

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Braginton

Leader: The Lord be with you!
All: And also with you!
Let us pray,
Oh Lord from whose fullness we have received grace upon grace
May this hour of worship be yet another encounter with your grace.
Oh Lord whose faithfulness has moved among us and accomplished great things in our midst
May your faithfulness in our past ground us in the present, and give us hope and imagination for our future.
To the one who has and will do exceedingly abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine
To you oh God we open our hearts, our minds, and our spirits; trusting you to fill us, then send us, and bring us back rejoicing. Glory be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *All Are Welcome*

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2.Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
3.Let us build a house where all are named, their

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face, Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
grace, Let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel - come, all are wel come,

all are wel - come in this place.

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.

CELEBRATING THE DREAM

Mark Oudersluys - Dream Team Facilitator

*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND PASSING THE PEACE

Deb Search Willoughby & Kathy Braginton

RESPONSE TO THE PEACE *God of This City*

Chris Tomlin

Congregation, please feel free to join us in singing this new song or just listening!

*SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Vickie Winfield

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

MESSAGE The Audacity of Stewardship

Rev. Matt Weiler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/CHANGE THE WORLD 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 by using the baskets at the door, our website, elec- tronic transfer, or by mailing them to the church,

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MOMENT

Derek Wheaton - Church Council Co-Chair

*CLOSING HYMN #581 *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*

(UMH-red hymnal)

*BLESSING

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

- Sunday, October 9**
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 - Youth Center
- Monday, October 10**
11:30 a.m. Prayer Group - Parlor/Zoom
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds - Zoom
6:00 p.m. Dream Team - Parlor
- Tuesday, October 11**
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff - TBD
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center
- Wednesday, October 12**
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 13**
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:30 a.m. Office Team Meeting - Zoom
11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - Room 305
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 14**
12:00 p.m. Memorial Visitation - Parlor
1:00 p.m. Memorial - Sanctuary
- Saturday, October 15**
No scheduled 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
11:00 a.m. Narrative Training - Room 304
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 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

Thom Victor

Disability Awareness Sunday

John 9:1-12, 35-42

October 23

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Jeremy Simpson

Director of Wesley Foundation

Psalms 65

Luke 18: 9-14

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 4-year-olds from 10:00 - 12:15 p.m.

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)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS
Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Kathy Braginton, Mark Oudersluys, Dream Team Facilitator, Deb Search Willoughby, Vickie Winfield, Derek Wheaton, Church Council Co-Chair

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

Acolytes: Campbell Weiler & Neela Parthasarathy

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 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.

Grace and Gratitude. This week's Academy class will begin by singing Amazing Grace with music director Jackie Stilger. Discussion will focus on how financial generosity is connected to gratitude. Led by Carol Hodges and held 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 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 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 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.



EIGHTEENTH 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*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME Rev. Matt Weiler

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.*



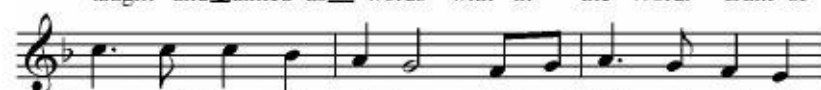
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581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



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-crating
 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,

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

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