

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 18
10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Matt Weiler
KSP Sunday
Ephesians 3:16-22

September 25
10:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Julie Kline
Justice for Our Neighbors
Luke 16:19-31
Psalm 91:1-6,14-16

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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Rev. Matt Weiler
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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

Sunday School. Sunday school for children age 4 through 5th grade will begin on Sunday, September 18 in room 203 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Grace and Gratitude. A new adult Sunday school class begins this morning after worship in the Parlor. Each week we will listen to a different version of the hymn Amazing Grace, then discuss how gratitude affects different aspects of our lives. Today, we will look at what grace is and how it might lead us to gratitude. Michel Pierce will talk about her use of a gratitude journal. The class is led by Carol Hodges and will feature several guest speakers.

Family Fun for all ages! The Children and Families Ministries Team invites you to join us next Sunday, September 18, 2022 at VerHage Fruit Farm and Cider Mill at 1 p.m. for apple picking! Each family needs to be prepared to purchase the apples they pick, the fun activities they decided to add on, and the delicious treats they want to buy! Please RSVP to Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

UMW Sale. Before and after worship today 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. All donations will benefit the church's Helping Our Neighbor ministry.

Styrofoam Recycling Today and everyday. The second Sunday EPS foam recycling has been expanded. Our collection box at church is now available whenever the church is open. Only foam labeled 6, rinsed and wiped clean food containers, and items that break when bent are accepted.

Hospitality Team. We will meet on September 14 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are rebuilding our team to ensure a warm and inclusive welcome for all persons who participate in worship and events at the church. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please email Pastor Julie jkline@umc-kzo.org.

Music Ministry invites all to join this fall.

First Strings plays in our church services three to four times per year. Rehearsals are scheduled depending on the performance dates. All violin, viola, cello, and bass players are welcome. Please contact Anne Sherfield at 269-760-3803 to join this group or for information.

Chancel Singers rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. 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.

Handbells rehearse on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Our adult handbell ensemble has open positions and also needs substitute ringers.

First Beats Children's Ensemble rehearses on Tuesdays from 4:15- 5:30 p.m. First Beats is a music ensemble open to children in grades 3-8. 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.

September Mission of the Month. The YWCA of Kalamazoo, one of our Dream Team Partners, provides crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and support for abused people and survivors of sexual assault. Currently, the YWCA needs the following items: hair conditioner (full size), body wash (full size), kid's toothpaste (no adult toothpaste please), deodorant, ladies' underwear (size medium or large), and baby wipes. Please donate any of these items in any quantity and place them in the Mission of the Month box by the church's West/Parking Lot entrance. Thank you for your support.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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

September 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Seeking, Finding, and Rejoicing!



Rejoice with me, for I found that which was lost.

Luke 15: 6a

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.*

FOURTEENTH 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 *Capriccio* J. Froberger

WELCOME Rev. Julie Kline

*OPENING PRAYER Derek Wheaton; Co-Chair of Church Council

Leader: God of fresh starts, of new beginnings, of renewal and restoration,
All: We awake to your grace, embraced by love unconditional.
L: With each morning you birth new possibilities
A: In us; around us we are surrounded by Sacred potential.
L: There are so many ways to love.
A: May we rise to the day’s call to listen for the aches, to give voice to the beauty, to be a companion to justice.

~Enfleshed Liturgy

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #100 *God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us* (UMH)

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE Rev. Matt Weiler

*PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE #2232 (v. 1 & 2) *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (FWS-black hymnal)

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-10

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

*HYMN #2233 *Where Children Belong* (FWS-black hymnal)
During the singing of the hymn, the children are invited forward for children’s time.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi
Following the children’s message we will lead the children to their own worship called Godly Play. Ms. Julia will reunite the children with their families in worship during the closing hymn.

MESSAGE Seeking with Freedom and Joy Rev. Julie Kline

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE #120 *Your Love, O God* (UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Matt Weiler

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

The offering of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness is a faithful participation in the life of the church. Your financial gifts can be given at the baskets at the door, through our website, mailed to the church, or by electronic fund transfer.

OFFERTORY *Seek Ye the Lord* Harlen Clark
Seek ye the Lord while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, let the evil one forsake their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord and receive mercy and be freely pardoned.

*THE DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of relentless love, we rejoice that you are a seeking God who will find us time and again as we wander through our days. Remind us of the joy and celebration that is to be found when we choose to join our heart with yours. Receive the gifts we offer this day as a sign of our striving for redemption and reconciliation for ourselves and others. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the light on our path! Amen.

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN #2238 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (FWS-black hymnal)

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* B. Marcello

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

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, September 11
9:00 a.m. UMW Silver Sale - Pantry Lobby
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite - Kiva
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Parlor
11:15 a.m. Youth/Children Ministries Parent Meeting - Youth Center
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Monday, September 12
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor
1:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Dream Team - Parlor/Zoom

Tuesday, September 13
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Location TBD
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, September 14
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
6:30 p.m. Hospitality Team - Zoom

Thursday, September 15
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
2:30 p.m. HON Phone Team - Zoom
4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Choir Room

Friday, September 16
No scheduled events

Saturday, September 17
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, September 18
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite - Kiva
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
1:00 p.m. Family Fun at the Apple Orchard
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Connect Card . . .

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



100 God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

1. God, whose love is reign-ing o'er us, source of all, the
 2. Word of God from na-ture bring - ing spring-time green and
 3. Ho - ly God of an-cient glo - ry, choos-ing man and
 4. Cove-nant, new a - gain in Je - sus, Star-child born to
 5. Lift we then our hu - man voic - es in the songs that

end - ing true; hear the u - ni - ver - sal cho - rus
 au - tumn gold; moun-tain streams like chil-dren sing - ing,
 wom - an, too; A-br'am's faith and Sa - rah's sto - ry
 set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us
 faith would bring; live we then in hu - man choic - es

raised in joy - ful praise to you: Al - le - lu - ia,
 o - cean waves like thun - der bold: Al - le - lu - ia,
 formed a peo - ple bound to you. Al - le - lu - ia,
 how love's chil-dren we might be. Al - le - lu - ia,
 lives that, like our mu - sic, sing: Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, wor-ship an - cient, wor-ship new.
 Al - le - lu - ia, as cre - a - tion's tale is told.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to your cove-nant keep us true.
 Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, our Sav - ior he!
 Al - le - lu - ia, joined in love our prais - es ring!

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MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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2232

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

(O-So-So)



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 1. O - so - so o - so - so, *pyong-hwa eui im - gum*
 2. O - so - so o - so - so, *sa - rang eui im - gum*



come, O Lord Je - sus, re-con-cile your peo - ple.
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u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - so.
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2233

Where Children Belong



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the



wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

WORDS: James Ritchie

MUSIC: James Ritchie

RITCHIE

Irregular

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Your Love, O God

Unison

D Asus F#m Em Asus A7 3 D

1. Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,
 2. We long for free - dom where our tru - est be - ing
 3. But there are walls that keep us all di - vid - ed;
 4. O judge us, Lord, and in your judg-ment free us,

Bm Em E7 A D

wide as the wind, and our e - ter - nal home.
 is giv - en hope and cour - age to un - fold.
 we fence each oth - er in with hate and war.
 and set our feet in free-dom's o - pen space;

A D Em F#

You leave us free to seek you or re - ject you,
 We seek in free - dom space and scope for dream-ing,
 Fear is the bricks and mor - tar of our pris - on,
 take us as far as your com - pas - sion wan - ders

Bm G Em F# A7

you give us room to an - swer "yes" or "no."
 and look for ground where trees and plants can grow.
 our pride of self, the pris - on coat we wear.
 a - mong the chil - dren of the hu - man race.

D Asus F#m Em Asus A7 3 D

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow,

Bm Em/G E7 A A7 D

wide as the wind, and our e - ter - nal home.

This musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, Asus, F#m, Em, Asus, A7, D, Bm, Em/G, E7, A, A7, and D. The lyrics are: 'Your love, O God, is broad like beach and mead-ow, wide as the wind, and our e - ter - nal home.' There is a triplet of eighth notes in the melody corresponding to 'beach and mead-ow'.

2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
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Refrain



wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain-bow, fier - y pil-lar,
each a love song to be sung.
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

