



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO**
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November 5, 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 green prayer cards found in the pews. The cards will be collected by an usher during the opening hymn to be shared with clergy.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *I Call to You, Lord Jesus*

J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (reading responsively)

Sue Ellen Christian

One: We remember, O God . . .

All: **the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

One: We remember, O God . . .

All: **the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God . . .

All: **the gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God . . .

All: **the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the ways of Christ.

All: **Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . .
Let us worship God with joy!**

***Processional HYMN #711** *For All the Saints*

UMH-red hymnal)

After the choir processes, you are invited to light a candle on the tables at the front of the sanctuary in memory of the saints.

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.*

God’s faithful love endures for ever and ever. Because of God’s transforming powers and actions, we offer our thanks and praise. We light this candle of peace, trusting in the steadfast love of God that cares for and is concerned with all of humanity. For God’s wonderful works that call us to be human and kind, we return this steadfast love to God and set our hearts upon peace. Amen.

inspired by Psalm 107

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

(FWS-black hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION (Sung responses may be found on pg. 17-18 of the red hymnal)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Janet Bhuyan	Bill LaMachia	Pastor Jerry Toshalis
Edward Birch	George MacLeod	Christopher Uggen
Tina Blades	Chris Martin	Virginia VanPeenan
Harriet Chalker	Robert McClelland	Gail Wade
Bob Daniels	Marsha McKenzie	H. Carl Walker
Susan Douglas Daniels	Mike McMartin	Kenneth Warnicke
Griffin Entenman	Christopher Mumma	Margaret Warnicke
Marvin Grostic	Frank Murphy	Mark Warnicke
David Hatfield	David Paulsen	Kitty Whaley
James Hilbolt Sr.	Ann Rawsky	Roger Williams
David Houseman	Rev. Wayne Reece	Brian Willoughby
Nancy Huss	Jo Reece	Keene Wolfe Sr.
Jacquelyn Knowlton	Cheryl Rossey	Liza Wolfe
Mary Jane Kreidler	Keith Scharff	Thell Woods
Brian Kristen	Barbara Smith	Janet Wydendorf

CHORAL ANTHEM *May the Angels Lead You*

Arlen Clarke

PRAYER AFTER NAMING 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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to the meal Jesus hosts. There is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one too old or too young; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. You, who are part of God’s creation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning coming forward by the center aisle. As you receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup of juice and eat. You are invited to kneel at the communion rail for prayer and/or return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN #617 *I Come with Joy*

(UMH-red hymnal)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. Today, and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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

MESSAGE *Sanctify Us* Rev. Julie Kline

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Song of the Saints* Pepper Choplin

Tell the loved ones we are safe now. Tell them we have no more pain. Do not hurry heaven's journey, but do not fear it just the same. All will go through times of grieving, every tear must be released; but live a tribute to our memory, heal your pain with holy peace. For our faith was never futile as we trusted in the Lord; every word now has been proven: all we knew and even more. Every promise Christ had given through our voyage was proven true. Christ prepared for us a mansion and a mansion waits for you. So do not faint from earthly challenge, hold your faith and live it strong. Years on earth are but a moment, days in heaven go on and on.

***THE DOXOLOGY #94**

**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** (praying together)

God of all generations, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us in the name of Love. In your grace we pray. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN #2283** *For All the Saints* (FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Dance No. 2* Philip Glass

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Pastor Thom Victor, Julia Librizzi,
Sue Ellen Christian

Director of Music **Organist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Mark Stucky

Acolytes: Michael and Zachary Bovid

Candlelighters: Tammy Eaton and Donna Dunyak

Communion Stewards: Dawn & Derek Wheaton

AV Team: Casey Curran, Bryan Heany

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

Adult Sunday School Opportunities.

Family Foundations: A Sunday School class for parents of young children will begin with fellowship and coffee in room 209.

Clergy 101. A new four-week series will begin today in the Parlor. Based on her experience on the Board of Ordained Ministry, Carol Hodges will lead this class meeting Nov. 5 - Nov. 26.

Membership Class. In worship we refer to prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as vows we take. We also profess to accept the freedom and power given by God to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. If you would like to explore the commitment and joy of membership in The United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Julie, jkl@umc-kzo.org.

Music at First United Methodist Church. Music ministry happens in the church with the full participation of its congregants in the pews, choirs in the chancel, ringers at the tables, and instrument at a music stand. Whether vocalist or instrumentalist, please contact Music Director, Jacqueline Stilger, jstilger@umc-kzo.org for more information about any of the music ensembles. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Generosity Team is pleased to announce, as of November 1, 110 estimates of giving for the 2024 operating budget have been turned in totaling \$616,385. Last year at the same time, 92 pledges had been turned in totaling \$397,696.

Grief Group. You are invited to join with others in creating sacred space for losses led by Jan Schoenherr, LPC and Deb Search Willoughby, LMS. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to one of the leaders: Jan at schoenherrjan@gmail.com, Deb at dsearchwill@gmail.com, or any of our pastors. Our next meetings are November 12 and 26 at 6 p.m.

Something New! Pastor Matt is teaching a Bible Study BEFORE worship from 9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m. in room 304. Continuing on November 12 to December 17, this study is a deep dive into the Book of Acts. As we listen to this narrative essential to Christian identity - one formed by the Holy Spirit, calling the church to be an alternative voice to nationalism, racism, and domination - the writer, Luke, was a New Storyteller. As the church reads this book we are called to be New Storytellers within an ancient history.

Small Groups meet tonight. Small groups meet November 5 from 6-7:30 pm at the church. Please bring a dish to share, but no pressure! Come and join in the fun and fellowship. In addition to card/board games, finishing prayer quilts or your own unfinished project, make some unique handmade Christmas cards for the holiday. Hope to see you there!

Spring Valley Elementary Food Baskets. On Sundays, November 5 and 12, the Outreach Team will be collecting non-perishable items and money to purchase turkeys. Any extra non-perishables and money will go to the food bank at Spring Valley. There will be carts outside the sanctuary on these Sundays, for these non-perishable items: canned green beans, canned corn, boxed potatoes, boxed macaroni and cheese, brownie or cake mix, canned sweet potatoes, bagged mini-marshmallows, canned pie filling, and boxed pie crust mix. You can donate monetarily online or use the white envelopes in the pews and put them in the collection plate. Please write on the envelope "SV Thanksgiving". If donating by check, also write these words on the check.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 12

10:00 a.m. Worship

Sing Out Sunday

Rev. Matt Weiler

The Space Between

Fear and Trust

Matthew 14:22-23

Psalms 121

November 19

10:00 a.m. Worship

Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Julie Kline

The Beloved is Near

Philippians 4:4-13

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/UCkalamazoofirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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



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, November 5

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:15 a.m. Church Council Vision Follow-up - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Small Groups at Church

Monday, November 6

12:45 pm Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - 305
4:15 p.m. First Beats - Choir Room
6:00 p.m. KR Rehearsal - Wesley Hall
6:30 p.m. Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wesley Hall
7:15 p.m. Chancel Singers - Choir Room

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. The New Storyteller - 304
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship
11:00 a.m. Immigration Law & Justice Talk - Parlor
11:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. Grief Group - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center

Monday, November 13

12:45 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds - Zoom
5:00 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom

711 For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
*4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con-fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old, and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

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Where Children Belong

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the

wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and

cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

WORDS: James Ritchie
MUSIC: James Ritchie

RITCHIE
Irregular

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I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE

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For All the Saints

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1. For all the saints who've shown your
 2. For all the saints who loved your
 3. For all the saints who named your
 4. Bless all whose will or name or



love in how they live and where they
 name, whose faith in - creased the Sav - ior's
 will, and showed the king - dom com - ing
 love re - flects the grace of heaven a -



move, for mind - ful wo - men, car - ing
 fame, who sang your songs and shared your
 still through self - less pro - test, prayer, and
 bove. Though un - ac - claimed by earth - ly



men, ac - cept our gra - ti - tude a - gain.
 word, ac - cept our gra - ti - tude, good Lord.
 praise, ac - cept the gra - ti - tude we raise.
 powers, your life through theirs has hal - lowed ours.

WORDS: John Bell

MUSIC: English folk melody

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