

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 21 @10:00 a.m.

The One Who Hears
"The Cry of Hagar"
Rev. Julie Kline
Genesis 21:8-21

June 28 @10:00 a.m.

Pride Sunday
"Bitter Water, Sweet Refrain"
Rev. Julie Kline & Rebecca Wilson
Exodus 15: 19-27 & Luke: 10: 38-42

WE ARE 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 to 3-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. You can find previous recordings of worship services on our website (www.umc-kzo.org) under the Livestream tab, or find us on our YouTube page.

Church Staff

Rev. Julie Kline..... Lead Pastor
Rev. Matt Weiler Community Formation
Jacqueline Stilger Organist/Dir. of Music
Cari Beth Croak..... Associate Dir. of Music
Julia Librizzi..... Children & Families
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Bryan Heany..... AV Team Leader
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Ruth Butters Young Adult Resident

Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Jim Barney, Leonard Marcilous, Andrew Lehman, Ed Ross
Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger
Associate Director of Music: Cari Beth Croak
Musicians: Emily Barron, soloist
Audio-Visual Team: Bryan Heany, Lucas McGinnis, Kennedy Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School will meet after worship today.

Similaries will be meeting in Room 303 this week.

Restorative Yoga is being offered at FUMC on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parlor. Led by Ana Lucia Castañeda, this form of yoga focuses on gentle stretching and breathing. Ana always checks on the physical wellbeing of everyone and adapts from working on a mat to alternative forms to those needing to do chair exercise. All are welcome, even if you've never done yoga before. There is no fee, but Ana welcomes donations.

FREE STORE IS THIS WEEK! Wednesday, June 17 in Wesley Hall with a hot dog lunch. We're seeking volunteers, gently used donations, and help

spreading the word so our neighbors know they're welcome to shop for free clothing, household items, toys, books, and more. See the sign-up sheets at the large welcome desk to volunteer and for a list of desired donation items.

Softball League: KLUMP (Kalamazoo League United Methodist Players) Softball is open to all who would like to play in a very noncompetitive atmosphere. This is a co-ed league for anyone 13 and older (for some of us WAY older). We play on Thursday evenings at 6:15 or 7:45 at Pathfinder Church, 8740 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage. Come play or just cheer us on then join us for ice cream after the game. Contact Jay Gross for more information: jaynlaura5@gmail.com. This week's games are Thurs. June 18: Westwood UMC vs. Cherry Creek at 6:15pm and Portage Pathfinder vs. FUMC at 7:45pm.

Black Voices of Dignity History Exhibit: Our neighbor, First Congregational Church, is hosting a free history exhibit, "Black Voices of Dignity," June 18 - 21. They are seeking volunteers to act as greeters and hosts for 2 1/2 - 3 hour shifts. If you'd like to help, please contact Rev. Sarah Schmidt-Lee at sarah@kazoofcc.org.

African American Composers Featured in Today's Service

- **Adolphus Cunningham Hailstork III** (born April 17, 1941) is an African-American composer and educator. He was born in Rochester, New York, and grew up in Albany, New York, where he studied violin, piano, organ, and voice. Hailstork began his musical career in 1963, when he studied composition with Mark Fax at Howard University, Washington, D.C. That summer he attended the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau, France, where he studied with Nadia Boulanger. In 1965, Hailstork received a Bachelor and Masters of Music from the Manhattan School of Music. Hailstork received his PhD in composition from Michigan State University in 1971. From 1969 to 1971, Hailstork taught at Michigan State University. He then served as professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio from 1971 to 1976, and in 1977 accepted a post as professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Virginia's Norfolk State University. He also taught as professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He currently resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- **Undine Smith Moore** - Known as the "Dean of Black Women Composers," Undine Smith Moore was an African-American music educator and composer. Born August 25, 1904, in Jarratt, Virginia, the granddaughter of enslaved people, she took to the piano at a young age. Her post-secondary education began at the historically Black college Fisk University where she studied piano, organ, and music theory, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926. From there, she obtained her Master of Arts at Columbia University Teachers College in 1931. Additionally, Moore studied at the Juilliard, Manhattan, and Eastman Schools of Music, and was notably the first Fisk graduate to receive a scholarship to Juilliard.

The History of Lift Every Voice and Sing

Many people are surprised to learn this hymn was first written as a poem. Created by James Weldon Johnson, it was performed for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 in Jacksonville, FL. The poem was set to music by Johnson's brother, John Rosamond Johnson, and soon adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National Anthem.

June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1, 5-18

Juneteenth is the oldest known African-American celebration. On June 19, 1865, enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, received word of their emancipation two months after the Civil War had ended, and two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had gone into effect on January 1, 1863.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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.***

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Prelude on "We Shall Overcome"* (Adolphus Hailstork - see back of bulletin)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Barney

One: As part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms,

ALL: we commit ourselves to the decisive action that is needed to resist and dismantle racism at every level.

One: This action must go beyond our historically empty rhetoric about repentance and broken promises

ALL: 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.

One: We beckon our clergy and lay leadership to unapologetically shine the light of truth on our church community

ALL: 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.

One: We make these vows

ALL: so that every person—especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color — may live in safety, health, and freedom.

***HYMN #548** *In Christ There is no East or West*

(UMH - red hymnal)

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Patrick Bird & Rev. Julie Kline

SOLO *We Shall Walk in the Valley of Peace* (Undine Smith Moore - see back of bulletin) Emily Barron

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to turn to your neighbor and greet them with gestures and words of peace, such as "Peace be with you." This practice symbolizes reconciliation, unity, and the sharing of Christ's love amongst our community.

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1, 5-15 Leonard Marcilous

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

Blessing the Children

ALL: May God bless you and be with you. God loves you. So do we!

Julia Librizzi

(FWS-black hymnal)

SHARING OUR STORIES

Andrew Lehman and Ed Ross

HYMN #533 *We Shall Overcome* vs. 1 & 2:

1. **Oh, deep in my heart I do believe**

2. **We'll walk hand in hand.**

(UMH - red hymnal)

SERMON "Unburdening the Church"

Rev. Matt Weiler

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Julie Kline

Holy three in one and one in three, in our baptism we have been given the freedom and the power to resist racism and yet, we have failed. We have at times chosen our own safety over the flourishing of others, complacency for the sake of convenience, and the comfort of silence over the risk of speaking out.

SILENCE

Christ have mercy

Forgive us Lord, for the impact of our sins is the perpetuation of racism in our community and even in our congregation

Christ have mercy

Forgive us Lord and free us for joyful obedience that our collective acts of resistance might give birth to the flourishing of life for all - White, Black, Indigenous, and all People of Color - That this act of confession and repentance would lead us to the fullness of life offered us in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God hear the good news, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ who has broken down the dividing wall between us, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen!

HYMN #533 *We Shall Overcome* vs. 3: **We shall all be free.**

(UMH - red hymnal)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the meal Jesus hosts. There is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one too old or too young; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. You, who are part of God's creation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. Come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup of juice and eat it. Servers will offer the bread by saying, "the bread of life," and "the cup of love." You may respond with "Amen." Gluten-free bread is available.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 13-14 (UMH - red hymnal)


SANCTUS - 2257b & MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - 2257c

(FWS-black hymnal)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *Come To The Table Of Grace*



Come to the ta-ble of grace.____ Come to the ta-ble of grace.____
Come to the ta-ble of peace.____ Come to the ta-ble of peace.____
Come to the ta-ble of love.____ Come to the ta-ble of love.____



This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta-ble of grace.____
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta-ble of peace.____
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta-ble of love.____

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #533 *We Shall Overcome* vs. 5: **The Lord will see us through.**

(UMH - red hymnal)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Come Down Angels* (Arr. Undine Smith Moore)

African American Spiritual

Emily Barron

***DOXOLOGY #94** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

(UMH-red hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name.

Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy, and praise so that all the earth may know that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR SHARED LIVES

***HYMN #519** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

(UMH - red hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude on "We Shall Overcome"* (Adolphus Hailstork)

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, and for love.



Community: Sacred relationship with God and one another



Inclusion: All identities belong and are love in Christ.



Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 14

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Adult Sunday School

Monday, June 15

11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Rm. 303

5:00 pm Finance/Trustees - Zoom

Tuesday, June 16

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom

9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor

11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Rm. 303

12:30 pm Staff meeting - Parlor

4:30 to 6:30 pm - Food pantry open

6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom

9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Free Store - Wesley Hall

11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Rm. 303

12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 to 2:30 - Food pantry open

Thursday, June 18

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor

11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Rm. 303

3:30 pm Outreach meeting (Parlor)