

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline
Questions of Faith
What is Heaven?
John 3:11-15

September 4

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler
Questions of Faith
Can't we get along without
hurting others?

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)

Clergy & Directors

Rev. Julie Kline
Lead Pastor
Rev. Matt Weiler
Pastor of Community Formation
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Director of Music
Julia Librizzi
Director of Children and Families Ministries
Thom Victor
Director of Congregational Care
Ruth LaMachia
Director of Business Administration

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi
Ginnie Hessler

Director of Music **Organist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk

Trumpet

Joel Kayser

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Thom Victor

Lead AV Tech: Casey Curran

AV Assistants: Drew Eaton, Layla, and Grace

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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 hymns and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Foundations Summer. The Family Foundations, (group for parents of young children,) Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship this week, August 24, is having a pool party at Lindstrom's in Gobles – 39110 28th Ave. Gobles, MI 49055 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. In addition to bathing suits and towels, please bring a drink for your family and a snack to share! Please RSVP to Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

Children's Nature Playscape. Volunteers are needed to help in the Children's Nature Playscape, which recently had their Phase One opening and is located across the street from Bronson Park. They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to volunteer at least one day a month to help supervise children in the Playscape during current open hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. A Playscape staff person will be on site to deal with the logistics of opening and closing. If you think you would like to spend some time outside watching children explore and play, and have the enthusiasm to welcome families into the nature playscape, please sign up by contacting Kory at Kory@kalamazooplayscape.org.

Music Ministry invites all to join this fall. Chancel Singers rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 7:15pm. If you love to sing and want to experience the love of God and the joy of creating music with others, then please come and join us on September 8 in the sanctuary.

Handbells will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 15 at 6pm in Wesley Hall. Our adult handbell ensemble has open positions and also can needs substitute ringers.

First Beats Children's Ensemble will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13 from 4:15- 5:30pm. First Beats is a music ensemble open to children in grades 3-8. We experience the love of God through music making in many ways, learn the foundations of music, and share our gifts and talents with the congregation. If you would like to experience the fun and enrichment of music ministry, please be in touch with our Director of Music, Jackie Stilger at jstilger@umc-kzo.org.

August Mission of the Month. The funds for our Helping Our Neighbors ministry are getting low! As a response to the skyrocketing needs of our underserved neighbors, the Outreach Team's August Mission of the Month will be a financial contribution to Helping Our Neighbors. Throughout the month, please consider donating by check (please include Helping Our Neighbors in the memo line) or you can also donate online through our website to this important outreach ministry. Thank you for your support in helping people feel secure in their homes.

UMW Sale. Before and after worship on Sunday, September 11 & 18, the United Methodist Women will be selling many silver-plated items that are no longer used for church events and receptions. Thank you for helping us to find new homes for these pieces.

Native Garden. When you're next at church, you're encouraged to visit our Wild Ones certified native plant butterfly garden! Thank you to Molly Williams for serving as steward of this beautiful space.

Biking Beautiful Kalamazoo. Join our small biking group as we explore the trails around Kalamazoo, We meet Monday evenings. Please email Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@gmail.com for more information.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

(269) 381-6340 + www.umc-kzo.org

August 21, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Questions of Faith



Why are we Christians?

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.*

ELEVENTH 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.

PRELUDE *Aria with variations* G.F. Handel
Trumpet: Joel Kayser

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ginnie Hessler

A: May we live in your love today, that our witness would tear down walls and proclaim the possibilities and the hope of your love for the world.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES & CHILDREN'S BLESSING Julia Librizzi
We light these candles to remind us that Jesus is always with us.

RESPONSE TO THE PEACE #2123 (vs. 1) Loving Spirit (FWS-black hymnal)

HYMN #581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (UMH-red hymnal)

This is what the spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Allegro Molto (var. 5)* G.F. Handel

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



384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Loving Spirit

2123

1., 5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have
 2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my
 3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me
 4. Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am

cho - sen me to be — you have drawn me to your
 life with - in your own, feed me with your ver - y
 the dis - cern - ing eye, hoist me up up - on your
 known and held and blessed: In your prom - ise is my

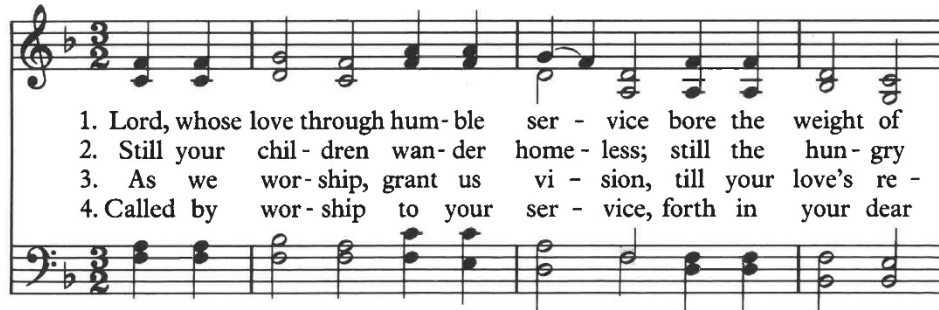
won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes

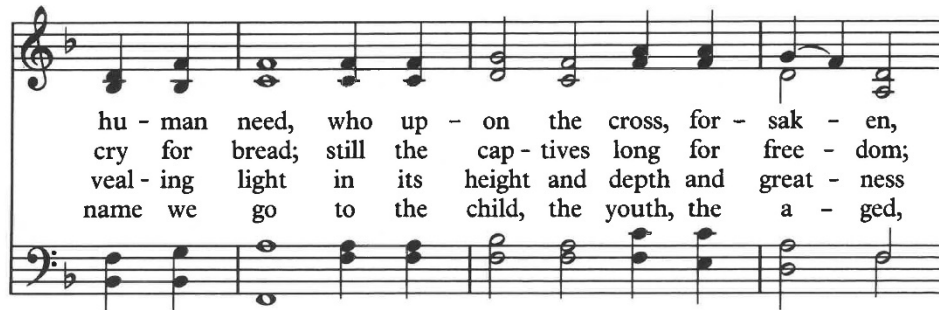
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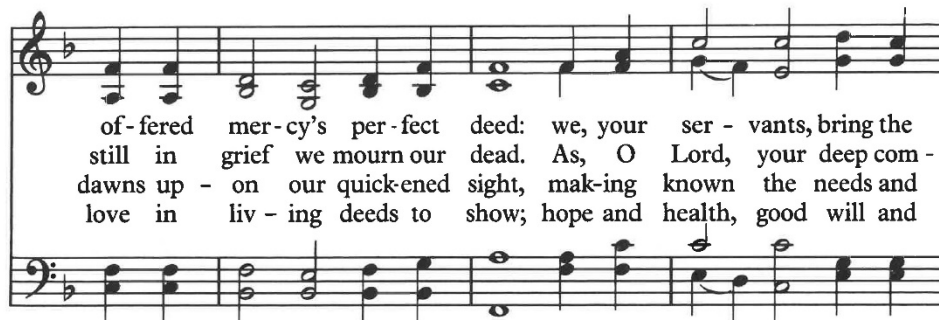
581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



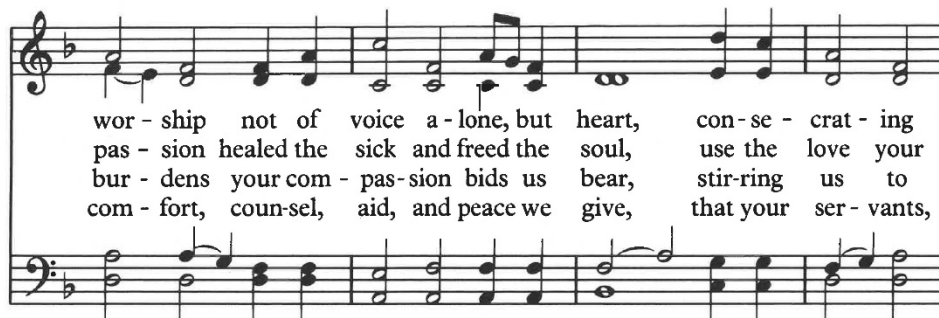
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear



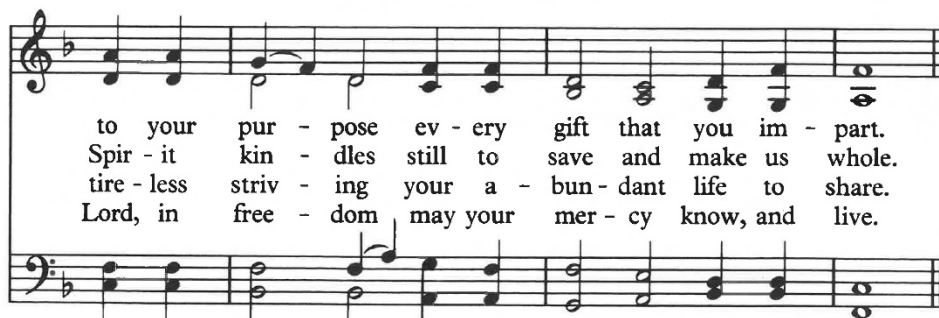
hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,



of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and



wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,



to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
 seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
 peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
 best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.