#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

April 6

**Holy Thursday** 

## 7:00 p.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Seeking: Will you wash my feet?

April 7

Good Friday

## 7:00 p.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Seeking: Why have you forsaken me?

April 9

Easter Sunday

## 10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Seeking: Who are you looking for?
John 20:1-18

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 trained and fully vaccinated staff is provided on the second floor for infants through three-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 livestreamed and recorded. You can request a free copy of the DVD from the office. You can find previous worship services on our website: <a href="http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp.">http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp.</a>
You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: <a href="YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch">YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch</a>

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Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Steve Johnson, Dawn Wheaton, Max Miller, Mandakini Brophy, Jason Brophy

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### **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.

singing hymns, and praying together.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Palm Sunday Brunch. The whole church is invited to a light brunch in Wesley Hall immediately following this morning's worship. Many thanks to Donna Dunyak for organizing this with a little help from the Children and Families Ministries Team. There will be baskets by the doors of Wesley Hall to take a goodwill offering for the brunch. All are welcome!

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith, a series of scripture and art reflections each Sunday during Lent. Dig deeper into the themes with Pastor Julie following worship. Booklets available at the Welcome Desk. Meets in the chapel. No need to have attended previously as each week is a new session. We'll begin at 11:45 after attending the brunch!

Small Groups. Our next small group gatherings will be this evening. Activities offered this evening will include: Multigenerational Games/Cards (including MahJong this week), Lenten Book Study, working on your own unfinished crafts, and Yoga with Pastor Julie. We will start off with a time of community gathering and our informal potluck dinner so bring something to share if you'd like (no pressure) and plan to join in the fun! Hope to see you there!

Children's Sunday School. There will be no Children's Sunday school after church on Sunday, April 2, or April 9 due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday celebrations. On these Sundays there will be Nursery for infants through 4 year old children and Godly Play during worship. Children's Sunday School resumes on Sunday, April 16.

Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. (childcare available in room 204) In these final hours of accompanying Jesus to his grave, can we seek a posture of trust just as the first disciples did as Jesus washed their feet? Can we allow ourselves to be embraced and loved, by our neighbor and by God? Will we care for one another as Jesus commands? In the turbulent events that are to follow, will we remember to show our love? Let us commune with the Holy One through breaking bread, drinking the cup, singing hymns, and praying together.

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Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. (childcare available in room 204) After nights of deep darkness, we come in the bright light of Easter morning and celebrate that Christ is risen indeed! Resurrection is possible. It is a glorious morning filled with tulips, lilies, brass and timpani, voices raised in joy, all proclaiming "Alleluia!" On this glorious morning let us listen for a stone rolled away and the sounds of new life. Let us hear death moved aside for the sounds of life, wholeness, and resurrection. Jesus is alive and together we will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" once again.





# 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.* 

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.

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE Te Deum M. Charpertier

**OPENING** Steve Johnson, Jason Brophy, Max Miller, Mandakini Brophy

HANDBELL FANFARE Fanfare I

Brian Childers

**\*OPENING HYMN #280** All Glory Laud and Honor

(UMH-red hymnal)

You are invited to join the palm parade as it passes you. All are welcome!

WELCOME Rev. Matt Weiler

**PRAYER** Dawn Wheaton

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

FIRST BELLS Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Tune: Ellacombe

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

Rev. Julie Kline

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

### \*LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND PASSING THE PEACE

**CHORAL ANTHEM** H

Hosanna

H. Mollicone

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION** UMH pg. 12-14, responses FWS 2257, b and c.

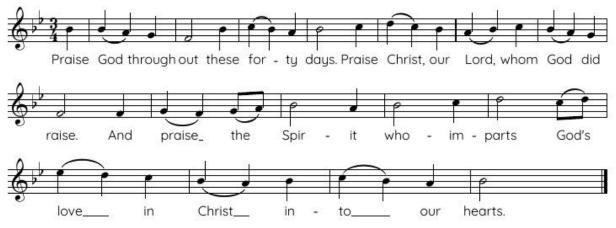
### **COMMUNION ANTHEM** Ave Verum

V.A. Moza

Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross thy sacred body, for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in deaths agony.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY



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**SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 2:5-11

Dawn Wheaton

**SERMON** Where Was Jesus Headed

Rev. Matt Weiler

(UMH-red hymnal)

**HYMN #504** The Old Rugged Cross

A soloist will sing verse 1 and the choir will sing verse 2. The congregation is invited to rise and join in singing verses 3 & 4.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen

\*HYMN #2111 We Sang Our Glad Hosannas (vs. 1-4)

(FWS-black hymnal)

Following the hymn, the congregation is invited to exit the sanctuary in silence, pausing to lay our palm branches at the foot of the cross. After worship all are invited to Wesley Hall for a light brunch.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

#### Sunday, April 2

9:45 a.m. Blessing of the Palms - Bronson Park

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch - Wesley Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Off-site

### 6:00 p.m. Small Groups Monday, April 3

12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

#### Tuesday, April 4

4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

#### Wednesday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)

9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 p.m. Food Pantry

3:00 p.m. HON - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group - Zoom

#### Thursday, April 6

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - 305

4:00 p.m. Leadership Team - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Chancel Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room

### Friday, April 7

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 8

No activities scheduled

#### Sunday, April 9

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship - Perks Area

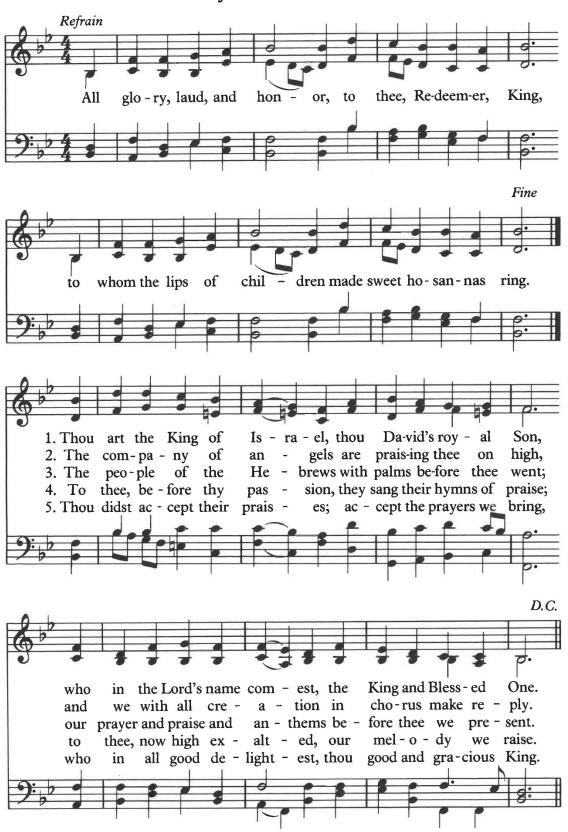
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Scan the QR code below to be directed to our Connect Card and let us know you were here, share requests for prayer, or messages for our church leaders and worship leaders.



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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

A congregation may use this text beginning with the invitation to the Lord's table. Preceding parts of the service are guided by a bulletin or by announcement.

The people gather in the Lord's name.

They offer prayer and praise.

The Scriptures are read and preached.

Responses of praise, faith, and prayer are offered.

The service continues with the invitation to the Lord's table.

#### **INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

#### **OFFERING**

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung as the offering is received.

The bread and wine are brought by representatives of the people to the Lord's table with the other gifts, or uncovered if already in place.

A hymn, doxology, or other response may be sung as the gifts are presented.

## TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One of the musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.\*

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### FWS 2257b

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.\* By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.\*

## 14 WORD AND TABLE: SERVICE II

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

#### 2257c

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.\*

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

### Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

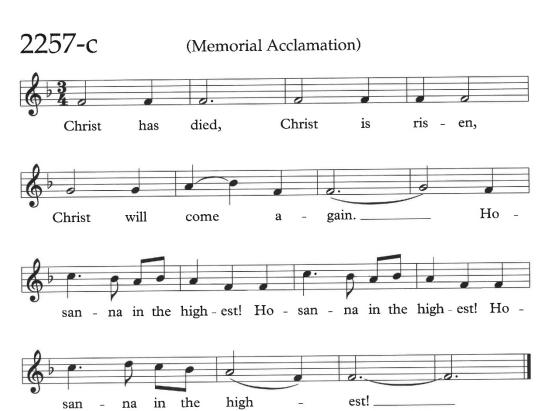
The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:



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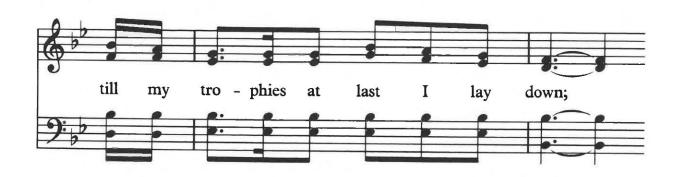
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# We Sang Our Glad Hosannas



\*St. 5 for Easter Sunday. Sts. 1-4 for Palm/Passion Sunday or Holy Week

WORDS: Mary Nelson Keithahn (Matt. 21:1-17; 27:27-31, 55-56; Mark 11:15-19; 14:17-21, 43-50;

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John 19:38-42; 20:1-18)

MUSIC: John D. Horman