

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Matt Weiler and Deacon Cara Weiler

Leader: Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in Spirit, One in Mission, in union and communion with each other and with you.

All: Today, God we confess our missteps and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all!

Leader: People of God, hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God’s love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

*PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE TO THE PEACE

Grant Us Your Peace Lord

Trad. Caribbean tune - arr. Tom Van Oostrom

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 17: 5-17

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE #2233

Where Children Belong

(FWS-black hymnal)

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

Take a Hunk of Jesus

Rev. Matt Weiler

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #2267

Taste and See

(FWS-black hymnal)

Please join in singing the refrain. A soloist will sing a verse and lead the congregation in the refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses may be found on pgs. 17 & 18 in the UMH hymnal.

All are welcome to the meal Jesus hosts. There is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one too old or too young; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. You, who are part of God’s creation are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning by intinction—coming forward by the center aisle, taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the cup of juice and eating. You are invited to kneel at the communion rail for prayer and/or return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Veni Jesu

Luigi Cherubini

Veni Jesu, Amor mi. Translation - Come, O Jesus, Savior mine

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, we give you thanks
for uniting us as the Body of Christ
and for filling us with joy at this table.
Lead us toward the unity of your church,
and help us treasure signs of reconciliation.
Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us,
may we one day feast together in your heavenly city.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

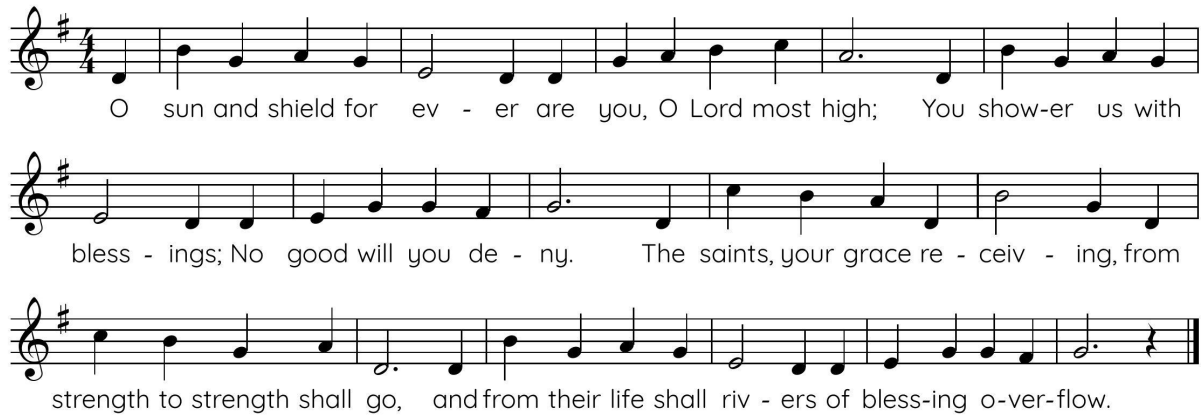
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND CALL TO OFFERING

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.

*DOXOLOGY

O Sun and Shield



O sun and shield for ev - er are you, O Lord most high; You show-er us with
bless - ings; No good will you de - ny. The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from
strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall riv - ers of bless-ing o-ver-flow.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*OUR SHARED LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN #2008

Let All Things Now Living

(FWS-black hymnal)

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

L. Marchand

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, October 2
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite - Kiva
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Parlor
11:00 a.m. Cocoa & Class - Youth Center
11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School - Room 203
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 304
12:30 p.m. Apple Picking with MANNA - meet in church parking lot
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Monday, October 3
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor/Zoom

Tuesday, October 4
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Clergy /Directors - TBD
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center
7:00 p.m. SPRC - Parlor

Wednesday, October 5
8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom
9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor
10:30 a.m. HON Meeting - Zoom
12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Curbside Only

Thursday, October 6
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Office Team Meeting - Zoom
11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - Room 305
1:00 p.m. Leadership Team - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Handbells - Wesley Hall
7:00 p.m. Stewardship - Zoom
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Choir Room
7:30 p.m. First Strings Rehearsal - TBD

Friday, October 7
No scheduled events

Saturday, October 8
No scheduled events

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UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 9

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Dream Team & Housing Ministry

Celebration

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

October 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

Thom Victor

Disability Awareness Sunday

John 9:1-12, 35-42

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/UCkALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Deacon Cara Weiler, Steve Johnson

Director of Music

Organist

Jacqueline Stilger

Bernie Foulk

Acolytes: Kaden Seals & Penelope Librizzi

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Thom Victor

Lead AV Engineer: Casey Curran

AV Assistants: Bixler Weiler, Lucas McGinnis

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 meets in room 203 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to have coffee and fellowship in The Arches on the 2nd floor during Sunday school.

Godly Play. Both a worship and educational experience, Godly Play is based on a multi-sensory telling of the Bible story, a time for ‘wondering’ about how the story connects God with our own lives. We invite you to join Ms. Julia in Rm. 200 on the 2nd floor following Children’s Time in worship for a Godly Play story each week.

Grace and Gratitude. This week’s Academy class, led by Carol Hodges, will focus on grace during times of difficulty. Rev. John Boley will speak about the grace he and his wife Diane experienced when their daughter Hannah had a double lung transplant. Join us in the Parlor.

All are invited to join the Children and Families Ministries team for Fall Fun and Fellowship! Please join us Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3-6 p.m. for harvest fun at the Lindstrom’s home in Gobles, 39110 28th Ave, 49055. Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided, please bring a beverage or snack to share! Please RSVP to Ms. Julia by Wednesday, Oct. 19, and let her know how many pumpkins your family would like to carve, jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

The Narrative: A Storytelling Collective.
The Narrative is a space for making the meaning of God at work in our lives through storytelling. The Narrative will begin meeting on Wed. Oct. 19th at 6:30 p.m. Please note this is a change from our initial starting date. Training for storytellers will be in person on Sunday, Oct. 16 & Sun., Nov. 13 during the Sunday School hour. Please sign up for story telling by contacting Pastor Matt, mweiler@umc-kzo.org.

Music Ministry invites all to join this fall.
First Strings plays in our church services three to four times per year. 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. 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.

October Mission of the Month. We are supporting the Salvation Army Share the Warmth coat drive. New or gently worn coats, hats, mittens, and boots are needed. You may bring items for donating to church and place them in the cardboard box designated for Share the Warmth, located near the Welcome Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

All Saints’ Day: November 6. Our tradition each year is to remember and honor our family members who have died in the past twelve months. If there was a death in your family since last year please contact the church office at (269) 381-6340 or email kalamazoofumc@umc-kzo.org. please include a photo of your loved one for the worship video. **The last day to receive names and photos is November 2.**



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

October 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH 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

W. Byrd

INTROIT

Amen Siakudumisa

Translation - Amen, we praise your name, O God

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Johnson - Stewardship Team Co-Chair

**You have gathered us in Oh God
to be recipients of your grace,
in the word, the songs, the prayers,
in the bread and in the cup.
In this worship fill all the empty spaces in our hearts
that we might go from here
a joyful people, sharing the love we know
with all. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN #2236** *Gather Us In* (FWS-black hymnal)

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.*



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. ____
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. ____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. ____
 now is the King-dom, now is the day. ____



Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
 Gath-er us in — the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in — all peo-ples to-geth-er,

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)

MUSIC: Marty Haugen

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we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

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

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Taste and See



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness



of the Lord. _____ O taste and see, taste and



see the good - ness of the Lord, _____ of the Lord.

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Let All Things Now Living



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing to
2. The law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - at - or tri - um-phant - ly raise, who
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the



fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the



guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di - vine. We,



ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us, a
too, should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing; with



pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till



shad-ows have van-ished and dark - ness is ban-ished, as
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-giv - ing: To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis (Exod. 13:21; Ps. 148; 150:6)

MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody

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