



First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

June 30, 2024
10:00 AM

Outta My Way Satan
Mark 3:20-35

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

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 *Duetto II*

James Hook

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jose Celorio

One: We are part of the Methodist church, faithful people of multiple identities and experiences, gathered to love and serve God. We intentionally strive to be an open and affirming congregation. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate as we come to the end of this Pride month.

All: **There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here for all people of the queer community.**

One: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: **May our hearts open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always, inviting and celebrating people's fluid gender identities and preferences.**

One: Gather us in, O God, we who are a grand spectrum of your children. Hold us in gratitude for our bravery in being fully ourselves. Hold us in power while we advocate and fight for a better future for the generations to come.

All: **Call on us to celebrate each other. Prisms that catch your light with furtive wanting and give it back in a variety of blended hues.**

One: Gather us in, O God, as dancing colors of a rainbow in the sky. As loving beings in the endless ways grace abounds through us, from You.

All: **For our very being is the fulfillment of your promise.**

***OPENING HYMN #548** *In Christ There is No East or West* (UMH-red hymnal)

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

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.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Julie Kline

One: We are a pilgrim people, accompanied by our God, who journeys beside us, accepting who we are; yet goes before us, beckoning us toward who we might become.

All: **But as we move through our days, other gods call to us, questions confound us, direction blurs, indifference lulls; we lose our way.**

One: So we enter into silence, to discern again the nearness of God, who is our hope and guide.

From *Shaping Sanctuary*, pg 106. Kelly Turner ed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Siblings in Christ, we can trust God at all times, for the Holy One is our refuge and our salvation. So with confidence, let us pour out a shared confession of our hearts.

All: **We confess to you, steadfast God, that we wander from the path of love upon which we are meant to walk. Fears divide us, prejudice hardens us, violence destroys us. But God eternally beckons.**

One: We turn our hearts again to you, God of Grace and Mercy.

All: **Forgive our love that is self-satisfied, and teach us love that is self and other affirming. Forgive our faith that makes us rush to judgement and give us faith that fills us with compassion. Forgive our peace we have made with our divisions and unite us in peace that passes understanding. We pray with thanksgiving, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE

One: By God's mercy, our feet are set again upon the path of faithfulness; our hearts are set again upon the coming of God's realm.

All: **Thanks be to God, our hope and our guide forever!**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GOSPEL READING Mark 3:20-35

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 *Where Children Belong*

(FWS-black hymnal)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children from 0-3 years old are welcome in the nursery on the 2nd floor in room 208 at any point during worship. Children 4 years and older are welcome to join Ms. Julia for Godly Play in room 200 during the sermon. We will meet outside the sanctuary doors after the Children's Blessing and return to worship before the service ends

MESSAGE *Outta My Way Satan*

Rev. Matt Weiler

***HYMN #2225** *Who Is My Mother, Who is My Brother*

(FWS-black hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts*

Joseph Blackett, arr. Larry Clark

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided cannot stand. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN** *Draw the Circle Wide*

(See insert)

Please stand as you are able and form a circle around the sanctuary.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sortie*

Cesar Franck

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi,
Jose Celorio

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| Director of Music | Guest Organist |
| Jacqueline Stilger | Buff Coe |
| Cello | Bass |
| Anne Sherfield | Chris Haber |

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

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 our Communications Committee. Learn more about all the good work they do and how you can get involved.

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, re-packaging 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.

Job Opportunity: We are looking for a custodian to work 30 hours per week. The candidate will be responsible for maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of the building, as well as facility preparations. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Drew Bolton at: dbolton@umc-kzo.org

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 at: (616) 502-5092 or via email at: danduncan56@gmail.com

Bus Driver Needed: We are looking for volunteers to join our team as bus drivers for Sunday morning worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our church community by helping members who lack transportation to attend our services. If you have a valid driver's license, enjoy interacting with people, and want to serve in a meaningful way, please consider this role. Please contact Robin Entenman at: (269) 910-3963.

Children and Families Ministries Summer Yard Fellowship! Join our first gathering on Friday, July 12, 2024, from 6-8pm at the Albert House, 218 N 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048. The fun continues on Friday, August 23, 2024, also from 6-8pm, at the Parthasarathy House, 845 Westmoreland Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Please RSVP to jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs, a snack to share, lawn games, and drinks for your family.

FUMC Softball: Join us for FUMC Softball at Pathfinder Church, Portage, MI on **July 11th** 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. 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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Mark 6: 1-13

A Sent Community

Sunday, July 14

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Mark 6:14-29

*We Don't Have an
Abundance Problem*

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
Maggie Loncharte..... Building Host
Jonathan Townley Youth/YA Intern

MISSION

We are called to:

- Experience God's Love
- Celebrate God's Love
- Share God's Love

VISION

We are a Christ-centered community where our stories are woven with God's story.

CORE 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 30

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, July 1

12:00 pm Prayer Group - Zoom/Chapel

Tuesday, July 2

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom

12:30 pm Staff Meeting - Parlor

4:30 pm Food Pantry

6:30 pm SPRC - Parlor

6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom

9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 pm Food Pantry

3:00 pm HON - Zoom

Thursday, July 4

The building will be closed for the holiday.

Friday July 5

Saturday July 6

Sunday, July 7

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

In Christ There Is No East or West 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

him no south or north; but one great fel - low -
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
 neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male
 him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, 4, John Oxenham, 1913; st. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987 (Gal. 3:28)
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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Alt. tune: ST. PETER

2233 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.

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother 2225



1. Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?
2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - beled
3. Love will re - late us — col - or or sta - tus
4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion



all those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:
wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:
can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:
we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:



Spir - it - blown peo - ple, born from the Gos - pel
Crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' e - nig - mas
Fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings —
Here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,



sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.
all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.
all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.
kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21)

MUSIC: Jack Schrader

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Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

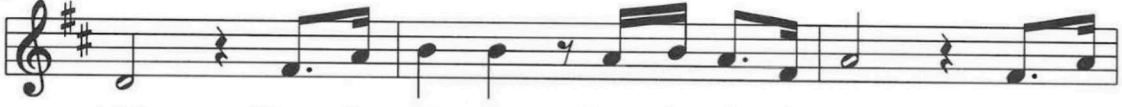
cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the



wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the



cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by



side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

div.



wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

div.



be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,



to repeat

Repeat as desired



draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

