers and Persecuted
Matthew 5:9-10

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/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

Handbell Quartet: Yvonne Fulton, Cari Miller,

Jacqueline Stilger, Molly Williams

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

In our worship, we strive to witness to the wholeness of God, embracing the diversity of images of God that are found within Scriptures. We will seek to include male, female, and gender-neutral language and imagery for God, and utilize language that helps to avoid binary terms in pronouns and images of people. In our songs and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community. (ISAAC). Today we are collecting a special offering to enable our church to continue our commitment and support to ISAAC. This coalition of people, congregations, and organizations has concentrated on addressing gun violence, affordable housing, and racism. Our annual dues are \$1600.

Family Foundations Summer. Please join Family Foundations (the small group for families with young children,) Wednesday, July 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. for family fun and fellowship at the Parthasarathy's - 845 Westmoreland Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Please bring a chair and water bottle for each person in your family and a snack to share!

KSP Community Picnic. KSP would also like to invite our church community to an outdoor cookout on the FUMC Kalamazoo front lawn on Thursday, July 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. We hope you join us for food, games, fellowship, and fun! Please bring your own tableware and drinks. In line with that day's KSP theme, wearing a Hawaiian shirt to the cookout is encouraged, but not required.

Questions of Faith. We live in challenging and unusual times. Now is a good time to ask the questions and do some thinking. We ask you to submit questions by placing them in the box at the Welcome Desk, emailing Pastors Julie or Matt at jkline@umc-kzo.org and mweiler@umc-kzo.org, or calling the church office 269-381-6340. We will collect questions through the month of July, choose several and offer the worship series in the month of August. An engaged faith embraces questions and moves us closer to God.

Softball. Players must be 13 to play, and everyone is welcome to attend and cheer at the game. This week the game on July 28 begins at 6:15 p.m. at Pathfinder church. Play continues until 7:45 p.m. and often after the game we meet for frozen treats at Ritter's. Contact is Jay Gross, jaynlaura5@gmail.com.

Biking Beautiful Kalamazoo. Join our small biking group as we explore the trails around Kalamazoo this summer. 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. If you'd like to be on a group email for notifications, please email dawheaton53@gmail.com.

July Mission of the Month. 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.

Updated Mask Practice. While Kalamazoo County is currently classified as a high-risk level community, this church will return to a mask-required practice.

- Masks will be required within the church as a general practice.
- Masks will continue to be available at the doors off the parking lot.
- If you would prefer to worship at home, please join us online.
- We expect that all persons who are able, will be vaccinated.

Please be aware that this practice has the potential to change again should community circumstances change. Throughout this pandemic we have valued most highly the practice of loving our neighbor. Let us continue this in thought, word, and action as we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic. Thank you for your assistance as we work to prioritize the health of our congregation and community.

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. The next collection Sunday will be August 14.

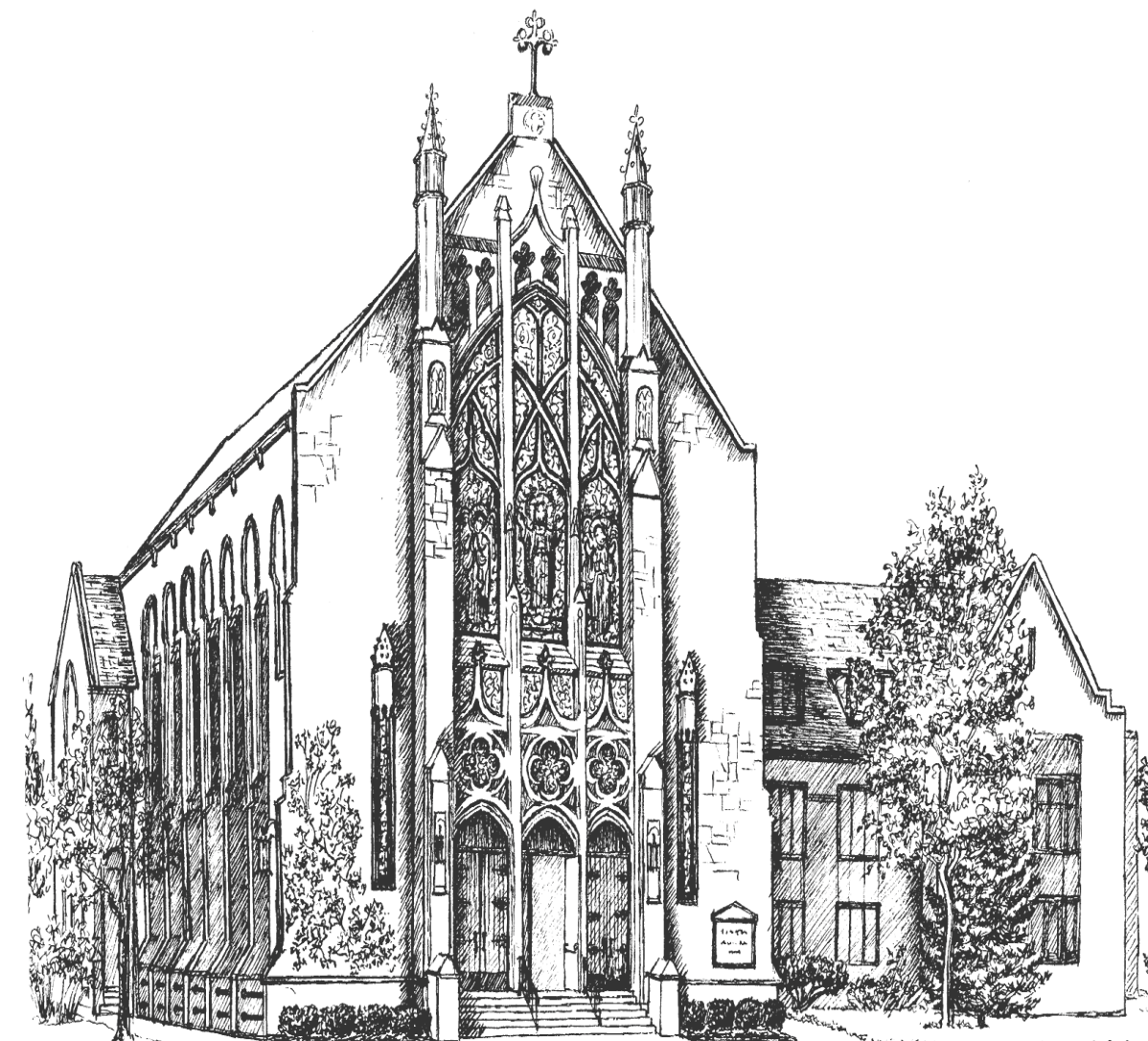


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

(269) 381-6340 † www.umc-kzo.org

July 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.



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.*

SEVENTH 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 *Fanfare* Anon. 16th century, arr. by Kevin McChesney

WELCOME Rev. Matt Weiler

***OPENING PRAYER** Amelia Isackson

Leader: God whose love has compelled us to gather in this space, we enter into worship with a longing for your arms of blessing to stretch over us as they stretched over the disciples on the Mountain, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

All: **May the blessings of our worship be as a fusion of righteousness and mercy filling our hearts and spilling out in love for this community.**

Leader: In the name of the one who can accomplish more than we could ever imagine, let us worship together.

All: **Let us worship together now! Amen!**

***OPENING HYMN #111** *How Can We Name A Love* (UMH-red hymnal)

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES Rev. Julie Kline

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE *We are the Light of the World*

A soloist will sing the verses and invite the congregation to sing the refrain.

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LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE Psalm 85:1-13 Olivia Cramer-Erbes

***PASSING THE PEACE**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #473 *Lead Me, Lord* (UMH-red hymnal)

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5:6-7 Trevor Anderson

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *The Kiss of Righteousness and Mercy* Rev. Matt Weiler

BLESSING KALAMAZOO SERVICE PROJECT Rev. Julie Kline

MUSICAL RESPONSE #432 *Jesu, Jesu* (UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

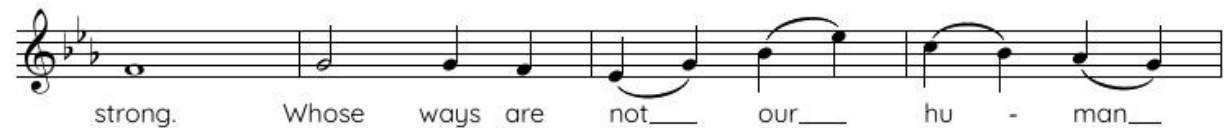
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Joy* Benjamin Kornelis

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God Whose Life and Grace*



Music: DUKE STREET by John Hatton Text by Mary Luti

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God whose promises are always fulfilled, we offer these gifts to you, that you might use them to accomplish your purposes in the world; that those who hunger and thirst will be nourished, that those who are merciful will know mercy, that your light may shine from the walls of this church to the streets of our city. In the name of the one who can accomplish more than we could ever ask or imagine, we pray. Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN #140** *Great is thy Faithfulness* (UMH-red hymnal)

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* G. Walthher

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 24

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 25

Kalamazoo Service Project
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor
6:30 p.m. Biking Group - TBD

Tuesday, July 26

Kalamazoo Service Project
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Book Club - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - TBD

Wednesday, July 27

Kalamazoo Service Project
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 - McGinnis Home
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Thursday, July 28

Kalamazoo Service Project
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Team Meeting
5:30 p.m. KSP Community Picnic - Front Lawn
6:15 p.m. KLUMP Softball - Pathfinder Church
7:00 p.m. First Strings Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, July 29

Kalamazoo Service Project

Saturday, July 30

No scheduled events

Sunday, July 31

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*

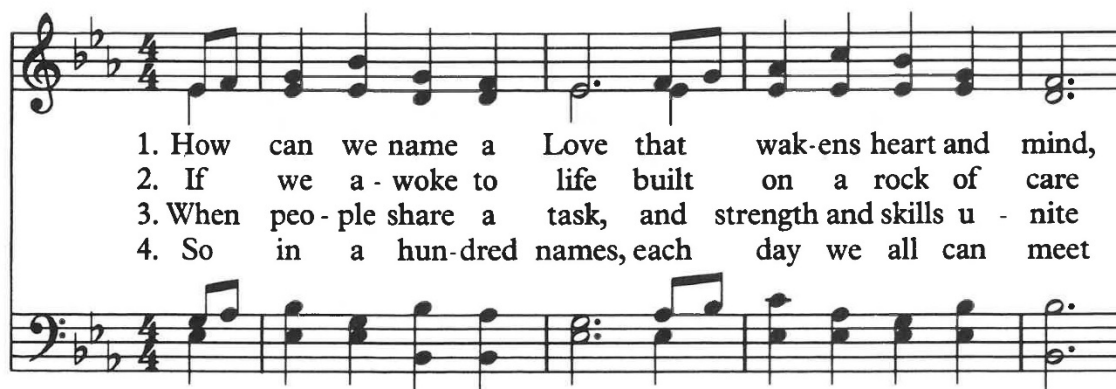
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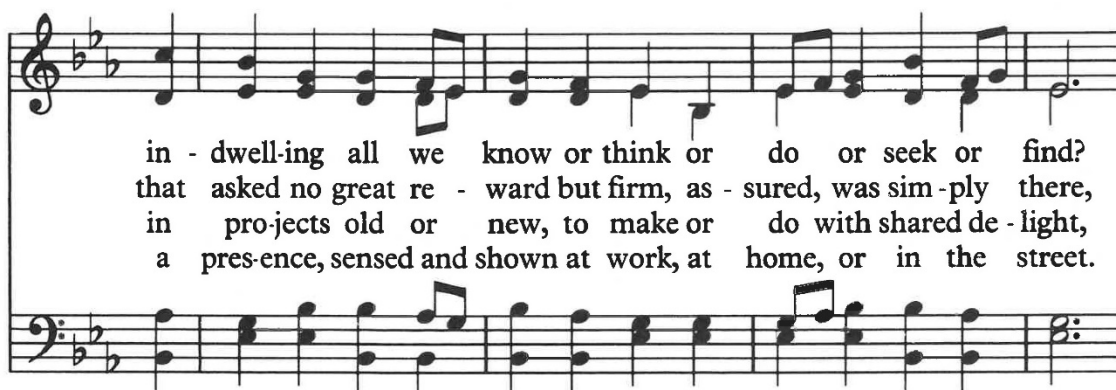


How Can We Name a Love

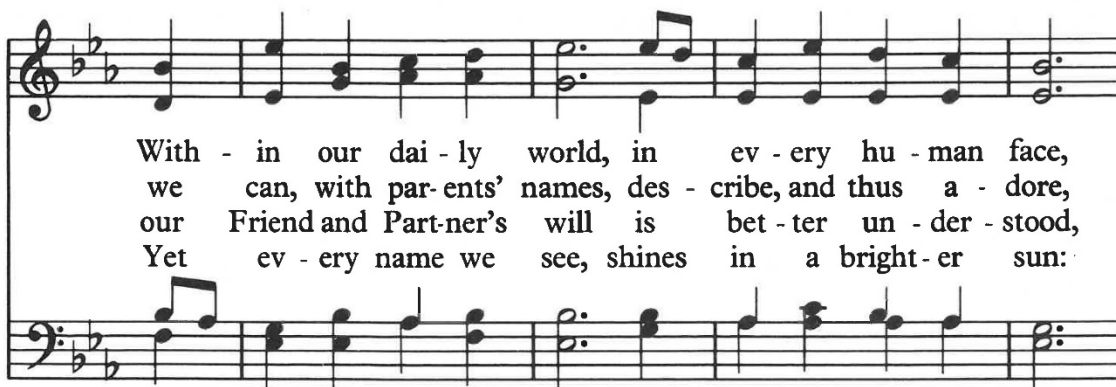
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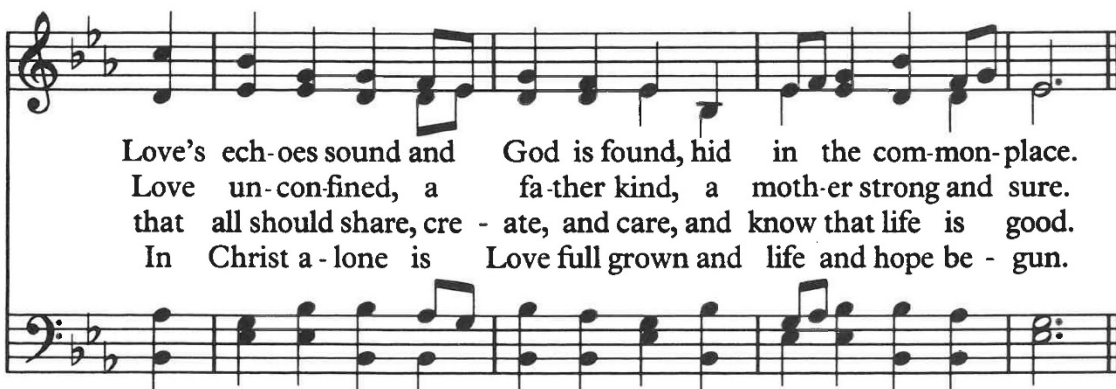
1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,
2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care
3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite
4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?
that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,
in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,
a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,
we can, with par-ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,
our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,
Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech-oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.
Love un-confined, a fa-ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.
that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.
In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1973

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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Lead Me, Lord

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord on-ly, that mak-est me dwell in safe - ty.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines, with an asterisk above the first measure of the vocal line. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

**Optional ending*

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD
Irr.

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969 (Jn. 13:1-17)
 MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. by Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. by
 Charles H. Webb, 1988

CHEREPONI
 Irr. with Refrain

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!