

UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 2

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Representing

Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

The Way of Jesus

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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Satellite Worship Coordinator: Pastor Thom Victor

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

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

Hymn Sing. In the month of July the worship leaders are planning to have a hymn sing each Sunday. Join us on July 2 in the sanctuary after worship for a time of singing our favorites.

Step Up Campaign. Thank you for your extra financial commitment to the church's 2023 operating budget! The total raised was \$113,059. In addition, two other gifts for the operating budget were received: one for \$25,000, and one for \$10,000 giving us a total of \$148,059.

Day of Service: Church Organizing and Decluttering. July 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 4 to 8 p.m. We have had several days of service with an external focus: tending community gardens and creating a free store for anyone to shop. This Day of Service is an internal one that will focus on organizing our wonderfully large church that has many closets and nooks and crannies that have become full! In our homes, we often do spring or summer cleaning and reorganizing. Our church, a space we all share, is no different. Churches get cluttered with stuff too and there just comes a point when things need to be thrown out, given away, or recycled. It is good stewardship! Our goal is to maintain a hospitable place where all people find space to be a part of our church and ministries. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to be a part of this Day of Service for Kalamazoo United Methodist Church!

June Mission of the Month: Board books for our Little Library. If you prefer to contribute money toward books, please designate your contribution "board books."

Summer Small Groups. Join us through the summer for biking, gardening, softball, and activities at the church!

***Biking** - every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Kal Haven trailhead. We'll increase our roundtrip distance weekly, culminating in a September ride to South Haven with a beach picnic. Questions may be directed to Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@gmail.com.

***Gardening** - We are also helping with the Sunnyside United Methodist Church community gardens on Gull Rd. every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate!

***Softball** - Come out to play in the church league. Participation is open to all genders and skill levels. Players must be 13 years old to play. Games are held at Pathfinder United Methodist Church on Thursday evenings. Contact Jay Gross for more information. jaynlaura5@gmail.com.

***Sunday Evening Small Groups** - Our Sunday groups will continue to meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. through the summer on the first Sunday of each month. Activities include games, yoga, crafts, and fellowship. Contact Donna for more information, dsdunyak@gmail.com.

Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist. As part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms we, the Church Council, commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level. This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises to be a church that is a credible and active witness for peace, equity and justice in the face of harm visited upon communities of color. We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community so that we recognize our complicity in systemic racism, recognize and condemn white supremacy as sin, and seek a deep knowing of what God calls us to do. We make these vows so that every person – especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) —may live in safety, health, and freedom.

July Mission of the Month: We will be collecting school supplies for Spring Valley. Watch the July "Around the Corner" for the list of items the school needs.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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

June 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Rejoice in Life Abundant



Today we use an aspergillum in worship to receive a blessing, remember our baptism, and commit ourselves to living a grace soaked life.

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*.

We'd like to connect with you. Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor. If you are new to our church, please fill out a welcome card. These cards can be found at the end of the pews , please place it in the offering basket by the door. You are invited in these beginning moments to use 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.

* Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE Prelude W. Byrd

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Reading responsively) Steve Johnson

One: Lord, you give life to life! From Day One, your Spirit brooding over the deep,
All: **your wind rushing, your breath filling.**
One: As creatures of the earth,
All: **we inhale your grace, rejoicing in life abundant.**
One: We use our breath, our being, to raise this hymn of praise.
All: **Hallelujah! All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!**
One: Fill us, enliven us to be
All: **ambassadors of life divine, breathing out your song in harmony, singing to our Creator, whose Holy Spirit is unending, ageless, eternal, and ever new. Let us celebrate God’s love!**

*OPENING HYMN #610 We Know That Christ Is Raised (UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME Rev. Julie Kline

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #393 Spirit of the Living God (UMH-red hymnal)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Carol Hodges

One: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God’s kingdom.
All: **We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.**
One: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.
All: **This is our faith. This is our hope.**
20th century South African creed

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

HYMN #393 Spirit of the Living God (UMH-red hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Romans 6:1-11 (The Message) Steve Johnson
This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi

MESSAGE Take the Plunge Rev. Julie Kline

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #2162 Grace Alone (FWS-black hymnal)
We invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God/Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND STEP-UP CAMPAIGN

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Handbell Solo on Beach Spring arr. by K. McChesney
Kelcey Briggs, soloist, accompanied by Jacqueline Stilger and Bernie Foulk

*THE DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH)

**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 Carol Hodges

Gracious God, giver of life, lover of all beings, we live within your embrace, and our hearts are filled with wonder at your presence. From this place of wonder and gratitude we give of our gifts, prayers, presence, service, and witness. Receive them, make them and mold them into instruments of your reigning love. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

*HYMN #2175 Together We Serve (FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE Whoever Lets God Guide Them J.S. Bach

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal, FWS-The Faith We Sing



OUR MISSION

We are called to
Experience God’s love
Celebrate God’s love
Share God’s love

OUR VISION

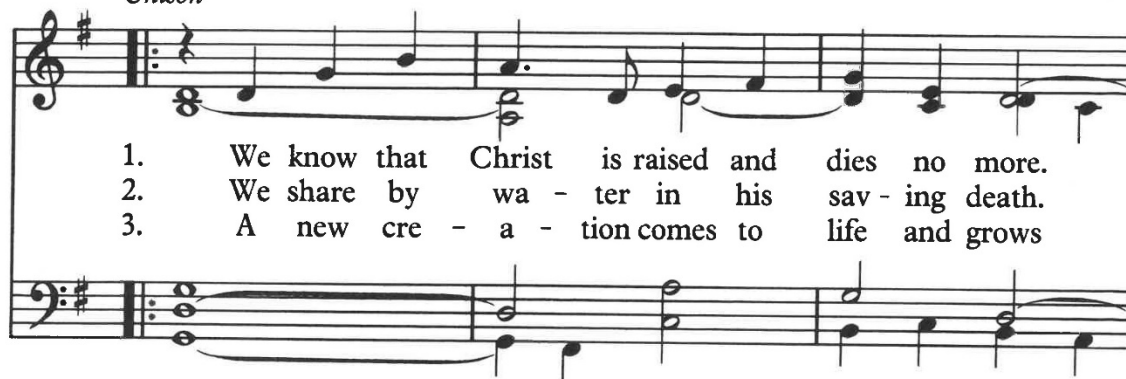
We are a Faith Community
Alive in Christ
Open to all
Growing in faith
Serving our neighbors
Active in the world

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

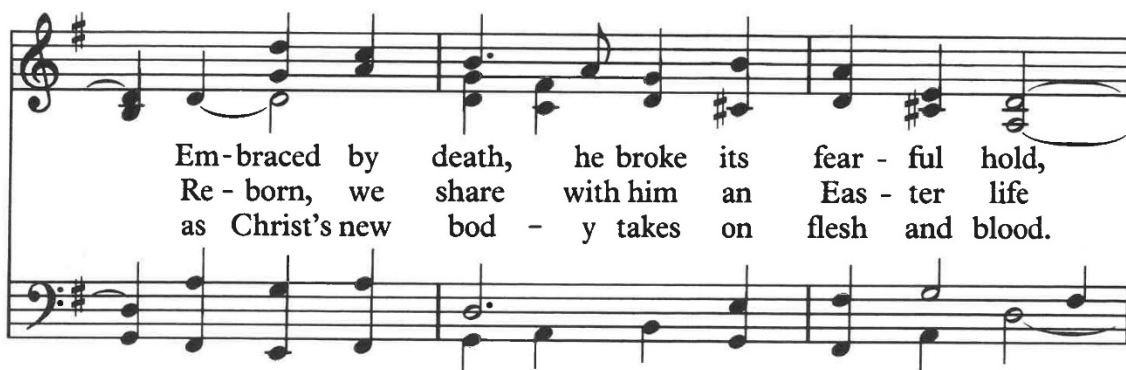
- Sunday, Jun 15**
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:00 a.m. Saving Jesus - Parlor (concludes today)
- Monday, June 26**
12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel
- Tuesday, June 27**
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Facilities Team - TBD
6:30 p.m. Church Council - Zoom
6:30 p.m. Manna - Bonfire Night
- Wednesday, June 28**
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 29**
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
6:30 p.m. Bicycling Group - Kal-Haven Trail
7:45 p.m. Softball - Pathfinder UMC
- Friday, June 30**
- Saturday, July 1**
- Sunday, July 2**
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
6:00 p.m. Small Groups at Church
- Monday, July 3**
12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

610 We Know That Christ Is Raised

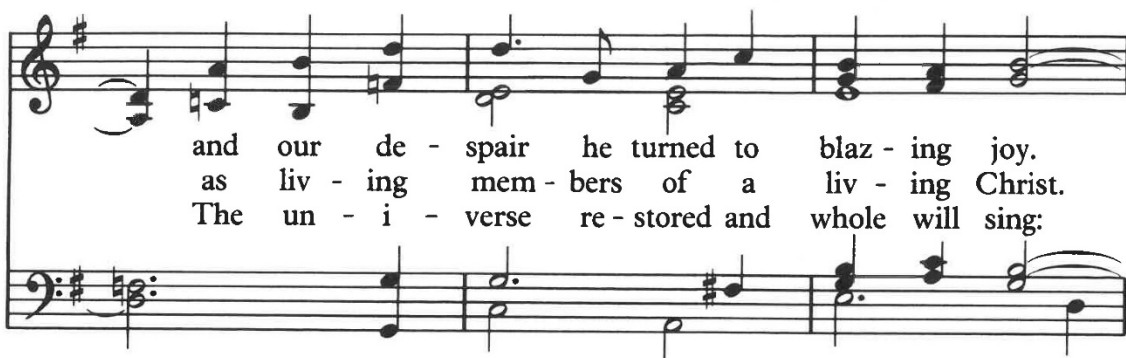
Unison



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



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

WORDS: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969 (Rom. 6:3-11)
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

Words by permission of John Brownlow Geyer

ENGELBERG
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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a repeat sign at the end. The bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a repeat sign at the end.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a repeat sign at the end. The bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a repeat sign at the end.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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Grace Alone

2162



1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and
2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make
hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain
is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing



we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,
word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his
ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }

Refrain



grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)

MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

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GRACE ALONE
Irregular with Refrain

Together We Serve



1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -
 2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a
 3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the
 4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -



vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We
 lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We
 bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We
 mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -



work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -
 learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -
 of - fer a home to those who will come, our
 geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -



tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
 til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon
 MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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