



First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

June 9, 2024
10:00 AM

*Pride Sunday With Guest Preacher:
Rebecca Wilson*

Mark 5:21-43

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

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Prelude*

G.Nivers

INTROIT *Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me*
Soloist: Carly Braginton

Gwyneth Walker

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mandakini Bropphy

One: We gather to celebrate Creation's design; to proudly claim the uniqueness of our beings that you knitted in the womb.

All: **Enfold us God in your loving embrace.**

One: We come together to pull at the hems of your robe; seeking healing for our selves and for this world.

All: **Engage us Jesus in your transformational work and ways.**

One: Holy Spirit, we lift our hands and hearts in awe of your presence, to receive your power as to allow ourselves to unravel.

All: **Enliven our worship today!**

***OPENING HYMN** *God, We Sense Your Peace and Power*
(See Insert)

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Kline

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Rev. Dan Duncan

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

(FWS-black hymnal)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Julie Kline & Rev. Matt Weiler

One: Do you, as Christ body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

All: **We do**

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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.*

One: Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

All: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

BAPTISM & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

One: Members of the household of God, We commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

All: **We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

One: God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 5:21-43 Phil VanOrman

MESSAGE Unraveling: Hems, Healing and Power Rebecca Wilson

SUNG REFRAIN *"Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of All"* John Bell

A soloist will sing it through the first time, please join in singing the second time.

Lord Je - sus Christ, lov - er of all, trail
wide the hem of your gar - ment, bring heal-ing, bring peace.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Matt Weiler

SUNG REFRAIN (See Above)

UNRAVELING PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God Calls You Good*

Paul Vasile

Soloist: Carly Braginton

DOXOLOGY *Praise God who made all people one.*

Praise God who made all__ peo - ple__ one.

Whose heal-ing work is nev - er done.

Whose jus-tice rais - es__ up__ the__ least.

God's mer-cy is our hope and peace!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, receive these gifts, the ones in the plate, the ones given electronically, the ones weaving through our beings, waiting to be unraveled and revealed. Bless them and use them, that through them frayed hearts will be mended, torn lives patched together, a worn church reimagined, and a threadbare world restored. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

GRIT Team

(God-centered Resistance & Intentional Transformation)

After Worship come celebrate the Leadership Team, Hospitality Team, and Generosity Team.

***HYMN #2238** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

(FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude*

F. Couperin

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Dan Duncan,
Rebecca Wilson, Mandakini Brophy, Phil VanOrman

Director of Music	Organist
Jacqueline Stilger	Bernie Foulk
Guitarist	
Rev. Matt Weiler	

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

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

The rosebud on the altar: In honor of the birth of Barb Culter-Swartz and Tim Swartz’ granddaughter, Carly Madison, born on May 31, 2024. Proud parents are Scott and Jessie Cutler.

Celebrating our Graduates: Our Graduate Sunday Celebration will take place during worship on Sunday, June 16th, at 10 am. Please email Jose at jcelorio@umc-kzo.org with the following information: graduate’s name, school they’re graduating from, future plans, favorite church memory, and a photo of the graduate.

Juneteenth Free Store: Join us for our annual Free Store event on June 19, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm! We need your help to make this event a success. Starting June 16, we’re accepting donations of clean clothing, shoes, toys, books, small appliances, and more at Wesley Hall. We also need volunteers for sorting, hosting, and packing up. Remember, every contribution counts, and together, we can make a difference. Please note, we cannot accept car seats, cribs, large furniture, or damaged items. Thank you for your support!

FUMC Softball: Join us for FUMC Softball at Pathfinder Church, Portage, MI on June 13th at 6:15 PM! Enjoy a friendly, co-ed game followed by Ritter’s Frozen Custard. All above 13 are welcome, and fans are appreciated!

Bayshore Camp: Families of K-5th graders, Bayshore is back! This year the children will explore the theme “I AM” through Old Testament stories about Moses and the Israelites, as well as New Testament stories about followers of Jesus. The camp will run from Monday, August 12 to Thursday, August 15, 2024, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is no cost, but space is limited, so please register your children today. For more information, contact Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org

Communion Sunday June 16th: We will be having communion on June 16th.

Ministry Fair: We want to celebrate all the different ministries of our church. Each ministry, with its unique mission and dedicated members, contributes significantly to our spiritual journey. Discover what they do, how they do it, and most importantly, who forms these ministries. This week, we want to honor and celebrate the GRIT (God-centered Resistance & Intentional Transformation team) which used to be our reconciling ministry, Leadership Team, Hospitality Team and Generosity Team. Learn more about all the good work they do and how you can get involved.

Educational Opportunity: Join us on June 16 after worship for a special class in the Parlor to discuss the key takeaways from the 2024 UMC Michigan Annual Conference. In this class, we’ll explore the strategies discussed during the conference for welcoming and engaging with our communities. We’ll also delve into the decisions made and their implications for our congregation.

June Mission of the Month: We are hosting a diaper drive for the Diaper Bank at St Lukes Episcopal Church. Several days each week diapers are available free of charge to the community. Please bring any size and amount of diapers to the marked donation box in our church lobby. We will deliver all diapers at the end of the month. Additionally if you would like to volunteer at St Lukes with sorting, repackaging or dispensing diapers, please contact the Diaper Bank for those opportunities. Thank you in advance for your support of this valuable ministry. Diapers size Newborn, 1, 5 and 6 are most requested

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 16

10:00 am Worship

Communion Sunday

Graduation Sunday

Rev. Matt Weiler

Sunday, June 23

10:00 am Worship

Juneteenth Celebration

Rev. Julie Kline

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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Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline Lead Pastor
Rev. Matt Weiler Comm. Formation
Jacqueline Stilger Director of Music
Julia Librizzi Children & Families
Thom Victor Tech. Support Specialist
Bernie Foulk Organist
Drew Bolton Bldg. Superintendent
Christine Landreville Office Manager
Walt Whitfield Bookkeeper
Christiane Stakely Office Assistant
Jose Celorio ... Communications Coord.
Andrew Weare Building Host
Ava Loncharte Building Host
Maggie 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, June 9

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am Q&A with Rebecca Wilson - Parlor

Monday, June 10

12:00 pm Prayer Group - Zoom/Chapel

1:00 pm Building & Grounds - Parlor

2:00 pm Leadership Team - Zoom

Tuesday, June 11

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom

4:30 pm Food Pantry

6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, June 12

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom

9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 pm Food Pantry

2:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Rm. 310

3:00 pm HON - Zoom

Thursday, June 13

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

6:00 pm Grief Group - Chapel

6:15 pm Softball - Pathfinder

Friday June 14

Saturday June 15

Sunday, June 16

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am Sunday School - Parlor

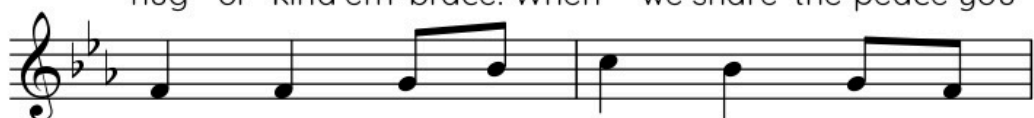
*UMH-United Methodist Hymnal,
FWS-The Faith We Sing*



God, we sense your peace and pow - er in this
Jes - us taught, and crowds went with him; They knew
God, your gift of touch can heal us through a



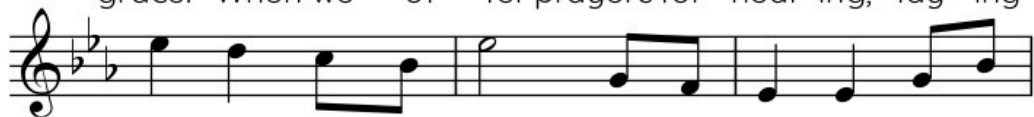
place we love so much. We are moved by gen - tle
ill - ness, grief and strife. Twelve years sick, a suf - fering
hug or kind em - brace. When we share the peace you



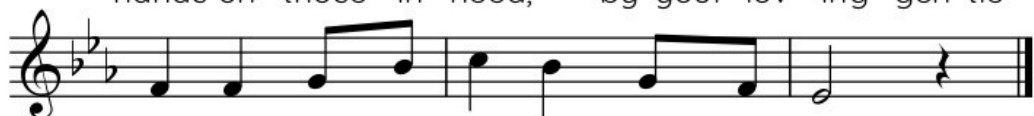
fra - grance: We are blessed by heal - ing
wo - man hoped his touch would change her
give us, it can change us, by your



touch. In these pews we hear the gos - pel; We see
life. Jes - us stopped to heal and bless her; He healed
grace. When we of - fer prayers for heal - ing, lay - ing

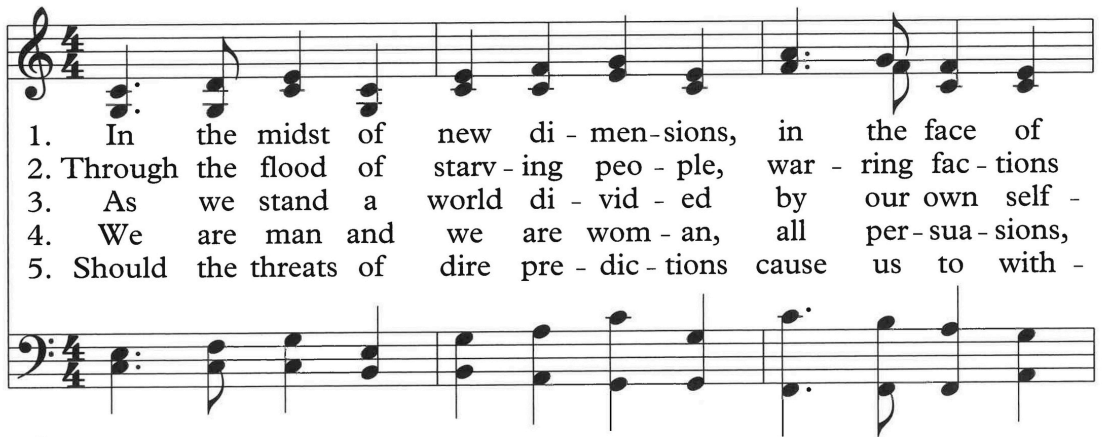


life be yond com pare. Here we gath - er at your
Jair - us' daught er too. God we seek your gift of
hands on those in need, by your lov - ing gen - tle

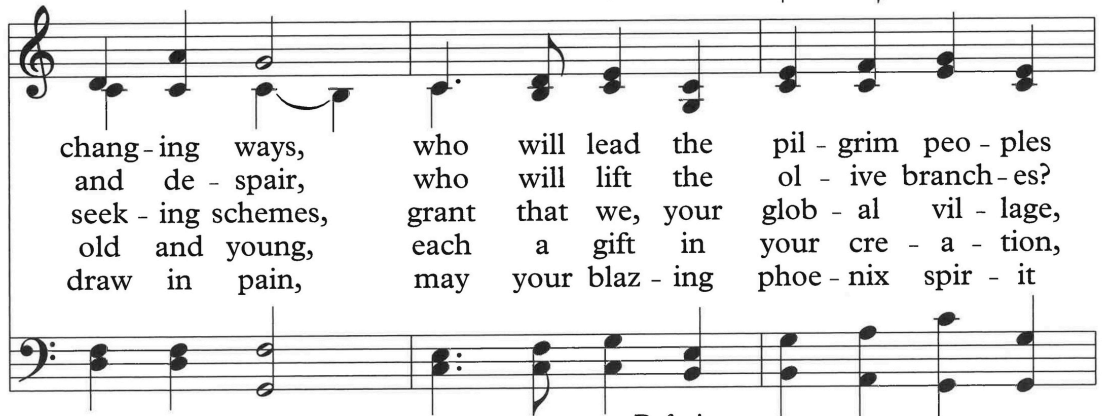


tab - le, tast - ing love in meals we share.
heal - ing; Touch our lives and make us new.
car - ing, those who hurt are blessed and freed.

2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

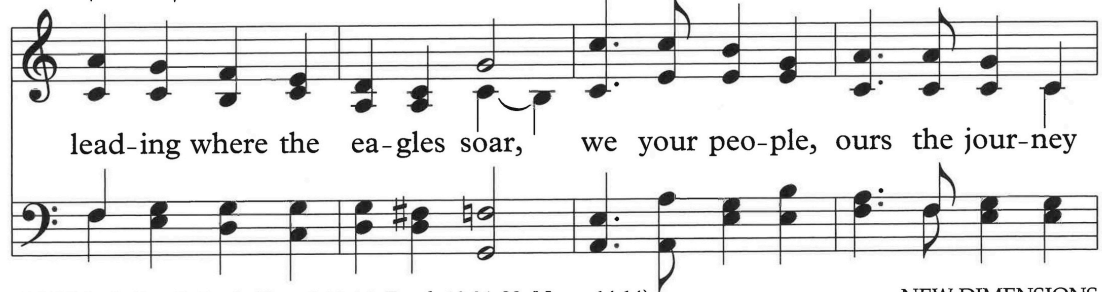


chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



Refrain

wan - der - ing in their sep - a - rate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

WORDS: Julian B. Rush (Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14)
 MUSIC: Julian B. Rush

NEW DIMENSIONS
 87.87 with Refrain

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

This musical score is for a hymn. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are 'now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.'

Words and music by John Bell

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wide the hem of your gar - ment, bring heal-ing, bring peace.

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Praise God who made all_ peo - ple_ one.
Whose heal-ing work is nev - er done.
Whose jus-tice rais - es_ up_ the_ least.
God's mer-cy is our hope and peace!

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