

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 12

10 a.m. Worship

2nd Sunday

Rev. Matt Weiler

Sweet Release

Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11,

Mark 2: 23-28

February 19

10 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

We have seen the Light

Matthew 5:4

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** is provided on the second floor for infants through 3-year-olds with trained and fully vaccinated staff. **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 livestreamed and recorded.** You can request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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WORSHIP LEADERS
Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi
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Acolytes: Cora Welter, Penelope Librizzi
Satellite Worship Coordinator: Pastor Thom Victor
Lead AV Technician: Casey Curran
AV Team: Lucas McGinnis, Bryan Heany, Drew 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

A History of Racism: An Experiential Journey via the Power of Film. You’re invited to an immersive experience of what Black brothers and sisters have endured for centuries through images, sounds, and music from Hollywood movies and other video sources. Mark Stucky will lead three sessions pondering the periods of slavery, the Ku Klux Klan and Jim Crow, and then current issues (such as police shootings and reparations). The Academy class will meet in the Parlor from 11:15 to 12:15, Sundays, Feb. 12–26, Those not able to attend can view resources and links at cinemaspirit.info/race/, and those that will attend can use the links to preview, review, and delve deeper into the session experiences.

Manna and Mercy will be taking the week off and resuming on February 12. Manna and Mercy is a study focusing on the narrative arc of scripture from genesis to revelation. All are invited to join at any time. Next week’s class will focus on the subversive little books of Jonah and Ruth as satire, mocking and challenging an exclusionary theological view of God.

Christian Nationalism & Dominionism. You’ve probably heard the terms “Christian Nationalism” and “Dominionism.” What are these things and how do they affect us? Ending on February 5, John Boley will be teaching an Academy Class around these movements that are pervasive yet underreported in our society and culture.


Prayer in the Chapel: For the next three weeks throughout our worship series on grief, the chapel will be available following worship for quiet, candle lighting and Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer.

Winter Fun. The Children and Families Ministries Team invite all the church to gather for a skating party today, February 5. We will meet at Wings West off of Stadium Dr. for ice skating during their public skate time from 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 for admission and \$3 for skates. There is usually a long line to pay for your admission and get your rental skates so please arrive early! Contact Julia, with any questions, jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

Faith Milestones are those firsts as we grow in our faith experiences because we know it doesn’t happen just on Sunday mornings. It’s part of all we are and all we do as God’s beloved people. Faith Milestones is a new opportunity for our 3rd - 5th graders! Sunday, February 26 we will share dinner and learn about prayer and communion with hopes of helping to lead communion on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Please email Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org for more info.

Save the Date. This year's Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI) Walk to End Homelessness is scheduled for Saturday March 18. Please consider supporting this local effort by either walking or supporting a walker. HRI has contacted us to determine if we any have members who would like to assist with the walk this year, either the pre-walk registration on March 16, the actual registration on March 18, or packing up the registration site and returning the materials to the Rickman House. If you are interested in assisting or would like additional information, there is a signup sheet, with additional information posted on the bulletin board outside the food pantry. Or, if you have any questions or need additional information contact Mark at 873-1114.

Contribution Records. Please pick up your 2022 annual giving statement at the table by the parking lot doors. There will be someone there before and after our 10:00 service. If you have any questions about your statement, please email finance@umc-kzo.org.



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February 5, 2023
10:00 a.m.

You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers using the prayer cards found in the pew pocket. The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, spoken during the Prayers of the People 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.

PRELUDE

Prelude

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Ellen Isacksen

Leader: The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.
All: **We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.**
Leader: God will not turn away from us.
All: **God will heal us and restore us.**
Leader: Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.
All: **Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow.**

*OPENING HYMN #122

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

(UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

(praying together the **bold**)

Rev. Matt Weiler

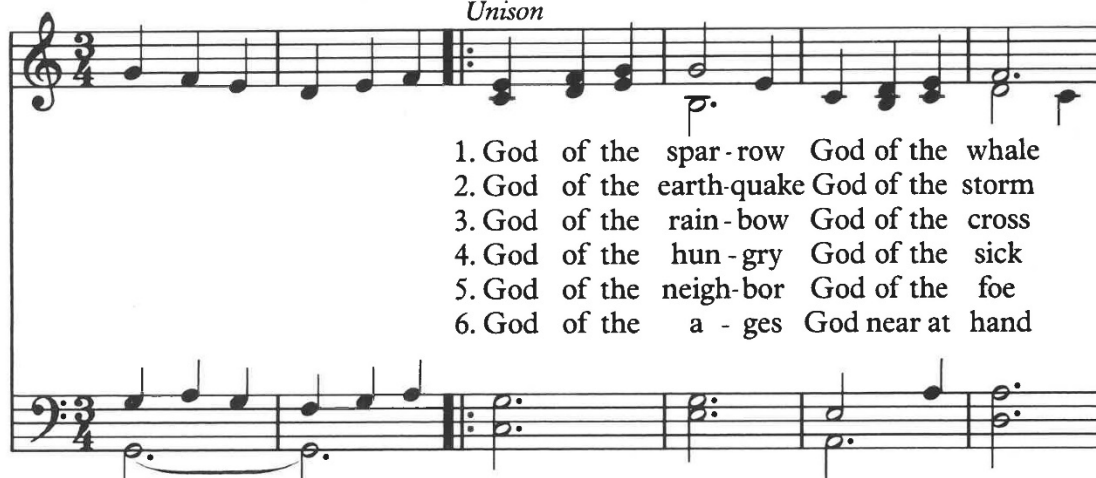
Divine Darkness, when the night of grief swallows our feeble light, help us to feel you lovingly wrap us in that very darkness. May we know your peace. (Candle is lit)
Hidden God, we are angry. Where are you? Show yourself. Explain yourself.
Feel the heat of our frustration and fear we share only with you.
Burden-lifting God, our grief weighs us down. It feels as if our backs will break along with our hearts. We are smothered by the weight. When it feels as if we can bear no more, Loving Shepherd, bear us forward.
O, Answer to all Mysteries, we have unanswerable questions. We struggle with “If only . . . “ and “What if?” and “Why?” Give us grace to live the questions in the confidence that we don’t have to have all the answers.
Our Beginning and Our End, you have taught us about life; now teach us about death. Comforting Mother, let us lay our wearied selves next to you, to sense your breath, to feel your warmth, to hear you tenderly call our name.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

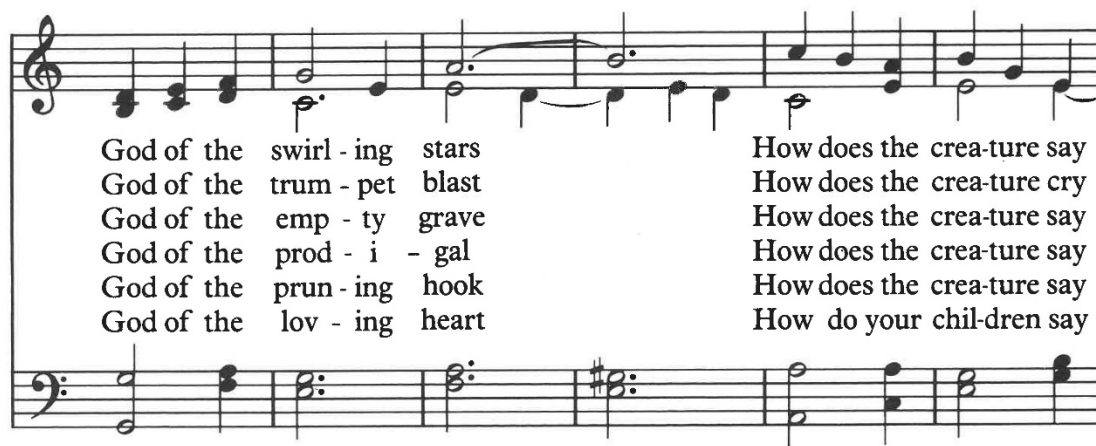
First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity.
We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

Unison



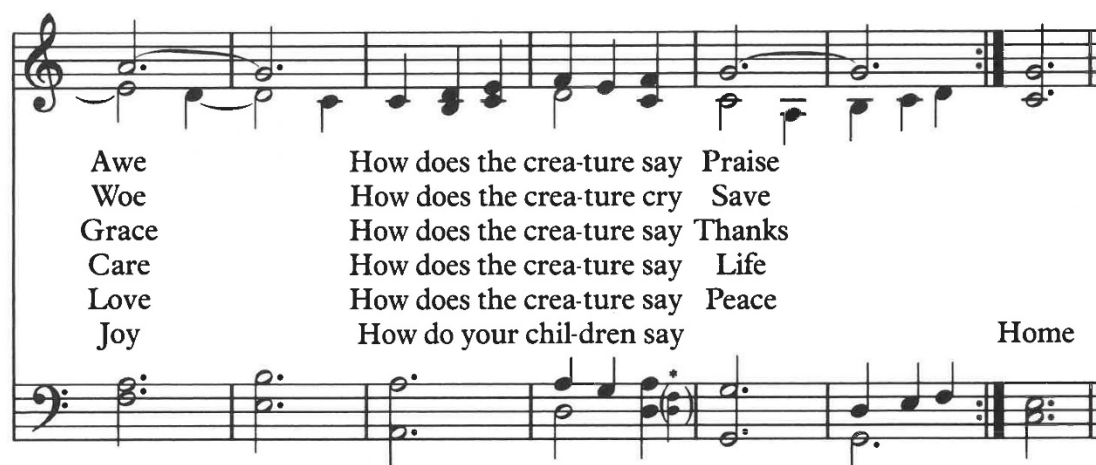
1. God of the spar-row God of the whale
2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm
3. God of the rain-bow God of the cross
4. God of the hun-gry God of the sick
5. God of the neigh-bor God of the foe
6. God of the a - ges God near at hand



God of the swirl - ing stars
God of the trum - pet blast
God of the emp - ty grave
God of the prod - i - gal
God of the prun - ing hook
God of the lov - ing heart

How does the crea-ture say
How does the crea-ture cry
How does the crea-ture say
How does the crea-ture say
How does the crea-ture say
How do your chil-dren say

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Awe
Woe
Grace
Care
Love
Joy

How does the crea-ture say Praise
How does the crea-ture cry Save
How does the crea-ture say Thanks
How does the crea-ture say Life
How does the crea-ture say Peace
How do your chil-dren say Home

**last time*

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983

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Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain



Heal-er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

Fine



give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.



1. You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your
2. In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
4. You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your



peace	and glad - ness;	Spir - it	of all com - fort,
still	un - fold - ing,	give us	all your vi - sion,
ev -	ery broth - er;	Spir - it	of all kind - ness,
way	of heal - ing;	Spir - it	of com - pas - sion,

D.C.



fill	our	hearts.	_____
God	of	love.	_____
be	our	guide.	_____
fill	each	heart.	_____

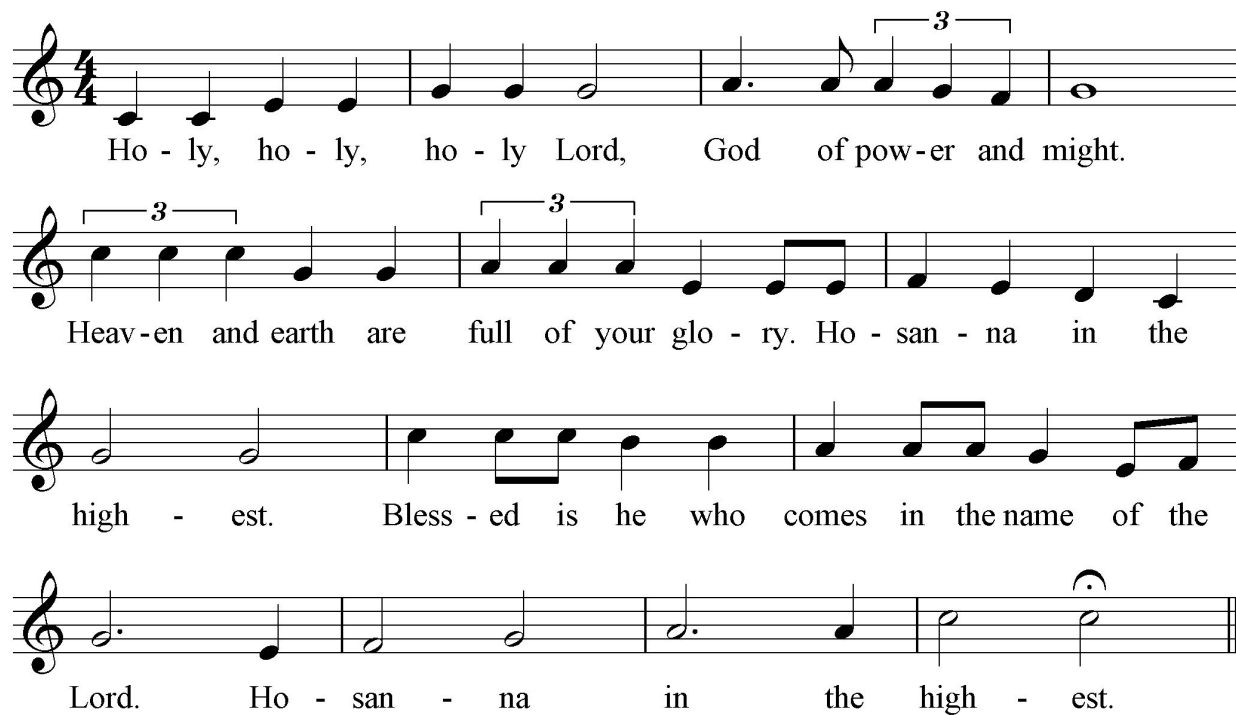
WORDS: Marty Haugen
MUSIC: Marty Haugen

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL
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Sanctus

Elise Eslinger



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for 'Sanctus' is written in 4/4 time on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with three triplet markings over the first three lines. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

Acclamation

Elise Eslinger



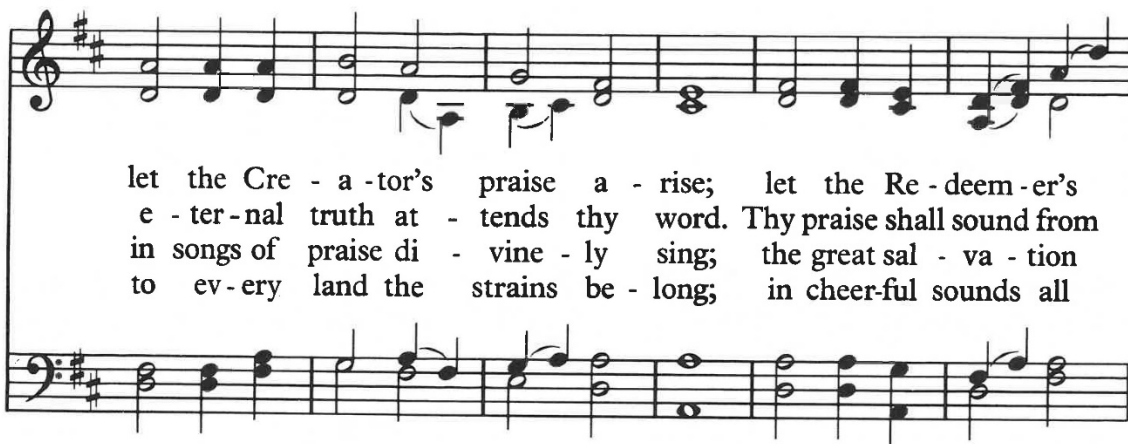
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score for 'Acclamation' is written in 4/4 time on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note and a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.'

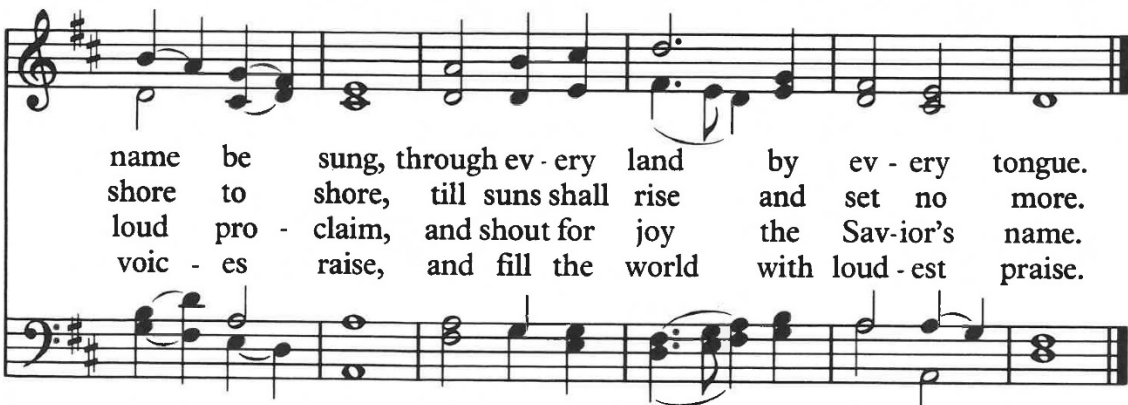
From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;



let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all



name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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