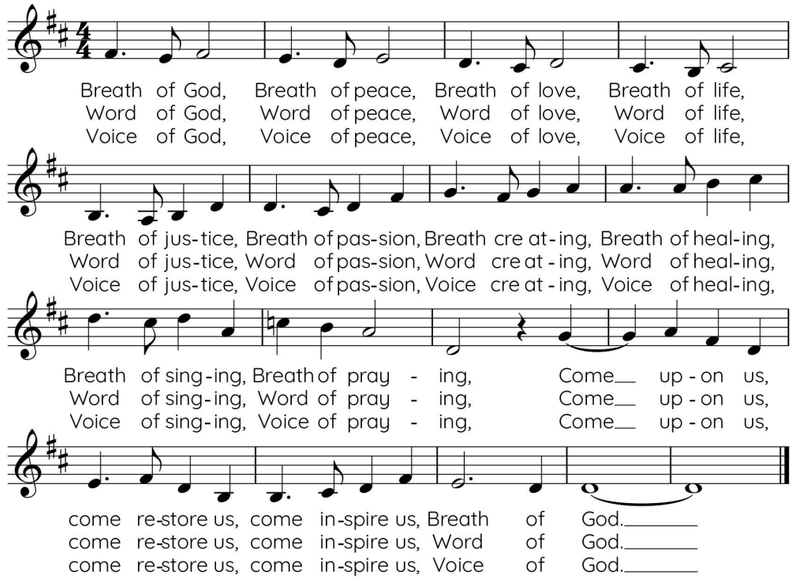
HYMN *Breath of God, Breath of Peace* Words: B. Porter Head, Music: Carlton Young



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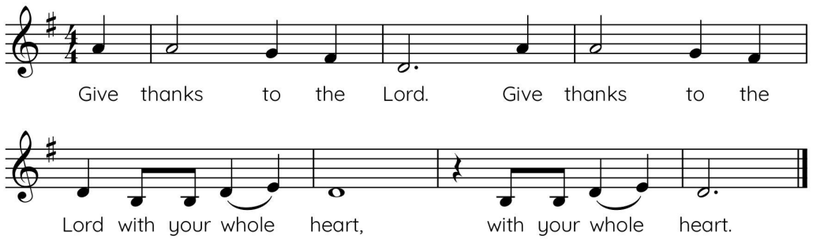
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

READING *A Thousand Voices* Danette Johnson

PSALM 111 (UMH-red hymnal)

A soloist will sing the refrain, please join in singing when indicated.



Music by Jackie Stilger

One: Praise the Lord.
All: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
One: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.
All: **Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord, whose righteousness endures for ever.**
One: who has caused their wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
All: **The Lord provides food for the faithful and is ever mindful of God's covenant.**
(REFRAIN)
One: The Lord has shown their people the power of God's works by giving them the heritage of the nations.
All: **The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy; they are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
One: The Lord sent redemption to their people and has commanded the Lord's covenant for ever. Holy and wondrous is God's name!
All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. The praise of the Lord endures for ever.**
(REFRAIN)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev Matt Weiler

READING: *God's Song* Jackie Stilger

HYMN #378 *Amazing Grace* (UMH-red hymnal)
Vs. 1 All, Vs. 2 treble voices, Vs. 3 bass voices, Vs. 4 side to side by phrase , Vs. 5 -6 all

READING *Harmony* Andy Vorbrich

CHORAL ANTHEM *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin

MEDITATION This is Why We Sing

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2193 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (FWS)

READING: *Always* Written by: Susan Palo Cherwein

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amen, Siakudumisa* South African song of celebration and praise

***DOXOLOGY #95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God whose love like a song fills us with gratitude and abundance. We offer these gifts in the hope that they bear witness to the beauty of your song for a hurting world. In the name of the one who sings over us we pray. Amen

OUR SHARED LIFE

***CLOSING HYMN #68** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* (UMH-red hymnal)

BENEDICTION *Dance for Joy*

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* J. Mouret

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, August 18
10:00 am Sunday Worship

Monday, August 19
12:00 pm Prayer Group - Zoom/Chapel
5:00 pm Finance - Zoom

Tuesday, August 20
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
12:30 pm Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Food Pantry
6:00 pm SPRC - Parlor/Zoom

Wednesday, August 21
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Rm.304
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 pm Food Pantry
3:00 pm HON - Zoom

Thursday, August 22

Friday August 23
6:00 pm Summer Yard Fellowship

Saturday August 24

Sunday, August 25
10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal,
FWS-Faith We Sing

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 25
10:00 am Worship
Rev. Matt Weiler

Sunday, September 1
10:00 am Worship
Kindness Campaign: The Deep Beauty of Showing Mercy
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/KALAMAZOOfirstunitedmethodistchurch

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
Jim Tiffany…… Custodian

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Carol Hodges, Andy Vorbrich, Michel Pierce, Danette Johnson,

Director of Music Jacqueline Stilger
Organist Bernie Foulk
Trumpet Kevin Nguyen
Soloist Cari Miller

Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, 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: Join us this week as we continue to celebrate the diverse ministries of our church! This week, we are shining a spotlight on Music Ministry, Chancel Singers, First Beats, Handbells, First Strings. Stop by after church and learn more about how you can get involved with these wonderful ministries.

August Mission of the Month: In early June, we reported that Helping Our Neighbors (HON) had assisted 200 families in avoiding eviction and utility shutoffs. Since then, our workload has surged, with over 60 calls a week. To respond, our Mission of the Month for August is HON. Volunteers are needed to answer calls for help. Please contact Ann and Ray Sweany, Carolyn Murphy, or JoAnne Lehman if interested. With Janine Kennedy stepping down after 5 years, we need new volunteers to continue supporting our neighbors in need.

Splendid Suppers for Seven: Round three of Splendid Suppers for Seven is in progress! Available dates: September 21, 27, and 28, all at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are available at the welcome desk. Feel free to join even if you've attended before.

Children and Families Ministries Summer Yard Fellowship! Join our second gathering on Friday, August 23, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Parthasarathy Home, 845 Westmoreland Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Please RSVP to jlibrizzi@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 danduncan56@gmail.com

Bus Driver Needed: We are looking for volunteers to join our team as bus drivers for Sunday morning worship. This is an 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 Opportunity: We are looking for a part-time building host. This position cares for the safety of the church building and occupants, while serving as a welcoming leader for all who enter. Hours will typically be half days during the week, with some evening shifts. Weekend shifts are highly variable and dependent upon special weekend activities in the building. Please contact Rev. Matt Weiler at: mweiler@umc-kzo.org, or phone the church: (269)-381-6340 to apply. Resumés may be submitted to: resumes@umc-kzo.org.

Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist. As part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms we, the Church Council, commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level. This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises 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. We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community 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. We make these vows so that every person – especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) —may live in safety, health, and freedom.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

August 18, 2024
10:00 AM

HYMN FESTIVAL

WITH READINGS FROM SUSAN PALO CHERWEIN

212 S Park St
Kalamazoo, MI
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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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. J Curnow

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Carol Hodges

One: In a thousand voices, In a thousand faces
All: **God's goodness is proclaimed!**
One: In mapled hillsides, In dappled shadow
All: **God's goodness is proclaimed!**
One: Forest leaves dance, Cirrus clouds soar-A thousand voices of wonder.
All: **Can we do less?**
One: Full moon lumines, Autumn leaves crackle underfoot
A thousand voices, breathing with us, marveling with us
All: **Singing with us!**
One: Wonder! We sing. Goodness! We gasp.
And so in-spired, so breathed into,
All: **We breathe out praise and we breathe out song**
One: We breath out creativity, singing, dancing, weaving, crafting, forging, sculpting.
All: **Lives of wonder, lives of gratitude, lives of fruitfulness.**

***OPENING HYMN #57** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1-5, 7) (UMH)

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE Rev. Matt Weiler

READING *God Breathed* Michel Pierce

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.***