

**\*OPENING HYMN #92** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (UMH-red hymnal)

**WELCOME** Rev. Matt Weiler

**BIBLE BLESSING** Julia Librizzi

Receiving bibles today are: Max Newman, Kaden Seals, Campbell Weiler, Cora Welter

**Congregation: We rejoice with you as you continue on your journey of faith. We hold the Bible in our hands, hearts and minds, and discover God’s love for us. May we each be open to learning, surprise, new insights, and amazing grace all of our days.**

**HYMN REFRAIN** *Thy Word Is a Lamp* (UMH-red hymnal)



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**\*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #102** *Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 1)* (UMH-red hymnal)

**PSALM 65** Read responsively Mandakini Brophy  
Youth & Young Adult Resident

**HYMN #102** *Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 2)* (UMH-red hymnal)

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke: 18:9-14 Kaden Seals and Campbell Weiler

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

**HYMN #2233** *Where Children Belong* (FWS-black hymnal)

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL** Julia Librizzi

**MESSAGE** Are We Really That Different? Rev. Jeremy Simpson

**HYMN #2202** *Come Away With Me* (FWS-black hymnal)  
Please sing vs. 1 & 2

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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, electronic transfer, or by mailing them to the church,

**OFFERTORY** *Jesus Loves Me* W. Bradbury, arr. Valerie Shields

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** *O Sun and Shield*



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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God who provides for us more than we could ever ask or imagine.  
Bless these gifts we have given.  
Use them to shed light on, and to multiply  
the witness of your love in this community and around the world;  
And in all we do and say, may all the glory be yours oh God.  
Amen.**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Molly Williams

**\*OUR SHARED LIFE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #62** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (UMH-red hymnal)  
Please sing vs. 1, 3, 4, & 7

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *He Who Allows Dear God To Rule Him* J.S. Bach

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

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

**Monday, October 24**  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor/Zoom

**Tuesday, October 25**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Book Club - Parlor  
12:30 p.m. Facilities Team - Parlor  
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. ISAAC Public Meeting - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

**Wednesday, October 26**  
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  
6:00 p.m. Wild Ones Membership Mtg. Wesley Hall  
6:00 p.m. Moms Demand Action - Parlor

**Thursday, October 27**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - Room 305  
4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Handbells - Wesley Hall  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Choir Room

**Friday, October 28**  
No events scheduled

**Saturday, October 29**  
No events scheduled

**Sunday, October 30**  
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  
4:00 p.m. Bronson Place Satellite Worship - The Fountains Auditorium  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Weiler’s home

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## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 30

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Sing Out Sunday/Consecration

Luke 19:1-10

Psalms 119:137-144

November 6

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

All Saint's Sunday

Ephesians 1:11-23

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jeremy Simpson, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Kerry Castor, Mandakini Brophy, Molly Williams, Kaden Seals, Campbell Weiler

Director of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Organist

Bernie Foulk

Acolytes: Cora Welter & Max Newman

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

On Sunday, October 30th, First Congregational Church choir will join us in our sanctuary to present our Sing Out Sunday service. Through music we will build community with our neighboring churches and deepen our faith and our relationships with one another. 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.** 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.

**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.

**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.

**New Academy class:** The Challenge of Jesus. The teachings of Jesus are central to Christianity, yet how much do we know about Jesus in his own time? In "The Challenge of Jesus," John Dominic Crossan pinpoints the history and circumstances that helped Jesus' message of nonviolent resistance to evil have such a powerful impact against Imperial Rome. Moving beyond Jesus as an abstract figure of scripture, Crossan paints us a vivid portrait of Jesus the man. John Clark will lead this 4 week video-based class in the Parlor and on Zoom.

**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 hook up from home on <https://www.facebook.com/isaackalamazoo> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/ISAAC4Kalamazoo>. For those that want to discuss the issues after the meeting there will be warm cider in the parking lot.

**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 [kalamazooofumc@umc-kzo.org](mailto:kalamazooofumc@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.**

**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** 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. and is open to children in grades 3-8.



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October 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## TWENTIETH 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*

G. Nivers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kerry Castor

Leader: Grace comes to us with the first rays of sun in the morning.

**All: From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

Grace comes to us in the Autumn garden harvest.

**From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

Grace comes to us in the stanzas of the hymns of our faith.

**From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

Grace comes to us in the joy of gathering.

**From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

Grace comes to us when we visit the sick, put our words and actions to works of justice, surrender ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

Grace comes to us. We cannot grasp it, we can only be grasped by the grace of God.

**May the grace of God meet us in our worship.**

**May it fill us, sustain us, remind us that we are loved and that we are enough.**

**May it send us out, as vessels,**

**trusting that Grace will fill us with all we need.**

**Let us worship our God of Grace!**

**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

# For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;

## *Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.  
\* *Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.*

5. For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering upon every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love;

## *Refrain*

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

## *Refrain*

## Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en;

who won-droust things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en;

who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed;  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

2233

# Where Children Belong



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



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



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

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RITCHIE

Irregular

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# Come Away with Me



1. Come a - way with me to a qui - et
2. Come and pray with me on a gen - tle
3. Come to - day with thoughts of the count - less
4. Come and say, in words whis - pered from your
5. Come a - way with me to a qui - et



place, a - part from the world with its fran - tic  
sea, on top of a hill in the Gal - i -  
ways that God's stead - fast love bless - es all our  
soul, the feel - ings and ac - tions you can't con -  
place, to God's lov - ing arms wait - ing to em -



pace, to pray, re - flect, and seek God's grace.  
lee, in gar - dens like Geth - se - ma - ne.  
days, and join with me in si - lent praise.  
trol. Your spir - it needs to be made whole.  
brace all those who come in hope of grace.



Come a - way with me. Come a - way.

# All Creatures of Our God and King



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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. All crea-tures of our God and King,      | lift up your voice and with us   |
| 2. O bro-th-er wind, air, clouds, and rain, | by which all crea-tures ye sus   |
| 3. O sis - ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear,      | make mu-sic for thy Lord to      |
| 4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day       | un - fold-est bless-ings on our  |
| 5. All ye who are of ten-der heart,         | for - giv-ing oth-ers, take your |



sing,	O	praise ye! Al- le - lu - ia!	O bro-th-er sun with
tain,	O	praise ye! Al- le - lu - ia!	Thou ris-ing morn, in
hear,	Al-le	- lu - ia!	Al- le - lu - ia!
way,	Al-le	- lu - ia!	Al- le - lu - ia!
part,	O	praise ye! Al- le - lu - ia!	The flowers and fruits that
			Ye who long pain and



gold-en beam,	O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!	
praise re-joice,	ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!	
lights the night,	pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight,	O praise ye!
in thee grow,	let them God's glo-ry al-so show!	
sor-row bear,	praise God and on him cast your care!	



O praise ye! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia!

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| 6. And thou, our sister, gentle death,<br>waiting to hush our latest breath,<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Thou ledest home the child of God,<br>and Christ our Lord the way has trod,<br><i>Refrain</i> | 7. Let all things their Creator bless,<br>and worship him in humbleness,<br>O praise ye! Alleluia!<br>Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,<br>and praise the Spirit, Three in One!<br><i>Refrain</i> |
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