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

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



what can the king-dom of God be compared? small bit of leav - en will change the whole bread: A While some look for trea-sure or one price-less pearl. God's



mus -tard seed falls where a field's been prepared, 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-



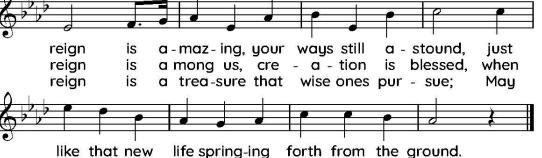
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First United _ Church of Kalamazoo

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 vaccinat-

ed 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.

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

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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 boater 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.

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 safety, health, and freedom.

To 1½ hours immediately after worship. Contact Pastor Matt, 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.

*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.

*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.

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

July 30, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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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.

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

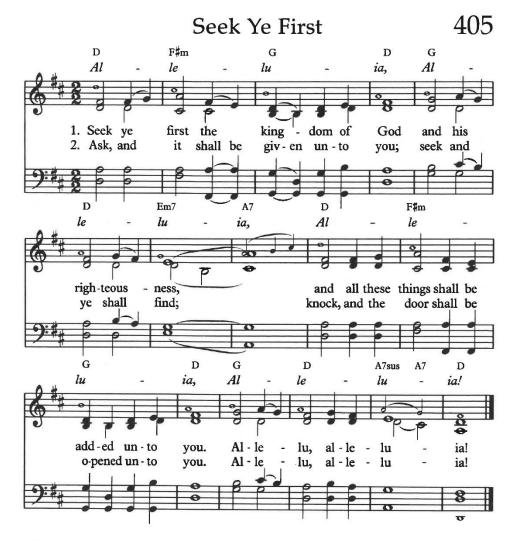
***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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*.



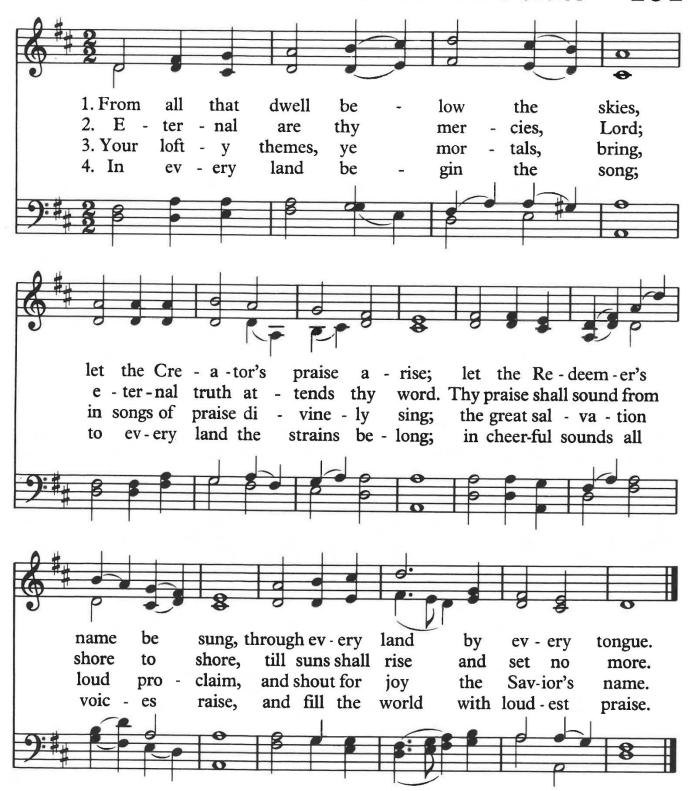
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From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101



WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)

MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET LM

SOCIAL HOLINESS GRACE

2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom



God! the Cit-y of forth bring

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