

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** *Prelude* M. Dupre

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Terry O’Conner

One: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!  
All: **This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!**  
One: Happy are those who find their strength in you.  
All: **Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #2042** *How Lovely Lord, How Lovely* (FWS-black hymnal)

**WELCOME** Rev. Matt Weiler

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Julie Kline

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE** Rev. Julie Kline

**HYMN #666** *Shalom* (UMH-red hymnal)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 6:10-20

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING** Julia Librizzi

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

**MESSAGE** *Putting on the fullness of God* Rev. Matt Weiler

**HYMN #451** *Be Thou My Vision* (UMH-red hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Julie Kline

**THE 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** *Sometimes it Takes a Mountain* by: Gloria Gaither and Mark Mathes  
Soloist: (Jonathan Richardson)

**\*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**

Gracious God we dedicate ourselves to serve you, for you alone are our God. Receive oh God the gifts we offer and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, amen.

**OUR SHARED LIFE** Endowment Committee

**\*HYMN #139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (UMH-red hymnal)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* M. Michel

**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 25**  
10:00 am Sunday Worship

**Monday, August 26**  
12:00 pm Prayer Group - Zoom/Chapel

**Tuesday, August 27**  
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom  
4:30 pm Food Pantry  
6:30 pm Church Council - Parlor/Zoom

**Wednesday, August 28**  
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom  
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Rm.304  
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live  
12:30 pm Food Pantry

**Thursday, August 29**

**Friday August 30**

**Saturday August 31**

**Sunday, September 1**  
10:00 am Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1  
10:00 am Worship  
A Deep Beauty  
Rev. Julie Kline

Sunday, September 8  
10:00 am Worship  
Rejoice Sunday  
Rev. Julie Kline

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi,  
Terry O’Conner

Director of Music      Organist  
Jacqueline Stilger      Bernie Foulk  
Soloist  
Jonathan Richardson

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

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

Altarscape: The altarscape this Sunday includes flowers in celebration of my 85th birthday and to honor the memory of my late husband, Phil. We have been (& I continue to be!) blessed by the people, rituals, traditions and stories of FUMC. For years, you have shared God’s love through your support and care to us and to our daughter’s family, Rich, Chris, Kim & Josh (Marcotte), Matt, and Andrew Peavler. Thank you for being such a special and cherished part of our family!

-Wendie Richards

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 the endowment committee. Stop by after church and learn more about this ministry and how you can get involved.

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.

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

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. Resumes 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

REV. MATT WEILER:

PUTTING ON THE  
FULLNESS OF GOD

August 25, 2024  
10:00 AM

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

212 S Park St  
Kalamazoo, MI  
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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.

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  
Jim Tiffany..... Custodian