

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi

CELEBRATING A DAY OF SERVICE: FREE STORE

MESSAGE Small Things Rev. Julie Kline

\*HYMN #405 Seek Ye First (UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALTERNATIVE LORD’S PRAYER

Spirit of Life and Love, Holy God, Source Eternal,  
in our midst yet still ever so elusive:  
To breathe your sacred name is a blessing.  
Your world become, Your will be done here, on Earth,  
inspired by our aspirations to do and be better people.  
May we have all that we need to survive, live, and thrive.  
Remind us to be gentle; may we love mercy and kindness,  
recalling the times when we've fallen short ourselves.  
Call us to be firm; may we not be tempted to follow selfish motivations  
or reside in our narrow privileges, unexamined and uninterrogated;  
move us to counter and overcome evil and injustice in ourselves,  
our lives, and institutions.  
Yours is the Beloved Community, the fire of commitment in our hearts,  
and the spirit of generosity and abundance, now and always. Amen.

by Alex Jensen

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Spring Vivaldi  
Carolyn Librizzi, Cellist

\*THE DOXOLOGY #101 From All That Dwell Below the Skies (vs. 1)

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator’s praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung,  
Through every land by every tongue.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Michael Bovid

God of all blessings, Jesus inspired us through his teaching to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact: a tiny mustard seed planted, or a bit of yeast mixed into the flour. We ask you this day to bless the gifts we offer, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

\*HYMN #2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom (FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE Ricercare G. Gabrieli

HYMN SING

Join us for a hymn sing after worship. All are invited to a time of singing our favorite hymns in the sanctuary. Step out and grab a cup of coffee if you’d like and then we’ll gather by the piano.

\*OPENING HYMN To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared

To what can the king-dom of God be com-pared? A  
A small bit of leav-en will changethe whole bread: A  
While some look for trea-sure or one price-less pearl, God's  
mus-tard seed fallswhere a field's beenprepared,and there,where pre-poor wom-an sees that her neigh-bors are fed, a church reach-es  
reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world. A girl sells pos-  
dict-ab-le plant ings should be, there grows up a wild bush as  
out to the youth in the town, a man shareshisfaith and God's  
ses-sions to help those in need;and one choos-es faith-ful-ness  
big as a tree! God of love, here oneearth, hid den things still sur-  
bless-ings a-bound. God of love, here oneearth, hid den things still sur-  
rath-er than greed. God of love, here oneearth, hid den things still sur-  
prise: Lov-ing deeds, signs of birth, faith-ful, Spir-it filled lives. Your  
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reign is a-maz-ing, your ways still a-stound, just  
reign is a mong us, cre-a-tion is blessed, when  
reign is a trea-sure that wise ones pur-sue; May  
like that new life spring-ing forth from the ground.  
ev-en a few faith-ful liveschangethe rest.  
we seek your king-dom in all that we do.

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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, July 30**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
- Monday, July 31**  
12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel
- Tuesday, August 1**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom  
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors - TBD  
6:30 p.m. SPRC - Parlor
- Wednesday, August 2**  
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  
6:30 p.m. Reconciling Ministries Team - Parlor
- Thursday, August 3**  
9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
6:15 p.m. Softball - Pathfinder church  
6:30 p.m. Bicycling Small Group - Kal-Haven Trail
- Friday, August 4**  
7:00 p.m. Manna Lock-In - Youth Center
- Saturday, August 5**
- Sunday, August 6**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship  
6:00 p.m. Small Groups at Church

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
FWS-The Faith We Sing

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 6

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Rev. Julie Kline

*Bless Me*

Genesis 32:22-31

August 13

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Pastor Thom Victor

*Congregational Care*

Matt 14:22-33

### 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](http://YouTube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

## Clergy & Directors

**Rev. Julie Kline**

Lead Pastor

**Rev. Matt Weiler**

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

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi, Michael Bovid

**Director of Music**

**Organist**

Jacqueline Stilger

Bernie Foulk

**Satellite Worship Coordinator:** Pastor Thom Victor

**AV Team:** Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Casey Curran

## 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

**August Mission of the Month.** On the water, a boat-er is obliged to respond if another boat is in distress. One does nothing that might put one's own boat and crew in danger, but you cannot ignore the situation. Here in Kalamazoo, people are threatened with eviction or loss of power and fuel for heating. They call Helping Our Neighbors at FUMC and other agencies which are ready to help. Through the August Mission of the Month you will be invited to help with funding our response and also contribute some of your time to assist in responding to calls for assistance.

**Hospitality Team.** Please help us welcome people to our church. We want to continue building the Hospitality Team and need people to be greeters and ushers, help with Memorial Services and Perks (Sunday refreshments), and follow up with worship visitors. Please contact Vickie Winfield for more information [vandcwinfield@aol.com](mailto:vandcwinfield@aol.com).

**CARES Initiative.** There are puzzle-shaped magnets available at the Welcome Desk with the CARES acronym. Please take one and put it somewhere you look frequently as a reminder that you are an important piece of our community. By caring for yourself and others, you can strengthen and maintain our beloved community.

**Confirmation Class.** Confirmation is a two year program open to all youth who are entering 7th grade or older. Any student who begins confirmation this fall will participate for two full years. Confirmation class will take place on the third Sunday of the month beginning September 17 and will meet for 1 to 1½ hours immediately after worship. Contact Pastor Matt, [mweiler@umc-kzo.org](mailto:mweiler@umc-kzo.org) for registration information.

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

**\*Sunday Evening Groups** - Our Sunday groups will 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](mailto:dsdunyak@gmail.com).

**\*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](mailto:jaynlaura5@gmail.com).

**\*Gardening** - We are also helping with the Sunnyside United Methodist Church community gardens on Gull Rd. every 1st & 3rd-Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate!

**\*Biking** - every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Kal Haven trailhead. We'll increase our roundtrip distance weekly. Questions may be directed to Dawn Wheaton at [dawheaton53@gmail.com](mailto:dawheaton53@gmail.com).

**What is Godly Play?** Children 4 years old to 6th grade are invited to their own kind of worship on the 2nd floor called, "Godly Play." We hear and see God's stories and wonder together about what it might mean. Children return to their families before worship ends.

**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.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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July 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We would like to connect with you.

Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor. You are invited in these beginning moments to use the prayer cards found in the pew pockets. The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish, shared aloud during worship.

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

**PRELUDE** *When We Are in the Highest Need*

J.S. Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Bovid

One: God of love, your grace is the mustard seed that grows in us, that gives life and beauty.

All: **Your love is the net that gathers us in in all our diversity.**

One: Christ, you are the treasure hidden in the field of our lives.

All: **You are the fine pearl we seek.**

One: Holy Spirit, you are the yeast that leavens us with love.

All: **You are new and old, eternal and always coming anew.  
In awe, in gratitude, in joy, we worship you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared* (see inside)

## WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

## LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Peace*

Taylor Zickefoose, soloist

Martin J. Wimmer

**\*SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.*

# Seek Ye First

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D F#m G D G  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D Em7 A7 D F#m  
le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ-teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

G D G D A7sus A7 D  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o-pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)  
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972


SEEK YE  
Irr.

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# 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

DUKE STREET  
 LM

## 2190

## Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of  
 Cit-y of God! Shine so ho-ly and  
 King-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and  
 King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and



life, O peo-ple: Life in the King-dom of God!  
 bright, O peo-ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!  
 seeds of jus-tice, grow in the King-dom of God!  
 love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the Cit-y of God! \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13-16)

MUSIC: Marty Haugen

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BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM  
 Irregular with Refrain

SOCIAL HOLINESS, *see further:*

2232 Come Now, O Prince of Peace ("O-So-So")

2134 Forgive Us, Lord ("Perdón, Señor")

2240 One God and Father of Us All

2222 The Servant Song