

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30

**10:00 am Worship**

Rev. Matt Weiler

Mark 3:20-35

*Outta My Way Satan*

Sunday, July 7

**10:00 am Worship**

Rev. Julie Kline

Mark 6: 1-13

*A Sent Community*

### 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/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch](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..... Tech. Support Specialist

Bernie Foulk.....Organist

Drew Bolton..... Bldg. Superintendent

Christine Landreville.....Office Manager

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Christiane Stakely .....Office Assistant

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Andrew Weare .....Building Host

Maggie Loncharte.....Building Host

Jonathan Townley .....Youth/YA Intern

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Dick Shilts, Andrew Lehman, Dr. Jim Houston and Jim Frey

### Director of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

### Saxophone

Frank Silva

### Percussion

Will Murphy

### Organist

Bernie Foulk

### Bass

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

**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](mailto:jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org)

**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 Dawn Patrol. They are a diverse group of men who meet in the parlor each Wednesday to engage in discussions sparked by thought-provoking books. They strive to deepen their understanding of Christian discipleship and actively confront systemic racism

**FUMC Softball:** Join us for FUMC Softball at Pathfinder Church, Portage, MI on Thursdays at 7:45 pm! Enjoy a friendly, co-ed game followed by Ritter's Frozen Custard. All above 13 are welcome, and fans are appreciated!

**Educational Opportunity:** Join us on June 23 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:danduncan56@gmail.com)

**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 facilitating preparations. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Drew Bolton at: [dbolton@umc-kzo.org](mailto:dbolton@umc-kzo.org)

**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



**JOB 38: 1-11**

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

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**PRELUDE** *Kum Ba Yah*

arr. by Bradley Sowash

**WELCOME**

Rev. Julie Kline

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Patrick Bird

One: As part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms

All: **we commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level.**

One: This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises

All: **to be a church that is a credible and active witness for peace, equity, and justice in the face of harm visited upon communities of color.**

One: We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community

All: **so that we recognize our complicity in systemic racism, recognize and condemn white supremacy as sin, and seek a deep knowing of what God calls us to do.**

One: We make these vows

All: **so that every person—especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)—may live in safety, health, and freedom.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #512** *Stand By Me*

(UMH-red hymnal)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES**

**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.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

## THE WORD OF GRACE

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38: 1-11

Andrew Lehman

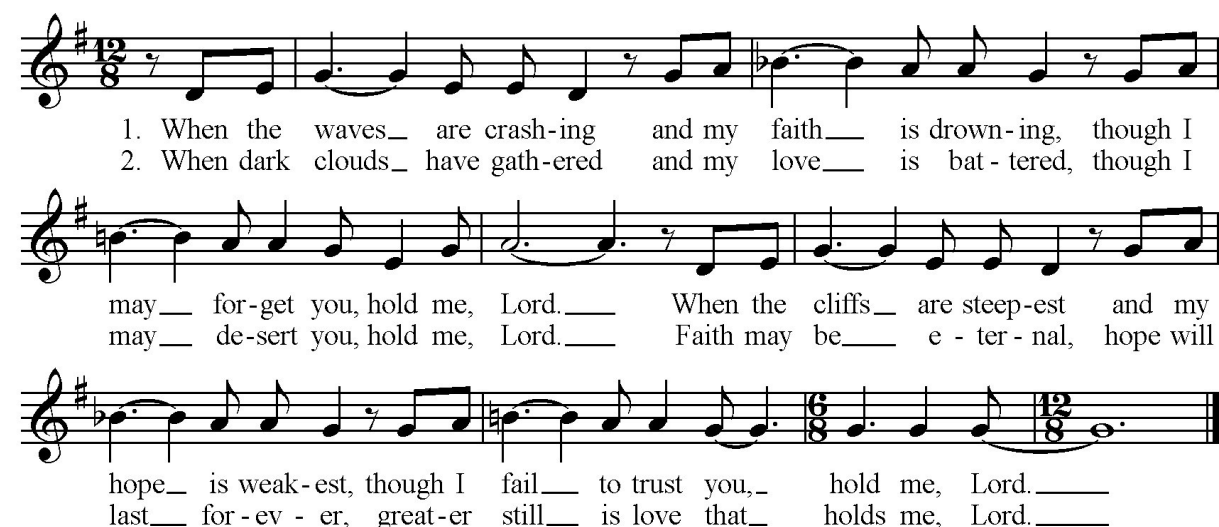
## MESSAGE

*Sacred Lament*

Rev. Julie Kline

## HYMN

*When the Waves are Crashing*



1. When the waves\_ are crash-ing and my faith\_ is drown-ing, though I  
2. When dark clouds\_ have gath-ered and my love\_ is bat-tered, though I

may\_ for-get you, hold me, Lord.\_\_\_\_ When the cliffs\_ are steep-est and my  
may\_ de-sert you, hold me, Lord.\_\_\_\_ Faith may be\_ e - ter - nal, hope will

hope\_ is weak-est, though I fail\_ to trust you,\_ hold me, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
last\_ for - ev - er, great-er still\_ is love that\_ holds me, Lord.\_\_\_\_

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## 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

Rev. Matt Weiler

## OFFERTORY

*A Baptist Beat*

Hank Mobley

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Liberating Christ, make us to be forces of repentance, conciliation, and repair for evils past and present. Make us to be forces for liberation in this time and in time to come. Make us implements of your justice, righteousness, and shalom here and now. Accept our prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness. Use them for the bringing of a new day. In the spirit of resurrected love, we pray. Amen.

## OUR SHARED LIFE

Dawn Patrol – Dr. Jim Houston and Jim Frey

## \*CLOSING HYMN #519

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

(UMH-red hymnal)

Many people are surprised to learn this hymn was first written as a poem. Created by James Weldon Johnson, it was performed for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 in Jacksonville, FL. The poem was set to music by Johnson's brother, John Rosamond Johnson, and soon adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National Anthem. (PBS.org)

## BLESSING

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 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 23

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary  
11:15 am Sunday School - Parlor

### Monday, June 24

12:00 pm Prayer Group - Member's house  
1:00 pm Memorial Committee - Chapel

### Tuesday, June 25

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom  
9:45 am Book Club - Chapel  
4:30 pm Food Pantry  
6:30 pm Church Council - Zoom  
6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

### Wednesday, June 26

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, June 27

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
7:45 pm Softball - Pathfinder

### Friday June 28

### Saturday June 29

### Sunday, June 30

10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary