

# First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

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### UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

**June 14 @10:00 a.m.**

Juneteenth Celebration  
with Communion  
Rev. Matt Weiler  
Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1, 5-18

**June 21 @10:00 a.m.**

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

### Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's Call To Action

*In response to racism and bias: as part of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church's vow to resist oppression in all its forms, we 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.*

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Matt Weiler, Julia Librizzi, Kari Parthasarathy

**Director of Music:** Jacqueline Stilger

**Associate Director of Music:** Cari Beth Croak

**Musicians:** First Beats, First Bells

**Audio-Visual Team:** Bryan Heany, Lucas McGinnis, Kennedy Hayes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Are you strong and/or good with tools?** If so, please stay after the children's musical today and help us take down and stow away the stage. We would appreciate it!

**Youth & Family Beach Trip Today!** South Haven Beach, 6-8pm. Youth and families are invited to meet for our annual end-of-the-year Beach Night. We'll meet in the parking lot at North Beach at 6:00 pm and stay until 8:00 pm. Bring a picnic and some beach toys and dress for the weather. Parking is \$10 and anyone interested is welcome to meet for Sherman's ice cream after. Please RSVP to Pastor Matt so we know who to expect and to let him know if you need a ride.

**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. Even if you've never done yoga before, this will help build strength and balance. All are welcome, experienced

or no experience, and you'll leave feeling relaxed and refreshed. There is no fee, but Ana welcomes donations.

**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. Our first game is June 11. 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.

**Juneteenth Celebration Service:** On Sunday, June 14th, we will acknowledge and celebrate Juneteenth in our worship. Members of Dawn Patrol, a group of men who gather every week for prayer, spiritual growth, and antiracism reflection, will serve as lay liturgists, and two of their members will tell stories connecting their Dawn Patrol experience to the *Four Pivots: From Lens to Mirror*. Following worship, Dawn Patrol members will share more stories and reflections during the Sunday School hour in the Parlor.

**Free Store:** 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. Donations can be dropped off Sun. 6/14 9:30 - 1:00, Mon. 6/15 9:00 - 4:00, and Tues. 6/16 9:00 - 2:00. Your generosity can make this event a success.

**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.

### Join the CARES Team!

- C - calling and cards
- A - acts of kindness
- R - reaching out
- E - engaged with one another
- S - Spirit-led

This ministry team connects and cares for members and friends of Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church, especially our elders and those with ongoing health concerns or significant life events. Contact Judy Kingsley at judykings@charter.net to learn more and join our efforts to share God's love or receive CARE from a team member.



First Beats presents

## Storms

by Mark Burrows



*When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you; and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you. - Isaiah 43:2*

### Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

We would like to connect with you. Please fill out the attendance pad located at the end of the pews 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 on 'New Britain'* (Hal H. Hopson)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kari Parthasarathy

One: When we pass through the waters,  
**ALL: God is there with us.**  
One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,  
**ALL: God is there with us.**  
One: When we are joyful and celebratory,  
**ALL: God is there with us.**  
One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,  
**ALL: God is there with us.**  
One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,  
**ALL: Yes, let us worship for God is with us!**

**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
- Drew Bolton ..... Bldg. Superintendent
- Linda Hamill ..... Office Manager
- Christiane Stakely ..... Office Assistant
- Erika Jones..... Communications
- Cody Collmenter ..... Bookkeeper
- Bryan Heany..... AV Team Leader
- Alison Ericson ..... Building Host
- Samantha Lee..... Building Host
- Jacob Ericson ..... Building Host
- Jim Tiffany..... Custodian
- Ruth Butters ..... Young Adult Resident

**\*OPENING HYMN #529** *How Firm a Foundation*

(UMH - red hymnal)

## WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

## OPENING PRAYER & LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

### \*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.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

 Isaiah 43:1-7

### \*GOSPEL READING

 Mark 4:35-41

Kari Parthasarathy

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## FIRST BEATS PRESENTS "STORMS" by Mark Burrows, directed by Jacqueline Stilger

### CAST

What If:	Penelope Librizzi
Cantor/Meteorologist:	Neela Parathasarthy
Mission:	Campbell Weiler
What Is/Experience:	Cora Welter
Word/Creature Care	Lilly Nolan
Comics:	Hazel Welter
Sports/Jesus:	Kaden Seals

*(The character names portray personality traits or special aspects of each character that stand out.)*

### SONGS

Storms  
A "Pleasant" Little Cruise  
You Are Mine  
An Answer to a Prayer  
Refuge

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #378: *Amazing Grace*

(UMH-red hymnal)

Inside Out

### *Special thanks to:*

Dan Duncan - set construction  
Jane Rettke - set design  
Julia Librizzi - slide show  
Bryan Heany and Kennedy Hayes - sound  
Cari Croak - percussion  
Carolyn Librizzi and Audry Quimby - stage hands

**Special Offering:** *During the First Beats Musical, our children will be partnering with Outreach and the Youth Summer Mission Project by collecting a special offering to support Flood Relief Efforts through Appalachia Service Project. This special offering will not support the Youth Mission Trip, rather, it will go directly to ASP to assist with various flood disaster projects through Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Southwest Virginia. To learn more, or to make a direct gift to ASP Flood Relief, follow this QR code. Thank you!*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The pastor will lift up several prayers. After the words "Saving God," the congregation may respond with: "Hear our 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.  
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

*All children are invited to come forward and choose a bell to play together.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM #2145 *I've Got Peace Like a River* (FWS-black hymnal)

First Bells

### \*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

**How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit,  
who fills us with patience and generosity and genuine love.  
We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully  
in ministry to the world.  
In the name of Christ, we ask it.  
Amen**

## OUR SHARED LIVES

### \*HYMN #374 *Standing on the Promises*

(UMH - red hymnal)

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* (G.F. Handel)

*At the close of worship, the acolytes take the Light of Christ down the center aisle to symbolize that as Christ's followers, we bear the Light of Christ to the world.*

### 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 7

10:00 am Worship Service/Children's Musical  
6:00 pm Youth/Families Beach Night

### Monday, June 8

11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Wesley Hall  
6:00 pm Bach around the Block - Sanctuary

### Tuesday, June 9

9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom  
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor  
11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Wesley Hall  
4:15 pm First Beats - Choir Room  
4:30 to 6:30 pm - Food pantry open  
6:30 pm Manna - Youth Center

### Wednesday, June 10

8:00 am Yoga - Zoom  
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor  
11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Wesley Hall  
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live  
12:30 to 2:30 - Food pantry open  
2:00 pm CARES Committee meeting

### Thursday, June 11

9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room  
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor  
11:40 am Similarities (N.A.) - Wesley Hall