

NINETEENTH 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	Intermezzo	Bystrom
WELCOME		Thom Victor
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Robin Entenman
	God of all creation, we come together to worship you. Gather our individual bodies, of many abilities, shapes, sizes, and hues, into the body of Christ. Help us to see with your holy vision. Help us to sense through your Holy Spirit. Guide us to live, to celebrate, and worship wholly in you. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.	
*OPENING HYMN #560	Help Us Accept Each Other	(UMH-red hymnal)
*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE		Rev. Matt Weiler
*PASSING THE PEACE		
*GOSPEL READING	John 9:1-12, 35-42	
	This is what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.	
HYMN #2233	Where Children Belong	(FWS-black hymnal)
FIRST BELLS ANTHEM	Kum Ba Yah	
A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL		Julia Librizzi
MESSAGE	Redeeming Work: Rethinking Healing Narratives	Thom Victor
*SUNG RESPONSE #2228	Sacred the Body	(FWS-black hymnal)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		

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.

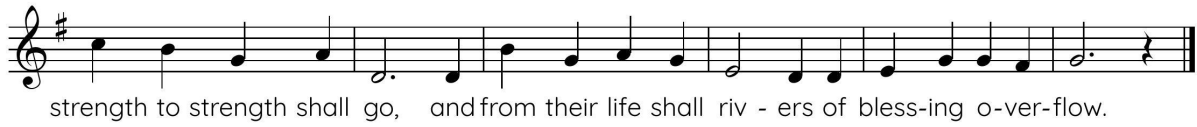
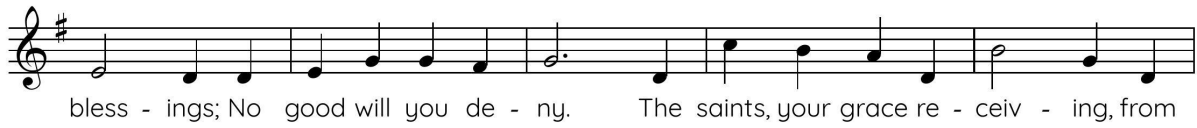
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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 by using the baskets at the door, our website, elec- tronic transfer, or by mailing them to the church,

OFFERTORY Lift Every Voice and Sing J.R. Johnson

\*THE DOXOLOGY O Sun and Shield



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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, in gratitude for all you have given us, we offer our gifts to your work in this world. Receive them and bless them. Guide and enable us to use these gifts to bear the fruits of your Spirit and serve as messen- gers of your good news!

\*OUR SHARED LIFE

\*CLOSING HYMN #438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord (UMH-red hymnal)

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

**Sunday, October 16**  
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. Youth Sunday School - Youth Center  
11:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - Room 203  
11:15 a.m. Narrative Training  
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Bonfire  
6:00 p.m. Milestones 3rd-5th grade - Youth Center  
**Monday, October 17**  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor/Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Friendship Village Clubhouse

**Tuesday, October 18**  
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 - Wesley Hall  
**Wednesday, October 19**  
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  
6:30 p.m. The Narrative - Sanctuary

**Thursday, October 20**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
9:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting - Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - Room 305  
3:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday Worship Planning - Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Handbells - Wesley Hall  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship - Zoom  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Choir Room  
8:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Book Study - Zoom

**Friday, October 21**  
No events scheduled

**Saturday, October 22**  
No events scheduled

**Sunday, October 23**  
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. Youth Sunday School - Youth Center  
3:00 p.m. Fall Fun & Fellowship - Gobles  
11:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - Room 203  
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium.  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Connect Card



## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 23

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Rev. Jeremy Simpson  
Director of Wesley Foundation  
Psalm 65  
Luke 18: 9-14

October 30

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Rev. Matt Weiler  
Sing Out Sunday/Consecration  
Luke 19:1-10  
Psalm 119:137-144

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Thom Victor, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi,  
Robin Entenman

**Director of Music**

Jacqueline Stilger

**Director of First Strings**

Anne Sherfield

**Organist**

Bernie Foulk

**Director of First Bells**

Carol Grant

**Acolytes:** Arya McGinnis & Penelope Librizzi

**Satellite Worship Coordinator:** Thom Victor

**Lead AV Engineer:** Casey Curran

**AV Assistants:** Drew Eaton, Layla Eaton

## 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

**Today, the Chancel Singers** are helping to lead worship at First Congregational Church. The choirs have joined forces to express our praise to God through sacred melody. Through music we will build community with our neighboring churches and deepen our faith and our relationships with one another. On Sunday, October 30th, First Congregational Church choir will join us in our sanctuary to present our Sing Out Sunday service. It will be a service full of beautiful music from different genres that will inspire and connect us to the Divine.

**Sunday School.** Sunday school for children age 4 through 5th grade 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.** Godly Play is based on a multi-sensory telling of Bible stories. 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 will discuss how grace is present when we deal with difficult people. Counselor Jan Schoenherr will speak about her experience in this area. The class is held in the Parlor.

**Giving Campaign Bulletin Board.** Please write one thing you're grateful for on a cut-out paper heart and place it in the basket by the bulletin board.

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.

**ISAAC Watch Party.** To make it clear that change needs to happen, join the ISAAC public meeting on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. live in the sanctuary or on Youtube. Register online at [www.isaackalamazoo.org](http://www.isaackalamazoo.org); however, If you are coming to the Watch Party at church, you need not register.

**The Narrative: A Storytelling Collective.** The Narrative provides a time and space for sharing stories which reveal the meaning of God's work in our lives. 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 storytelling by contacting Pastor Matt, [mweiler@umc-kzo.org](mailto:mweiler@umc-kzo.org).

**Music Ministry invites all to join this fall.** 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](mailto:jstilger@umc-kzo.org).

**First Strings.** Please contact Anne Sherfield at 269-760-3803 to join this group.

**Chancel Singers.** Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

**Handbells.** Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

**First Beats** Children's Ensemble rehearses on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:30 p.m.

**October Mission of the Month.** Salvation Army Share the Warmth coat drive. New or gently worn coats, hats, mittens, and boots are needed. You may place items for donating in the cardboard box designated for Share the Warmth.

**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](mailto: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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October 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.



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**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.*

## Clergy & Directors

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

# Help Us Accept Each Other



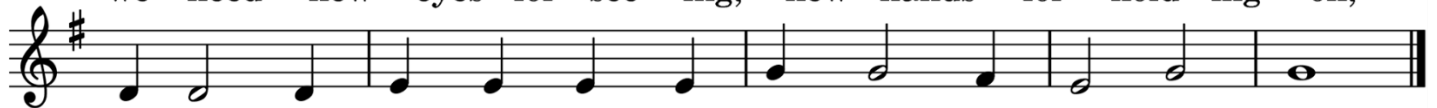
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!



# Sacred the Body



1. Sac - red the bod - y God has cre - at - ed, tem - ple of
2. Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es, pale, full of
3. Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries. Love does not
4. Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing, make us your



Spir - it	that dwells deep	in - side.	Cher - ish each
col - or,	both frag - ile	and strong.	Ho - ly the
bat - ter,	ne - glect, or	a - buse.	Love touch - es
tem - ples;	in - dwell all	we do.	May we be



per - son;	nur - ture cre - a -	tion.	Treat flesh as
dif - ference,	gift of the Mak -	er,	so let us
gen - tly,	nev - er co -	erc - ing.	Love leaves the
care - ful,	ten - der and	car - ing,	so may our



ho - ly,	that love may	a - bide.
hon - or	each sto - ry	and song.
oth - er	with pow - er	to choose.
bod - ies	give hon - or	to you.

# Forth in Thy Name, O Lord



1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly  
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me  
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine  
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -  
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy  
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at  
 boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with

solved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.  
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

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