

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 pews.
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 Lament from Two Russian Pieces by V. Kalinikof
Lilly Harthorn, clarinet

OPENING PRAYER ad. from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Kimberly Bracken Long
Jessica Harthorn

Almighty God,
whose compassion embraces everyone,
you have gathered us in;
the broken and whole, the lost and the searching,
those at the end of our ropes,
those who have it all together,
and those in the spaces between.
Heal the wounds of fear and distrust among us
and make us a community of reconciliation
that we may embody your merciful love
and rejoice in your astounding grace.
In Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #730** O Day of God, Draw Nigh (UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME Rev. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***HYMN #557** Blest Be the Tie That Binds (UMH-red hymnal)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Gensis 45:1-15 (NRSV)

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

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi

BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE The Things We Cannot See Rev. Matt Weiler

HYMN #121 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (UMH-red hymnal)

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Fantasy on Holy Manna Howard Helvey
Carol Grant and Carol Hodges

***DOXOLOGY #94** Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (UMH-red hymnal)

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**

Gracious Lord,
you have given us more mercy than we could imagine
and more blessings than we deserve.
Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,
that your mercy may be multiplied
and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

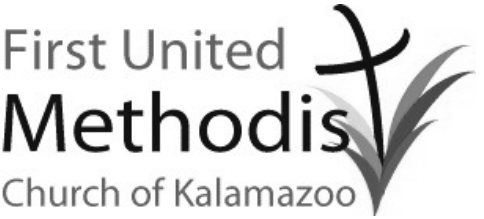
OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN #383** This Is a Day of New Beginnings (UMH-red hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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, August 20
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

Monday, August 21
12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom

Tuesday, August 22
9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Facilities Team - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night - River Oaks Park

Wednesday, August 23
8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)
9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - 304
12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m. HON - TBD

Thursday, August 24
9:30 a.m. First Stitches
9:30 a.m. Admin Support Team - Virtual
4:00 p.m. Outreach Team - Parlor
6:30 p.m. Bicycling Small Group - Kal-Haven Trail

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:00 a.m. Immigration Law & Justice - Parlor

Monday, August 28
Back To School!!!!
12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel

UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 27

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

The Things We Cannot See, Part 2

Exodus 1:-2:10

September 3

10:00 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion

Rev. Julie Kline

Love Opens the Door

Romans 12:9-21

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/](https://www.youtube.com/c/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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Kaden and Vickie Seals

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. 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 are invited to help with funding our response and also contribute some of your time to assist in responding to calls for assistance.

Hospitality Team. 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.

August Family Fun. All are welcome to join us from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the Splash Pad in River Oaks County Park – 9202 E. Michigan Ave. Galesburg, MI 49053. \$5 daily parking fee or Annual Kalamazoo County Vehicle Permit is needed for entry. Join us in the pavilion next to the splash pad for some pizza! Please RSVP to Julia Librizzi by email at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org so we are sure to pick up enough pizza and bring a drink, towels, and a dish to pass!

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.

Youth Group. Youth Group Begins Sunday September 10 at 6pm downstairs in the youth lounge and is open to all youth 6th-12th grade. We gather weekly to create space for Christ-Centered friendship, joy, and spiritual formation through small group reflections, worship, and lots of play. Contact Pastor Matt Weiler for more information.

Save the date. FUMC Visioning Workshop, Saturday Oct 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We are delighted to announce that this fall we will be spending some time working on our Vision/Mission as we seek to define who we are as First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo in 2023. This church-led work will include some weeks of pre-work culminating in a Visioning Workshop. We hope that you will reserve Saturday, October 21st in your calendar and join us in this important work!

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, for registration information.

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.

Children and Families Ministries Fall Kick-Off. Friday, September 8, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. at Oshtemo Township Park located at 7275 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. We will meet at the pavilion to tie dye t-shirts and celebrate the return of Children's Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th right after the worship service! Please bring a dish to pass and email Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org by September 5th so we are sure to have enough t-shirts and dye to go around!

Grief Group. Beginning Sunday, September 17 from 6-7:30 p.m., a short-term group, led by Jan Schoenherr, LPC, and Deb Search Willoughby, LMS, will meet in the chapel every 2 weeks until November 26th please fill out our form by contacting Jan schoenherrjan@gmail.com, Deb dsearchwill@gmail.com, or any of our pastors.

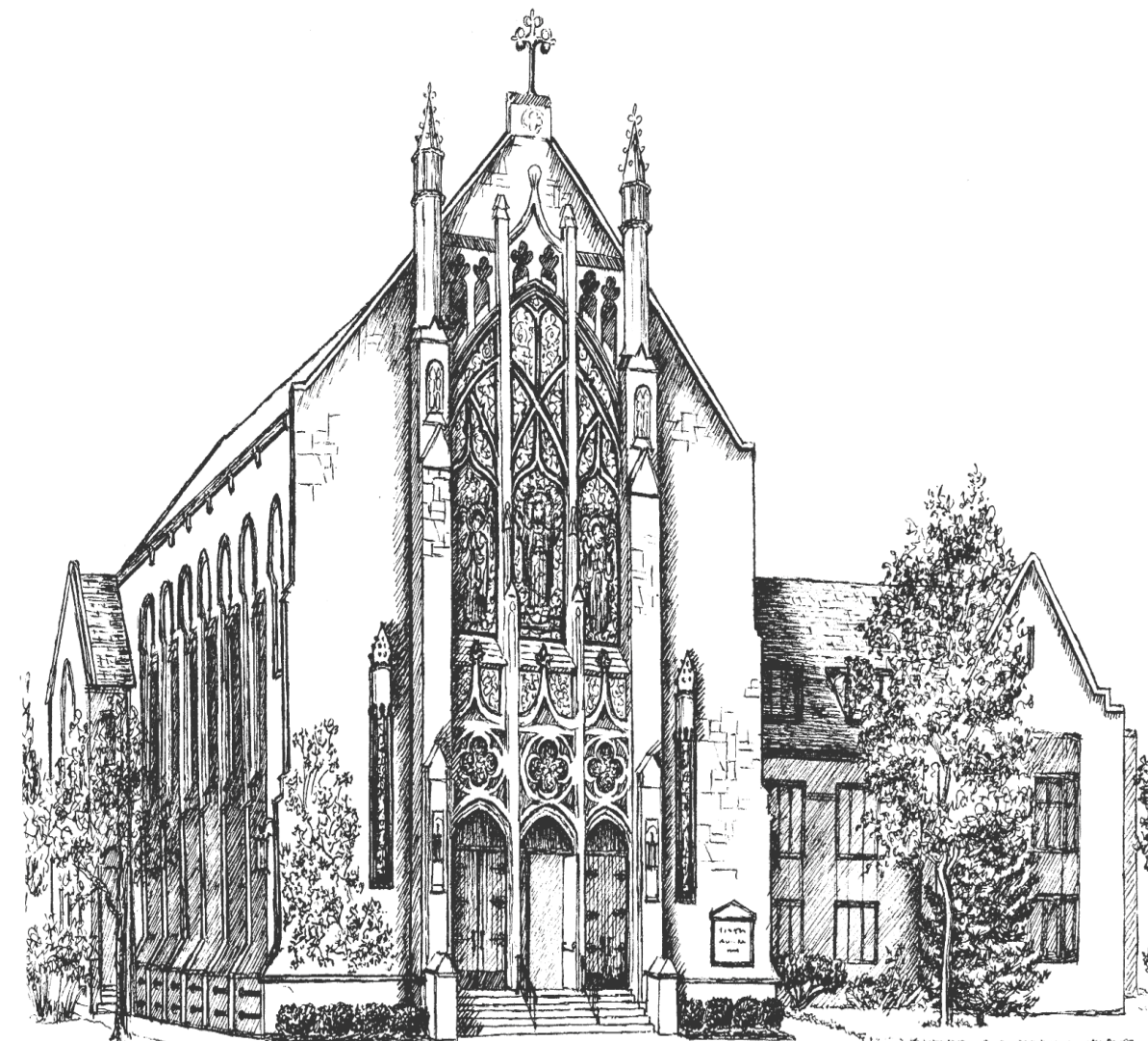


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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

August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.



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.

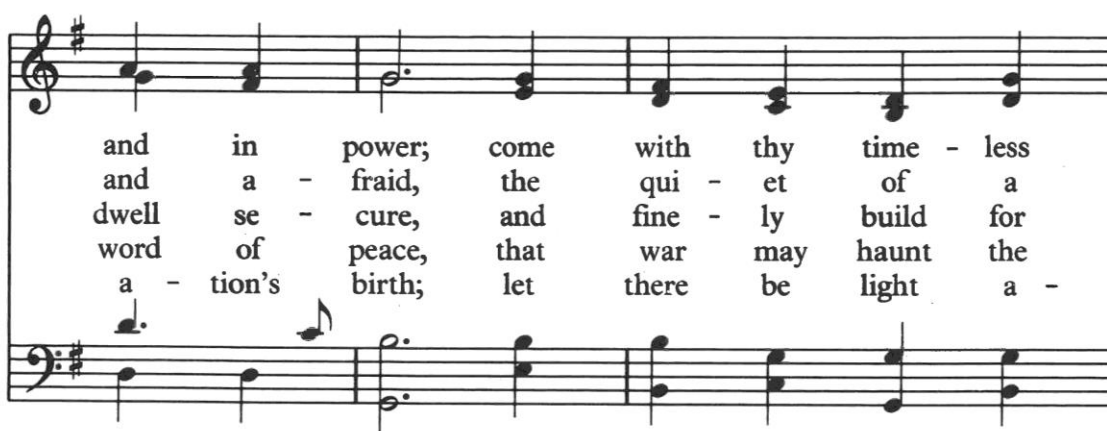
We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

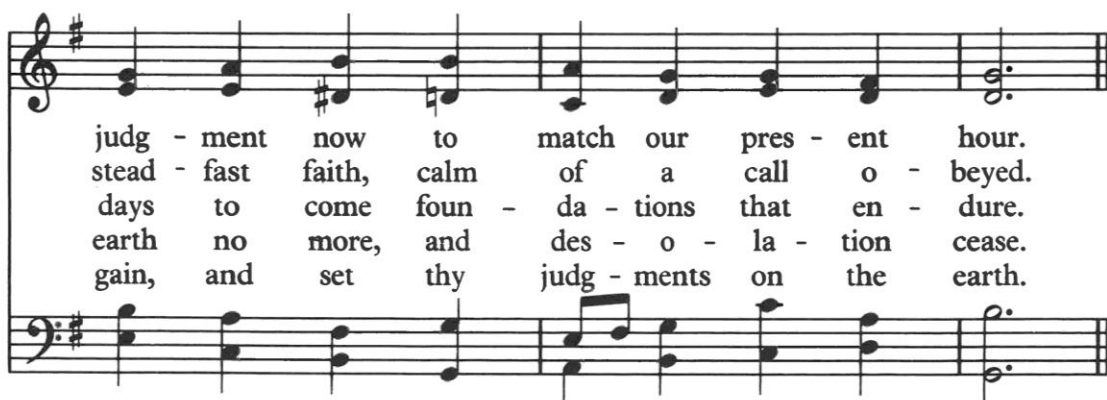
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1. O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty
 2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain
 3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may
 4. Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign
 5. O day of God, draw nigh as at cre -



and in power; come with thy time - less
 and a - fraid, the qui - et of a
 dwell se - cure, and fine - ly build for
 word of peace, that war may haunt the
 a - tion's birth; let there be light a -



judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 earth no more, and des - o - la - tion cease.
 gain, and set thy judg - ments on the earth.

WORDS: R. B. Y. Scott, 1937

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; arr. by William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
 3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
 4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 and our lives would be il - lu - mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854

MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us
 *5. In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.
 to taste and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

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*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)

MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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