

UPCOMING WORSHIP

June 4

Children's Musical

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Dan Duncan

Whose World Do We Live In?

Daniel 3:19-27, Jeremiah 17:7-8

June 11

2nd Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Disreputable Characters & Misfits

Matthew 9:9-13

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: <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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Acolytes: Kaden Seals, Cora Welter

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

Saving Jesus Resumes Next Sunday. "Saving Jesus," a DVD-based exploration of a credible Jesus for the 21st century, will continue in June. John Clark will facilitate the discussion in the church Parlor.

Children's Musical. Join us for the First Beats musical production, "It's Cool in the Furnace," on June 2 at 7:00 p.m. This show tells the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and their faith and love for the one true God. The children have worked hard to bring this story to life. Following the performance, enjoy an ice cream sundae bar in the Perks area. If you're unable to make it on June 2, the show will also be presented during worship on June 4. Please support our dedicated and wonderful children.

June Mission of the Month: Board Books are now distributed in our Little Library. Quality, engaging board books, those with sturdy covers and pages, are an introduction to print and vocabulary and help build a strong bond between child and parent. As we work together to create lifelong readers and a literate Kalamazoo, you may join in helping to launch future readers by placing new or very gently used board books in the mission of the month box near the entry. If you prefer to contribute money toward books, please designate your contribution "board books."

Bay Shore Day Camp On The Road. Attention families of K-5th graders! Monday, August 14 - Thursday, August 17. Contact Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org, for more information.

Kalamazoo Service Project: Day of Service

~Pop Up Free Store, Thursday June 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The congregation is invited to bring gently used items from their homes beginning Sunday, June 11-after worship until noon, and Monday, June 12 - Wednesday June 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to sort prior to and assist during the Free Store. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please see a full description of desired items in the Around the Corner email.

Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America. Wear Orange Event: Monday, June 5, 5 p.m. Join us at Bronson Park to commemorate June 2023 National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Hear from local leaders in the gun violence prevention advocacy movement and from survivors of gun violence. Talk with representatives from Kalamazoo organizations working with children and adults to keep them safe and help them heal from the trauma of gun violence. Find out how you can join in actions in Kalamazoo for gun safety changes. At 7 p.m. the Kalamazoo City Commission will read a Wear Orange proclamation and at dusk will light City Hall in orange.

Step Up Campaign Update: As of May 22, \$107,000 has been pledged toward the Step Up campaign. Thank you so much for your contributions! In addition, the church has received two additional gifts for the operating budget: one for \$25,000 and one for \$10,000. If you have not yet made a commitment to the Step Up campaign, you can do so at <https://www.umc-kzo.org/stepup>.

Graduation Sunday. We will celebrate all graduates on June 18. Please send a photo to cstakely@umc-kzo.org to be shared in worship. Additionally, we would like to share information from you in an Around the Corner email in June. Please include your name, school of graduation, future plans, and a favorite church memory.

CARES Initiative. Starting today there are magnets outside the sanctuary doors with this acronym in the shape of a puzzle piece. Please take one and put it on your refrigerator or somewhere else you look frequently as a reminder that you are an important piece of our community puzzle and by caring for yourself and others, you can strengthen and maintain our beloved community.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

(269) 381-6340 + www.umc-kzo.org

May 28, 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 Come Holy Spirit

N. de Grigny

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Reading responsively)

Thom Victor

One: Eternal God, by your Spirit you create us.
All: **Risen Christ, you breathe your Spirit into us.**
One: Holy Spirit, with each breath you give us life and love.
All: **What beauty! What power!**
One: You pour out your grace on us, like rain on thirsty land
All: **Your spirit is a well within us, gushing up to eternal life, and flowing out of our hearts. You are our breathing, our loving, our life. Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

***OPENING HYMN #539** O Spirit of the Living God

(UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE - Psalm 104:1-4, 20 The Voice

Rev. Matt Weiler

SCRIPTURE Acts 2 (NRSV, adapted)

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

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.*

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

HYMN #2233

Where Children Belong

(FWS-black hymnal)

THE PRAYERS OF PENTECOST

This morning’s prayer is a bidding prayer. The leader will offer a prayer, ending with “Lord, in your mercy.” Please respond at each call with **“Hear our prayer.”**

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

MESSAGE

Wild, Sweet Gift of Spirit

Rev. Julie Kline

MUSICAL RESPONSE #544

Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

A CALL TO OFFERING

Jacqueline Stilger

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. H. Helvey

*THE DOXOLOGY #94

(UMH-red hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us: in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. We offer our gifts and our hearts today with the confidence that your sweet Spirit will bring life to them. Give us the courage to speak your love everywhere we go and to everyone we meet. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

*HYMN

Holy Spirit, you have Gathered Us (Fire of Love)

(facing page)

BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Canzona

G. Gabrieli

Fire of Love



Ho - ly Spir - it, you have gath-ered us as on that
Each a - flame with your com - pas - sion, eag - er that your
Ho - ly Spir - it, you have grant - ed gifts to each in
Ho - ly Spir - it, en - er - gy of God that links us



Pen - te - cost when you gath-ered Christ's dis - ci - ples
praise be sung, fear - less - ly they filled the streets to
our own way, so that we might serve you as we
soul to soul, by your grace we are the Bod - y



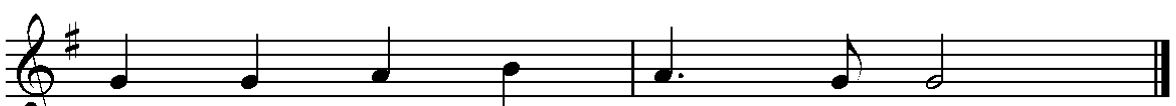
and their fears and doubts were lost: breath-ing life in -
tell your news in ev - ery tongue. So we ask you,
live and work and share and pray. By your pow'r we
of the ris - en Christ, made whole. Be the breath that



to their souls, and shin - ing out of ev - ery face, you_
by your life with - in us, giv - ing us new birth, send
love our neigh-bors, work for jus - tice, act with peace, reach
lifts our sing - ing; be the wind that fills our sails; be__



— sent them in - to the streets to
— us out to spread God's love in
— the lost and serve the low - ly:
— the fire of love a - mong us



tell of God's a - maz - ing grace.
Je - sus' name to all the earth.
so your work will nev - er cease.
'till the Reign of God pre - vails.

Text by Steve Garnaas Holmes Used with permission. Tune by Ludwig van Beethoven

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, May 28
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
12:30 p.m. Memorial Service - Virginia VanPeenen

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
The church building will be closed

Tuesday, May 30
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center
6:30 p.m. Church Council - Parlor

Wednesday, May 31
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 - TBD

Thursday, June 1
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
11:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team - 305
4:00 p.m. First Beats - Sanctuary

Friday, June 2
7:00 p.m. Children's Musical - Sanctuary

Saturday, June 3
No events scheduled

Sunday, June 4
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
6:00 p.m. Small Groups - Church

Monday, June 5
12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

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.

* Please rise in body or in spirit

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS-The Faith We Sing

O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou
 2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of
 4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy
 til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,
 truth which all may hear, the lan - guage all may
 came this world to save; so shall we rise with

church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
 un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;
 him to life which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with
 till ev - ery age and race and clime shall
 and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

WORDS: Henry H. Tweedy, 1935 (Acts 2)

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
CMD

right - teous - ness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in
 flam - ing love and zeal, to preach to all thy
 blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one
 makes thy chil - dren whole; till, per - fect - ed by

hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
 great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 fam - i - ly by whom thy will is done.
 thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

2233

Where Children Belong

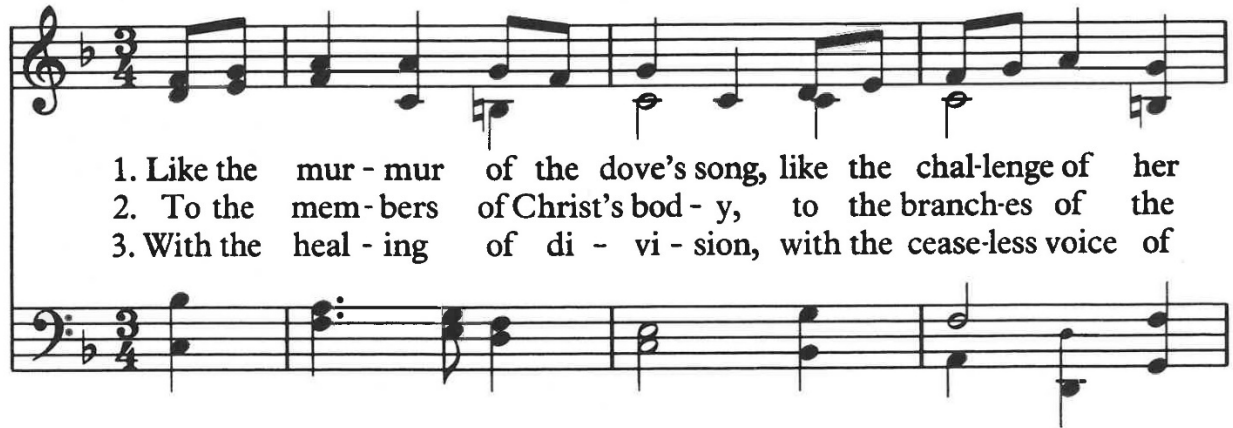
This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the
 wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
 cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

WORDS: James Ritchie
 MUSIC: James Ritchie

RITCHIE
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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 544

Unison



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be-yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981 (Acts 2)
 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1968

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94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Spirit, you have Gathered Us (Fire of Love)



Ho - ly Spir - it, you have gath-ered us as on that
 Each a - flame with your com - pas - sion, eag - er that your
 Ho - ly Spir - it, you have grant - ed gifts to each in
 Ho - ly Spir - it, en - er - gy of God that links us



Pen - te - cost when you gath-ered Christ's dis - ci - ples
 praise be sung, fear - less - ly they filled the streets to
 our own way, so that we might serve you as we
 soul to soul, by your grace we are the Bod - y



and their fears and doubts were lost: breath-ing life in -
 tell your news in ev - ery tongue. So we ask you,
 live and work and share and pray. By your pow'r we
 of the ris - en Christ, made whole. Be the breath that



to their souls, and shin - ing out of ev - ery face, you_
 by your life with - in us, giv - ing us new birth, send
 love our neigh-bors, work for jus - tice, act with peace, reach
 lifts our sing - ing; be the wind that fills our sails; be__



— sent them in - to the streets to
 — us out to spread God's love in
 — the lost and serve the low - ly:
 — the fire of love a - mong us



tell of God's a - maz - ing grace.
 Je - sus' name to all the earth.
 so your work will nev - er cease.
 'till the Reign of God pre - vails.