

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Kline
Jacqueline Stilger, Director of Music/Organist

A/V Technicians

Bryan Heany
Kennedy Hayes
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Memorial gifts in Susan's name may be given to
First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo.
Envelopes are located on tables outside the sanctuary.

Welcome

If you are visiting First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo for the first time, we bid you welcome! If you are seeking a church home, please consider worshiping with us again and discovering more about the journey of faith offered to all by our loving and seeking God. We worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.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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Celebration of Life



Susan Elizabeth Paul

February 8, 1939 - January 18, 2026

April 11 at 2:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
212 S. Park Street | Kalamazoo, MI 49007



Nothing Gold Can Stay

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down today.
Nothing gold can stay.*

~ Robert Frost

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLES

Grandchildren

A WORD OF GRACE

Rev. Julie Kline

WELCOME

PRAYER

HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art*

(UMH, red hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

Sharon Turner

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

*You are invited to share a memory or story of Sue.
We ask that you keep it brief so that all may have
an opportunity to share.*

Brian Paul
Mark Paul
Johanna Nilsson
Rev. Dr. Doug Vernon

HYMN #504 *The Old Rugged Cross*

(UMH, red hymnal)

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-6 and 25-27

Noah Nilsson Paul

MEDITATION

Rev. Julie Kline

HYMN #369 *Blessed Assurance*

(UMH, red hymnal)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

COMMENDATION

HYMN #150 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

(UMH, red hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE