

UPCOMING WORSHIP

June 18

Graduation Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

It's an Inside Job

Matthew 10:5-23, Psalm 100

June 25

4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

The Call of Life

Romans 6:1-11

OFFERING INVITATION

Deb Search Willoughby

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Justice, even as we celebrate your love for the LGBTQI+ community to-day, we remember the church has not always done so. We acknowledge the harm that continues to be done in your name today. As we bring our offerings, we bring also a renewed commitment to interrupting prejudice and practicing solidarity. We press on together until people of every sexual orientation and gender identity can live freely and without fear, receiving the love and support all people deserve. Thanks be to you, our guide, and our help in making it so. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN *Draw the Circle Wide* (see insert)

BLESSING The Reconciling Statement of First United Methodist Church

One: We are a Reconciling Congregation,

All: Welcoming all.

One: First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

All: Invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith.

One: Jesus calls us to be an inclusive church

All: That exemplifies the kingdom of God.

One: We strive to move toward reconciling relationships

All: With all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason,

One: Including sexual orientation or gender identity.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Lisa Batten, Phil VanOrman,
Mandakini Brophy, Mike Seals, Vickie Winfield,
Deb Search Willoughby

Director of Music Organist Percussion
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk Will Murphy

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Pastor Thom Victor

AV Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Max Miller,
Derek Wheaton

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

June Change the World Offering. The Trevor Project. In 1998 The Trevor Project launched the Trevor Lifeline, the first national crisis intervention and suicide prevention lifeline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning youth. The mission of The Trevor Project is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people. To learn more, please visit thetrevorproject.org.

Pop Up Free Store. Thursday June 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Accepting gently used items beginning today—after worship until noon, and Monday-Wednesday between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to sort donations prior to and assist during the Free Store. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.



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June 11, 2023

10:00 a.m.

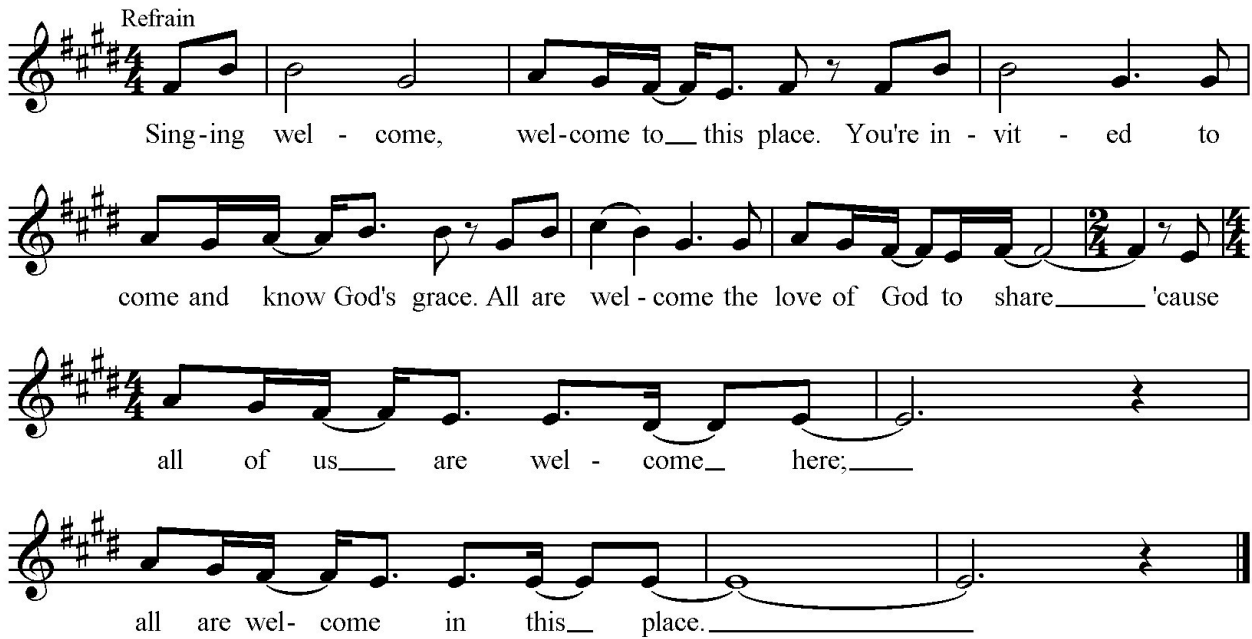
You are invited in these beginning moments to request prayers using the prayer cards found in the pew pocket. The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, spoken during the Prayers of the People during worship. We'd like to connect with you. Please fill out a welcome card found at the end of the pews and place it in the offering basket by the door.

GATHERING MUSIC *Morning Has Broken* Arr. John Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Reading responsively) Phil VanOrman

One: We gather as one across many lands, in many sacred spaces we set our own tables of welcome.
All: **Thanks be to God for places of welcome.**
One: We are united by the past struggles of our community and ones to come in the future.
All: **Thanks be to God for places of struggle.**
One: We look toward a future as bright as the many colors of the rainbow.
All: **Thanks be to God for places of dreaming.**
One: We imagine a world filled with the strange, the sacred, the queer, the peculiar, and the awe-filled - and everywhere we turn, from the spotless lady bug, to the four leaf clover, to our own hearts we find the wonder - ful.
All: **Thanks be to God for places of wonder. Thanks be to God.**

*OPENING HYMN *Welcome*



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Pastor of Community Formation
Jacqueline Stilger
Director of Music
Julia Librizzi
Director of Children and Families Ministries
Thom Victor
Pastor of Congregational Care
Ruth LaMachia
Director of Business Administration

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Mandakini Brophy

Beloved One, your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you. We hope to embody such love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn. May we endeavor to learn from each other and grow together in love that protects and uplifts. Amen.

SOLO

God Calls You Good

Taylor Zickefoose, soloist

Paul M. Vasile

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (The Message)

Mike Seals

⁹ Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Mat-
thew. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” Matthew stood up and followed him.
¹⁰⁻¹¹ Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew’s house with his close follow-
ers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees
saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus’ followers.
“What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and mis-
fits?”
¹²⁻¹³ Jesus, overhearing, shot back, “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?
Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here
to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders.”
¹⁸⁻¹⁹ As he finished saying this, a local official appeared, bowed politely, and said,
“My daughter has just now died. If you come and touch her, she will live.” Jesus
got up and went with him, his disciples following along.
²⁰⁻²² Just then a woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years slipped in from be-
hind and lightly touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, “If I can just put a
finger on his robe, I’ll get well.” Jesus turned—caught her at it. Then he reassured
her: “Courage, daughter. You took a risk of faith, and now you’re well.” The woman
was well from then on.
²³⁻²⁶ By now they had arrived at the house of the town official, and pushed their
way through the gossips looking for a story and the neighbors bringing in casse-
roles. Jesus was abrupt: “Clear out! This girl isn’t dead. She’s sleeping.” They told
him he didn’t know what he was talking about. But when Jesus had gotten rid of
the crowd, he went in, took the girl’s hand, and pulled her to her feet—alive. The
news was soon out, and traveled throughout the region.

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

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233

Where Children Belong

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

MESSAGE

Disreputable Characters and Misfits

Rev. Julie Kline

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Batten

God, who made me in Your image,
teach me to love myself as You love me.
God, who made me in Your image,
allow me to show that image to the world.
God, who made me in Your image,
help me to see Your image in all those I meet.
God, who made me in Your image,
teach me to conserve and protect all Your creation.
God, who made me in Your image,
bless, protect, and keep me and all Your children safe.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

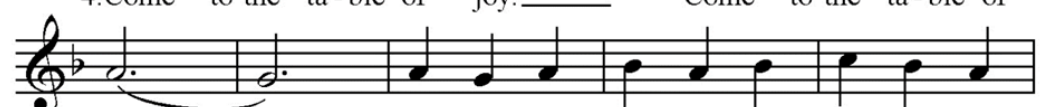
HYMN #3168

Come to the Table of Grace

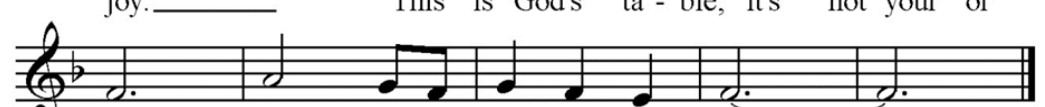
(v. 1, singing other verses when indicated)



1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the ta - ble of
2. Come to the ta - ble of peace. _____ Come to the ta - ble of
3. Come to the ta - ble of love. _____ Come to the ta - ble of
4. Come to the ta - ble of joy. _____ Come to the ta - ble of



grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
peace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
love. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
joy. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not your or



mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____
mine. Come to the ta - ble of peace. _____
mine. Come to the ta - ble of love. _____
mine. Come to the ta - ble of joy. _____

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy One be with you
And also with you
Open your hears to the One who is Love
We open our hearts to you, O God
Let us give thanks to God who shapes our world
For every creature and creation, we give you thanks, O God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEIVING COMMUNION & CHANGE THE WORLD OFFERING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, we give you thanks for the grace we experience at your Table. For forgiveness. For connection. For sustenance. For a renewed vi-
sion of who we are. Our gratitude abounds. Amen.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Jun 11
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:00 a.m. Free Store Drop-Off

Monday, June 12
12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds

Tuesday, June 13
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor
6:30 p.m. Manna - Growler’s Baseball Game

Wednesday, June 14
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
6:00 p.m. Gardening Small Group - Sunnyside
Community Garden

Thursday, June 15
9:00 a.m. Free Store - Wesley Hall
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom
6:15 p.m. Softball - Pathfinder UMC
6:30 p.m. Biking Group - Kal-Haven Trail

Friday, June 16

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

Monday, June 19
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 and worship leaders.



Draw the Circle Wide



Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the



cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by



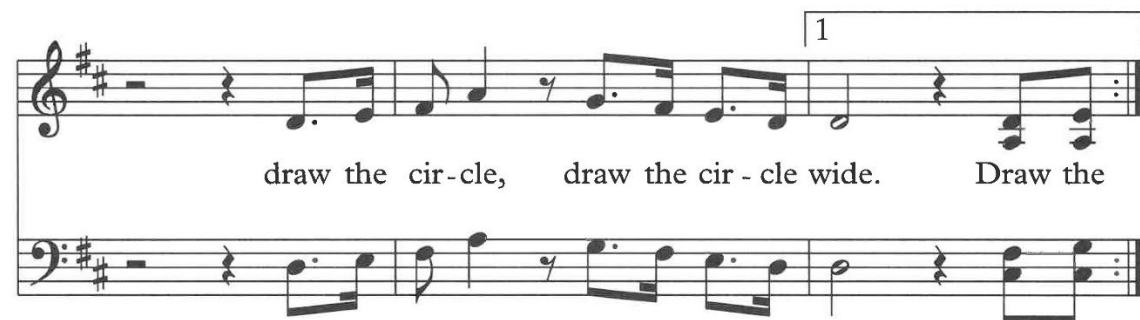
side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the



wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this



be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,



draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

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wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

div.

wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

div.

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

to repeat

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

Repeat as desired