

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Peace for the Children*



Peace for the child ren, peace, peace. Peace for the child ren we pray.  
 Peace for the na tion, peace, peace. Peace for the na tion we pray.  
 Peace for the pla -net, peace, peace. Peace for the pla net we pray.  
 Peace in the soul,\_\_\_ peace, peace. Peace in the soul\_ we pray.



Fol-low-ing the path of one of peace, we work for heal ing, we  
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work for peace; peace for the child-ren to - day.  
 work for peace; peace for the na-tion to - day.  
 work for peace; peace for the pla-net to day.  
 work for peace; peace in the soul\_ to day.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SUNG RESPONSE** *Don't be Afraid*

**Sung Response**



Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your fear.



Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron - ger and



I have pro - mised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

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ONE: Creator of us all, you are the source of every blessing, the judge of every nation, and the hope of earth and heaven.

**ALL: We pray to you in these days of uncertainty and strife.**

ONE: We call to mind the best that is within us, that we live under God, that we are indivisible, that liberty and justice extend to all.

**ALL: We acknowledge the sin that runs through our history as a nation.**

ONE: The displacement of native peoples, racial injustice, economic inequity, regional separation.

**ALL: And we profess a deep and abiding gratitude for the goodness of ordinary people**

ONE: who have made sacrifices, who have sought opportunities, who have journeyed to this land as immigrants and strengthened its promise in successive generations, who have found freedom on these shores, and defended this freedom at tremendous cost.

**ALL: Be with us in the days that are near.**

ONE: Remind us that your ways are not our ways, that your power and might transcend the plans of every nation, that you are not mocked.

**ALL: Let those who follow your Son Jesus Christ be a peaceable people in the midst of division.**

ONE: Send your Spirit of peace, justice and freedom upon us, break down the walls of political partisanship, and make us one.

**ALL: Give us wisdom to walk in your ways, courage to speak in your name, and humility to trust in your providence. Amen.**

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL**

**HYMN #2233** *Where Children Belong*

(FWS, black hymnal)

**BLESS THE CHILDREN**

**\*GOSPEL READING** Mark 12:38-44

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Deepen Our Faith

Rev. Julie Kline

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

**\*DOXOLOGY #94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(UMH, red hymnal)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**New every morning is your love, great God of Light. All day long, you are working for good in the world. Accept these our gifts. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**OUR SHARED LIVES**

**\*HYMN #431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(UMH, red hymnal)

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** *Te Deum*

M. Charpentier

**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, November 10**  
 10:00 am Sunday Worship  
 11:15 am Sunday School for all ages  
 12:00 pm Manna Friendsgiving - Youth Center  
 6:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Center

**Monday, November 11**  
 1:00 pm Building & Grounds - Parlor  
 2:00 pm Leadership Team - Zoom

**Tuesday, November 12**  
 9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom  
 4:15 pm First Beats  
 4:30 pm Food Pantry  
 6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

**Wednesday, November 13**  
 8:00 am Yoga  
 9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor  
 11:30 am Prayer Group - Chapel  
 12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook  
 12:30 pm Food Pantry  
 12:30 pm Lay Leader Project - Parlor  
 2:00 pm Stephen Ministry - 310  
 5:30 pm K College Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Thursday, November 14**  
 9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
 5:30 pm K College Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble - Wesley Hall  
 6:00 pm Grief Group - Chapel  
 7:00 pm Chancel Singers - Choir Room

**Friday, November 15**

**Saturday, November 16**  
 6:00 pm K College Performance - Sanctuary



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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**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude* G. Nivers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

**ONE:** Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God’s abundance all around you.

**ALL: God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.**

**ONE:** Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God’s abundance?

**ALL: God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.**

**ONE:** God’s abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

**ALL: God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.**

**ONE:** How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

**ALL: We will give as people who trust in God’s provision, because God’s abundance is enough for all that we need.**

**\*OPENING HYMN & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES** (FWS, black hymnal)  
#2197 *Lord of all Hopefulness*

**WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE** Rev. Julie Kline

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE** Rev. Matt Weiler

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Kathy Braginton

**Organist:** Bernie Foulk

**Cello:** Julia Brown **Guitar:** Rev. Matt Weiler

**Audio-Visual Team:** Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Kennedy Hayes, Lucas McGinnis, Zachary Jackson, Phil Van Orman

**Acolytes:** Cora Welter & Hazel Welter

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Perks!** Please stop in the Perks Café area by the parking lot after worship for refreshments and fellowship!

**Name Tags.** If you ordered a name tag, it is now available for pickup at the Welcome Center.

**Spring Valley Elementary Food Baskets.** Pick up your grocery bag today! On Sunday, November 17, our youth will be collecting non-perishable food items to be sorted and shared with families from Spring Valley Elementary. Paper grocery bags with a list of requested food items can be picked up on your way out of the sanctuary. Bring your full bags to worship on the 17<sup>th</sup> and we will dedicate these gifts by presenting them in worship during a time of special offering. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase turkeys and to provide lunches for children during Christmas break provided by Communities in Schools. If you would like to make a monetary donation in lieu of food, please use the white envelopes in the pew pockets and write “SV Thanksgiving” on the envelope and the memo of your check. Thank you!

**Adult Academy Class.** Led by Carol Hodges in the parlor, DOUBT is a class based on the book/video, “Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton. We will look at the importance of doubt in the spiritual lives of Christians, as well as examining common beliefs with which many people struggle. This class will meet Sundays through Dec. 8.

**Splendid Suppers for Seven.** We have four hosts ready to welcome you into their homes beginning in December. Sign up for a date that works for you at the Welcome Center. For newcomers and repeat customers alike! This is has been a fun event for all that have participated in past dinners.

**November/December Mission of the Month: Salvation Army Angel Tree.** Tags for gifts will be available on the tree after Monday, November 11. Please return gifts **unwrapped**, with the gift tag attached, to the church by Sunday, December 15. Gift cards should be placed into the lock box (below the key box, behind Chris Stakely’s desk) for safekeeping.

Thank you for supporting this ministry to make Christmas brighter for so many children!

**Audio/Visual Team Members Needed!** The church’s A/V Team offers ongoing opportunities to learn audio and video production skills through assisting with worship services, weddings, memorials, and occasionally for other rental events. All skill levels are welcome. Training is provided to all volunteers. Sign up to help in accordance with your availability and interest. Please contact Lead A/V Technician, Bryan Heany, for more information by emailing [bheany@fumc-kzo.org](mailto:bheany@fumc-kzo.org).

**Mom’s Night Out: Freezer Meal Prep/Exchange Party.** Please join us on Friday, Nov. 22 in Wesley Hall (lower level of the church) from 6-9 pm. We will be cooking in the church kitchen and exchanging meals to stock your freezer. You will need to select a recipe that serves 4 or more people and bring supplies to make 4 batches of that recipe. Each person will go home with 4 freezer meals. Please email Julia at [jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org) to RSVP to this event and for more info about what to bring.

**Faith Milestones.** Faith Milestones are those firsts as we grow in our faith. This is a youth group-style meeting for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Please join us at our next meeting on Sunday, November 17 from 6-7:30 pm for a lesson on prayer. We will share dinner, fellowship, prayer and have some Thanksgiving-themed fun! Please email Julia at [jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org](mailto:jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org) for more info.

**Generosity Capital Campaign.** Thank you to all those who have submitted their 2025 Estimate of Giving card for 2025! Your pledge is invaluable in helping us plan a balanced budget for the new year. If you need an Estimate of Giving card, they can be found in the pew pockets.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, November, 17

**10:00 am Worship**

Rev. Matthew Weiler  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November, 24

**10:00 am Worship**

Rev. Julie Kline  
“Ruled by Grace”  
Mark 18:33-37

**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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