



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO
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July 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.*



Matthew 11:30

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 would 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, found at the end of the pews. Please place them in the offering basket by the door. 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*

GATHERING MUSIC

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Footsteps of Love* Nancy Hyde

One: I am walking on the earth; The earth is my mother.
All: **Wherever I walk, I will be home.**
One: I am walking with the people who love me; Their love surrounds me.
All: **Wherever I walk I will be loved.**
One: I am walking on the circle of the Creator; Creator above, Creator below.
All: **Wherever I walk I am with the Creator.**
One: I am walking upon the earth with people who love me;
We are walking on the circle of the Creator.
All: **I will always be home. I will always be loved.**
I will always be with the Creator.

Ancient prayer

***OPENING HYMN #384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Julie Kline

PSALM 145:8-14 Jim Barney

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (The Inclusive Bible) Vickie Winfield

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Come to Me*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'Come to Me'. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Come to me, come to me, weak and heav y lad- en;'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'trust in me, lean on me. I will give you rest.'.

Come to me, come to me, weak and heav y lad- en;__

trust in me, lean on me. I will give you rest.___

BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE *The Way of Jesus*

Rev. Matt Weiler

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

CHANGE THE WORLD OFFERING

Dick Shilts/Dr. Charlae Davis

Hymn #454 *Open My Eyes*

The congregation may join in singing as we bring offerings forward.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God/Father/Mother, 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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Deb Search Willoughby

**God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children.
Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when
we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kingdom you meant
us to be. The yoke the Bible describes doesn’t burden us but reminds us
that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies,
and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give
in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness.
Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN #451** *Be Thou My Vision*

UMH-red hymnal)

BLESSING

***HYMN SING**

Join us for a hymn sing each Sunday in the month of July. All are invited to join the
time of singing our favorites in the sanctuary. This Sunday, the hymn sing is after
worship. Step out and grab a cup of coffee if you’d like and then we’ll gather by the
piano. at the end of the pews and place it in the offering basket by the door.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Nancy Hyde,
Jim Barney, Deb Search Willoughby, Dick Shilts,
Vickie Winfield

Director of Music **Organist** **Pianist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk Carol Grant

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

ISAAC Special Offering. Today we will take a special offering to support our association with ISAAC (Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community). ISAAC concentrates on ending gun violence, ending systemic racism, and encouraging increased affordable housing. Funds collected in excess of our dues, \$1600, will be used for our justice work at First United Methodist Church.

Kalamazoo Service Project. KSP will begin on Monday July 17 as our youth come together for service to the Kalamazoo Community. This year we will work with Building Blocks and their Solar Light’s Initiative, along with Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo making improvements to the student living community. Please join us in worship on July 16 as we commission the youth and adult leaders for a week of service. Thursday evening July 20 all are invited to a church cookout on the front lawn with the KSP volunteers. Any adults interested in helping with food prep for the week please contact Donna Dunyak.

Day of Service: Church Organizing and Decluttering. July 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 4 to 8 p.m. This Day of Service will focus on organizing our wonderfully large church that has many closets and nooks and crannies that are full! There 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! Staff will be present in each area to help direct the sorting.

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.

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

***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 Wednesday 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, culminating in a September ride to South Haven with a beach picnic. Questions may be directed to Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@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.

Mom’s Night Out. Calling all moms with children still at home of any age, please join us for a night out for dinner and conversation on Wednesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. We will meet at Martini’s Kalamazoo, located at 832 South Westnedge Ave. RSVP to Katy McGinnis via text at (269) 267-3999. Attendees are responsible for any refreshments they order.

Bay Shore Day Camp On The Road. A day camp, August 14 - August 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in collaboration with Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church. Space is limited and we are near capacity. Please register soon! For more information, contact Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 16

7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

The Reckless Sower

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

The Mystery of Parable

Psalms 139: 1-12; 23-24 and

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43



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

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 said 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 may request a free copy of the DVD from the office. Previous worship services may be found on our website: www.umc-kzo.org. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [KalamazooFirstUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkalamazoo)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. KSP Adult Volunteer Meeting - Zoom

Monday, July 10

12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel

Tuesday, July 11

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting - Parlor
6:30 p.m. Manna - Batten Home

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)
9:00 a.m. Church Clean Up
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
4:00 p.m. Church Clean Up
6:00 p.m. Gardening Small Group - Sunnyside Community Garden
6:00 p.m. Mom's Night Out - Local Restaurant

Thursday, July 13

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
6:15 pm Softball - Pathfinder church
6:30 p.m. Bicycling Group - Kal-Haven Trail

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom

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

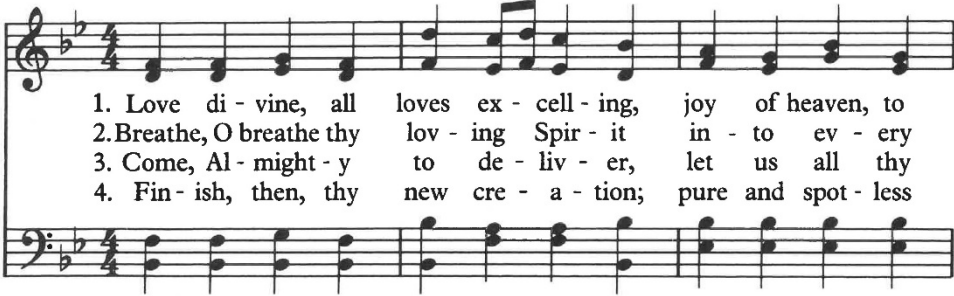
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Pastor of Congregational Care

Ruth LaMachia

Director of Business Administration

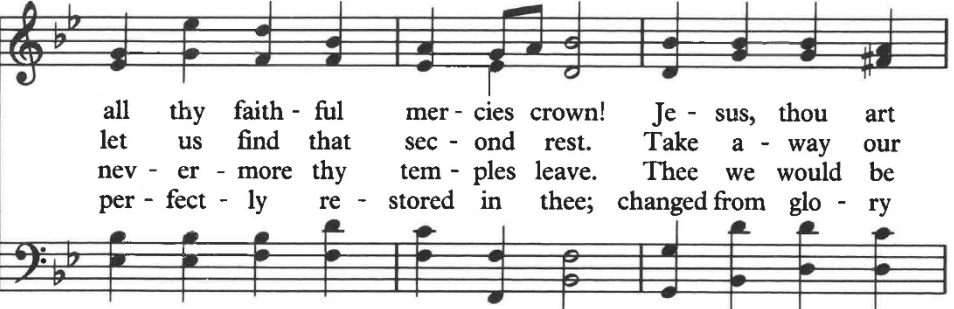
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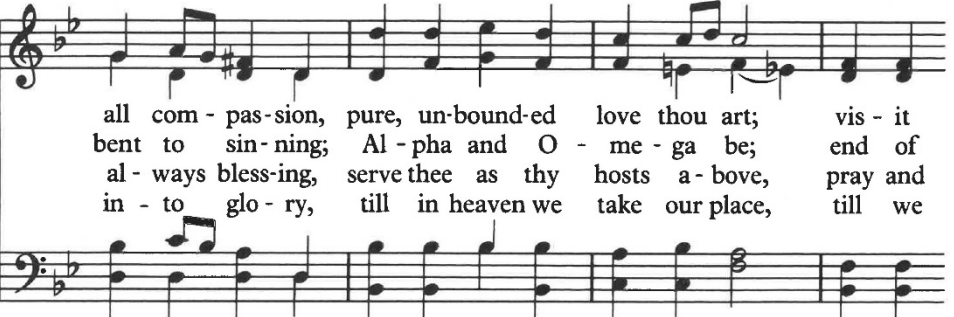
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

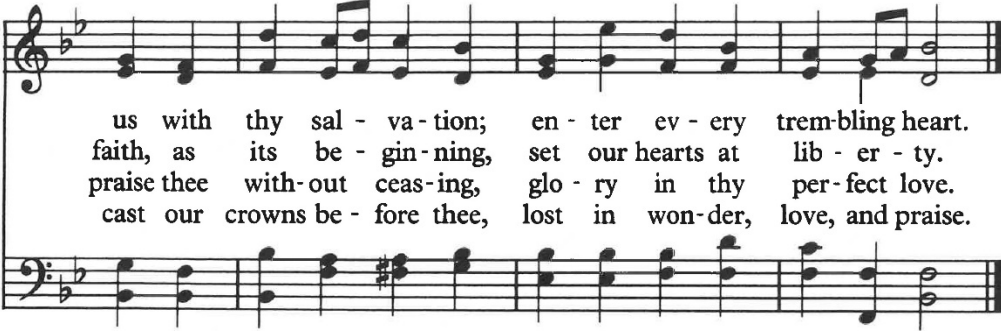


all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

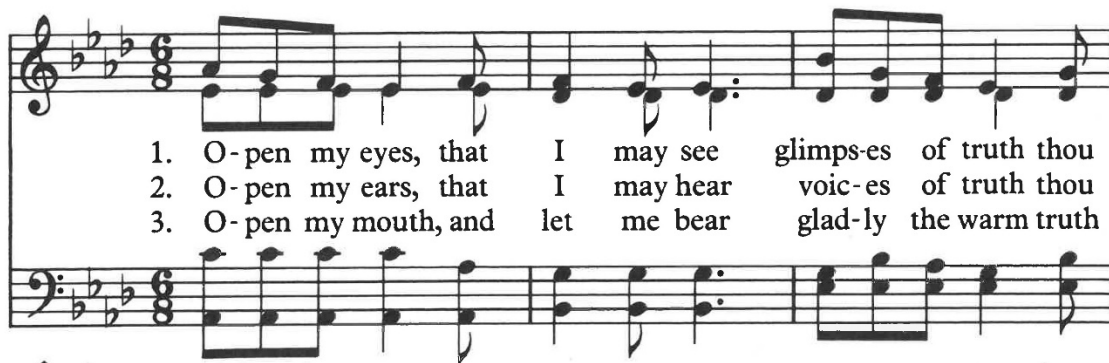
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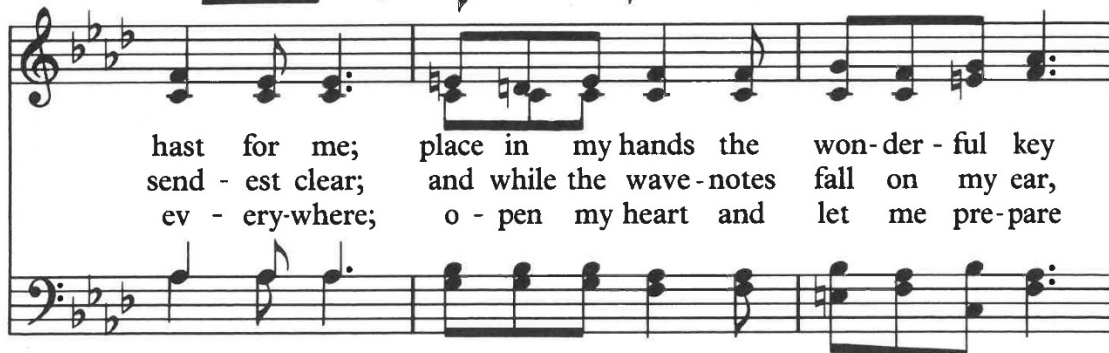


us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

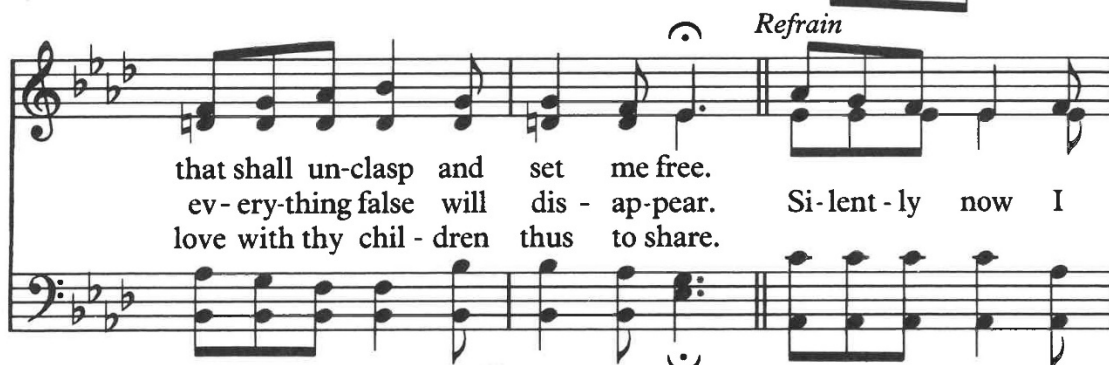
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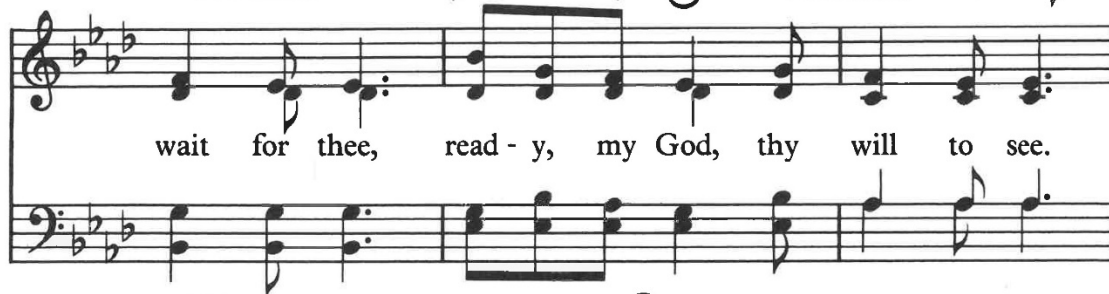
1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth



hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare



Refrain
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.



wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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