



First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

April 21, 2024
10:00 AM

Children and Families Ministries Worship

MARK 10: 14-16

212 S Park St
Kalamazoo, MI
www.umc-kzo.org

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE	<i>Fanfare by Gurlitt</i>	Michael Bovid (piano)
	<i>God is so Good</i>	Neela Parathasarthy (Kalmimba & Vocals)
	<i>Bloom</i>	Campbell Weiler (Piano)
	<i>Minuet No.1 by J.S. Bach</i>	Penelope Librizzi (Violin)

INTROIT	<i>This is the Day that the Lord Has Made</i>	Natalie Sleeth
		Grace Harthorn (Vocals)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (praying responsively)	Michael Bovid
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One: We have gathered in this space.
All: **Welcomed like a prodigal child returning home.**
One: We have gathered in this space
All: **Embraced like children greeted by Jesus.**
One: We have gathered in this space.
All: **Blessed by the hands of our Loving Parent.**
One: We have gathered in this space.
All: **Let us worship as beloved children of God.**

*OPENING HYMN #92	<i>For The Beauty Of The Earth</i>	(UMH-red hymnal)
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WELCOME	Rev. Matt Weiler
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LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE	Hazel Vernola
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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.*

PEACE CHANT

First Beats

The 3rd – 5th graders in Faith Milestones wrote the prayers for peace. We will sing the peace chant between the prayers

We need some peace! Peace in ev - 'ry way.

In school, at home, at play, pray for peace to day.

***PASSING THE PEACE** Rev. Julie Kline

SUNG REFRAIN *The lord is My Shepherd* Traditional Spiritual

PSALM 23 *Psalm of David* (UMH-red hymnal Page #754)

***GOSPEL READING** *Mark 10: 14-16* Max Newman

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong* (FWS-black hymnal)

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY STORYTELLING Jocelyn Newman
Grace Harthorn
Anne Sherfield
Campbell Weiler

***HYMN #191** *Jesus Loves Me* (UMH-red hymnal)

CFM VOLUNTEER BLESSING Julia Librizzi and Neela Parthasarathy

One: Today we remember we are called to teach and serve one another as we grow in our faith.

All: **We give thanks for students who desire to grow in their faith and relationship with God.**

One: As we learn and teach the stories of our faith, may we be ever mindful how we model the peace and love of Christ in the world.

All: **We give thanks for the opportunities we have to learn and model our faith. We pray that we may learn together how to be an example of Christ’s peace and love.**

One: Help us work for peace and love, create it, and live it.

All: **Grant us wisdom and discernment to lead and model with Christ-like peace and love in our homes, classroom, community, and world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (praying together)

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 Lisa Coe

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth* First Bells

DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 Kaden Seals

As we offer our gifts and hearts to you, Loving God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, and of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIVES Julia Librizzi & Katy McGinnis

***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH** *Lighthouse* David C. Cook

***BLESSING** *A Godly Play Blessing by Christine Hides* Jane Barnes

As you make your journey, may God come so close to you and you come so close to God that you know all of God is in every place, in all Creation. Carry with you the gifts given to you before you were born, by the one who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things in every season, in every mystery, in the bread and in the cup. Remember that you are always part of the sacred circle where the Spirit moves among us like a dove bringing comfort and strength. You are storytellers and peacemakers, light bearers and people of God, creating the part that hasn't yet been written.

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* G.F. Handel

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi,
First Beats, Faith Milestones, First Bells

Director of Music	Organist
Jacqueline Stilger	Bernie Foulk
First Bells Director	Guitarists
Carol Grant	Jane Barnes
	Rev. Matt Weiler

Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton,
Lucas McGinnis, Thom Victor

Acolytes: Max Newman and Lilly Nolan

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.

Bible Study in Acts: 9:00 am in room 304.

Family Foundations: 11:15 am - Room 209

Living the Questions; Honoring Creation: 11:15 am
The class will run until May 15th in the Parlor.

3rd Sunday Potluck: Join us tonight at 6:00 pm in the parlor. This is a great way to grow our inclusive community: all ages are welcome! Bring a dish to pass, and plan to stay for a group activity following dinner.

Round Two of Splendid Suppers for Seven will take place in June and July and we are recruiting hosts! If you're willing to open your home for an evening of fabulous food and great conversation, please email us at: Layleaders@umc-kzo.org. As host (s), you choose the date that works best for you, and provide the main course and beverages. Guests sign up for the date that works best for them and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to contribute to the meal. This is a great chance to get to know people in our congregation that you may not have met before! Sign-up to attend will begin on May 5th.

New Membership Opportunity: As we worship together, we frequently refer to the vow of faithfully participating in the congregation through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. This is one of the vows that is made as persons are received into our community of faith. Another profession of faith that is regularly used as a part of our communal prayer life is that we accept the freedom and the power given by God to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. A series of new membership classes will be held on May 5, 12, and 19 after worship in the chapel. If you would like to explore further the commitment and joy of membership in The United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Julie at jkline@umc-kzo.org.

Pickleball for Beginners: Join our pickleball class at Parchment United Methodist Church, located at 225 Glendale Blvd., Parchment, MI. The class takes place on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. There is no cost, just a lot of fun and laughter. Remember to bring your own water bottle and wear tennis shoes. We'll provide the rackets and pickleballs for you to use. Call Carol Shilts at (269) 720-9638 to sign up.

Bay Shore Day Camp On The Road: Attention families of K-5th graders, Bayshore is back! Lunch and snacks will be included! Through Old Testament stories about David kids will learn that God is Loving! Activities will include arts and crafts, archery, Bible study, climbing wall, games, and water activities. There is no cost but space is limited so please register your children today. Contact Ms. Julia at jlibrizzi@umc.org for more information.

Adult Mission Trip: We invite adults of any age to join us on a mission trip to Detroit, October 3-6. We will be staying at and working through Cass Community Social Services, a Detroit-based agency connected with Cass Community United Methodist Church. For questions, or to sign up, please contact Dan Duncan.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Grace Filled Pruning

John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 5

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Conquering Love & Complete Joy

1 John 5:1-6 & John 15:9-7

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

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Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline..... Lead Pastor

Rev. Matt Weiler Comm. Formation

Jacqueline Stilger Director of Music

Julia Librizzi..... Children & Families

Thom Victor..... Technology Specialist

Bernie Foulk..... Organist

Drew Bolton Bldg. Superintendent

Christine Landreville..... Office Manager

Walt Whitfield..... Bookkeeper

Christiane Stakely Office Assistant

Jose Celorio ... Communications Coord.

Michael Lee..... Custodian

Andrew Weare Building Host

Ava Loncharte Building Host

Jonathan Townley Youth/YA Intern

OUR MISSION

We are called to

Experience God's love

Celebrate God's love

Share God's love

OUR VISION

We are a Christ-centered

community where our stories are

woven with God's story.

OUR VALUES

Love: God is Love and all creation

is made in love, by love, for love.

Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another.

Inclusion: All identities belong and are loved in Christ.

Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am Bible Study in Acts - Rm 304

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am - Confirmation Class - Rm 305

11:15 am Sunday School for all ages

6:00 pm Small Groups

6:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Center

Monday, April 22

11:30 am Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom

9:45 am Book Club - Chapel

4:15 pm First Beats - Choir Room

4:30 pm Food Pantry

6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 pm Food Pantry

3:00 pm HON - Zoom

Thursday, April 25

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wesley Hall

7:15 pm Chancel Singers - Choir Room

Friday April 26

Saturday April 27

Sunday, April 28

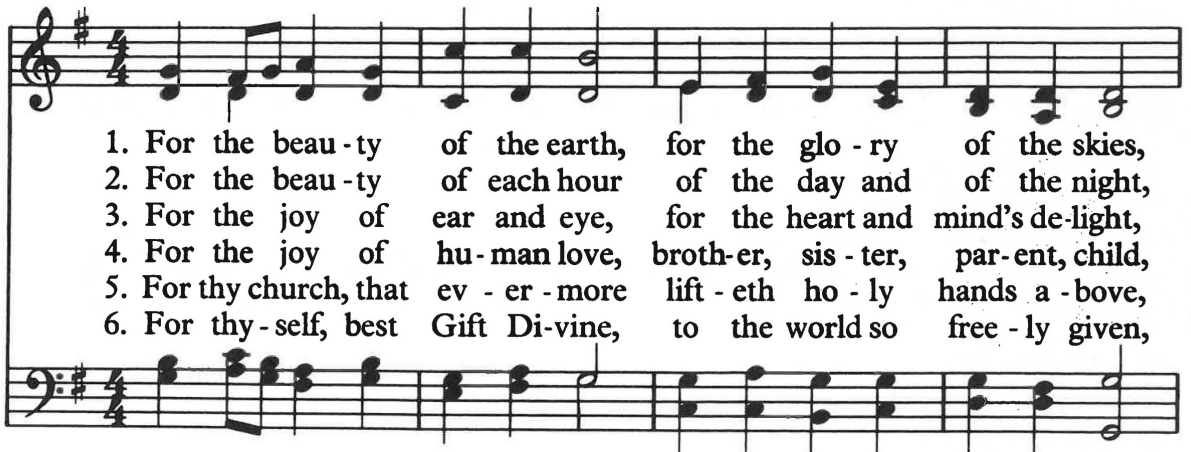
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11:15 am Sunday School for all ages

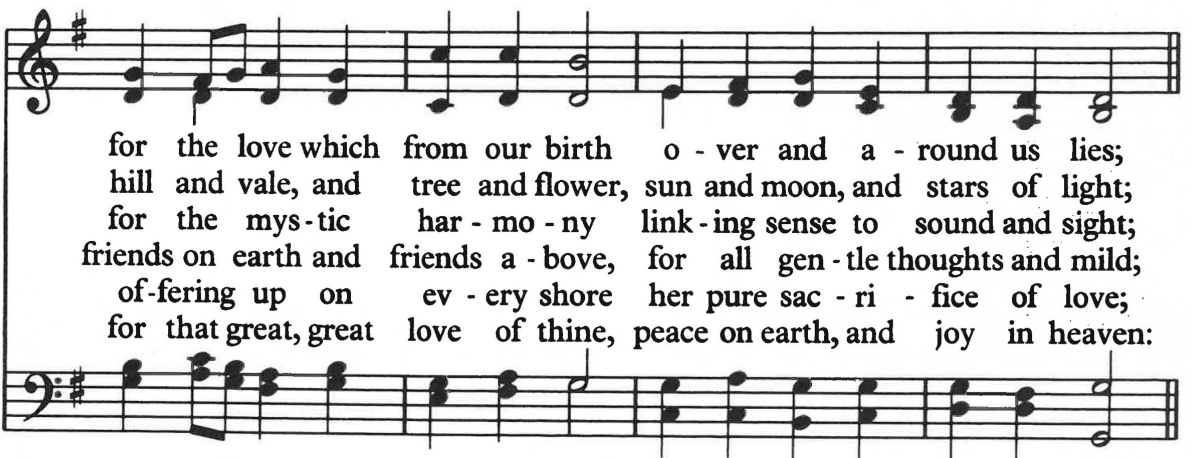
6:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Center

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;
 of-fering up on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.
 * Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

*For Holy Communion

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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

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Irregular

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

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Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk-ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long; they are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
want-ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Today we bless all of our dedicated Children Ministry Leaders and Volunteers. Thank you for all the ways you help our children to know God's love, to share God's stories. Bless you for helping our children to feel accepted and loved for who they are.

Children's Ministry Leaders

- Jane Barnes: Children and Families Ministries Team, Sunday School Teacher and Godly Play
- Sharon Bunker: Children and Families Ministries Team, Nursery
- Lisa Coe: Sunday School Teacher
- Dan Duncan: Children's Time and Godly Play
- Carol Grant: First Bells
- Samantha Lee: Nursery
- Debra Linderman: Nursery
- Jeff Lindstrom: Godly Play
- Magen Lindstrom: Children and Families Ministries Team, Family Foundations Leadership
- Katy McGinnis: Children and Families Ministries Team, Family Foundations Leadership
- Joyce Moore: Children and Families Ministries Team, Sunday School
- Jocelyn Newman: Children and Families Ministries Team, Godly Play, Faith Milestones
- Deb Search-Wiloughby, Acolyte assistant, Godly Play.
- Anne Sherfield: Sunday School Teacher
- Jacqueline Stilger: First Beats Director