

# Upcoming Holy Week Services

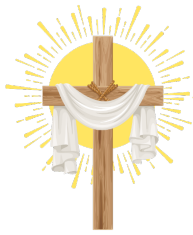
Nursery care and livestreaming available at all Holy Week services.

## Good Friday, April 3 @7:00 p.m.

Good Friday is a solemn day that commemorates the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. We sing, lament, and give thanks for the wondrous love of Christ.

## Easter Sunday, April 5th @10:00 a.m.

Easter ends the season of Lent as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a jubilant celebration resounding with "alleluias" and the trumpet-filled pronunciation, "He has risen." On this joy-filled day, we will celebrate Holy Communion and collectively raise our voices singing the "Hallelujah Chorus." Invite your friends and family to join us!



### Leading us in worship this evening:

Rev. Julie Kline  
Rev. Matt Weiler  
Penelope Librizzi  
Kaden Seals

**Director of Music** - Jacqueline Stilger

**Musicians** - Carolyn Librizzi, cello & vocals, Bixler Weiler, viola & vocals, Rev. Matt Weiler, guitar

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school resumes at 11:00 a.m. on April 12.

Sunday morning child care is available on the second floor from 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### 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.**

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# Holy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

Holy Thursday, sometimes called "Maundy Thursday," invites us to remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples at Passover, his act of humble service in washing their feet, and his call to love one another. On this night, we gather around the table, practice servant love, and begin the journey of the three sacred days that lead us toward Good Friday and the hope of Easter.

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

Rev. Matt Weiler

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**ALL: Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

### \*HYMN #3170 What Feast of Love



1. What feast of love is of-fered here, What ban-quet come from  
2. What light of truth is of-fered here, What cov-e-nant from  
3. What wine of love is of-fered here, What crim-son drink from



1. heav-en? What food of ev-er-last-ing life, What  
2. heav-en? What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, What  
3. heav-en? What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, What



1. gra-cious gift is giv-en? This, this is Christ the  
2. won-drous word is giv-en? This, this is Christ the  
3. pre-cious blood is giv-en? This, this is Christ the



1. King, The bread come down from heav-en. O  
2. King, The Sun come down from heav-en. O  
3. King, The sweet-est wine of heav-en. O



1. taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!  
2. see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!  
3. taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**Most merciful God,  
We your church confess  
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ  
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,  
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips  
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,  
forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**KYRIE** *Have Mercy on Me* (by Sandra McCracken and Thad Cockrell)



Have mer-cy on me. Have mer-cy on me. O  
O help my un-be lief. O, help my un-be lief. O  
Have mer-cy on me. Have mer-cy on mer. O



Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.

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**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**SOLO** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling* (John Bell)

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

One: This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SOLO** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling* (John Bell)

## HOMILY

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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.**

Rev. Julie Kline

**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.**

**SOLO** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling* (John Bell)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Kaden Seals

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion Setting #2257-a

(FWS - black hymnal)

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God .

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS** #2257-b

(FWS - black hymnal)

**Holy Holy Holy, Lord  
God of Power and Might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** #2257-c

(FWS - black hymnal)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**GREAT AMEN** #2257-d

(FWS - black hymnal)

**Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AND HANDWASHING

*All are invited to come forward down the center aisle. The pastors will symbolically wash your hands. You may then move to receive communion from one of four stations. All of the bread this evening is gluten-free. After receiving communion, you are welcome to spend time in personal prayer at the altar rails.*

**HYMN #2198** *Stay with Me*

(FWS - black hymnal)

## STRIPPING THE ALTAR

## LEAVING IN SILENCE