

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 18 @10:00 a.m.
Laity Sunday
Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 25 @10:00 a.m.
Consecration Sunday
Rev. Julie Kline
"Our Hearts, Our Home"
Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

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Children are welcome! Child care with trained staff is provided on the second floor for infants to 4-year-olds.

LARGE PRINT Bibles and hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

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.

Rev. Julie Kline..... Lead Pastor
Rev. Dr. 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
Em Norwood..... Young Adult Resident

Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Kline, Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler, Jeremy Welter, Julia Librizzi
Director of Music: Jacqueline Stilger
Associate Director of Music: Cari Beth Croak
Musicians: First Strings & Friends; Dr. Ann Estill, piano and vocals
Acolyte: Vera Warzybok

 The rosebuds on the altar are to welcome:
Louis Albert Vorbrich, born August 31st to
Steven and Grace Vorbrich, grandson of Andrew and
Sally Vorbrich, and

Generosity Campaign - In the fall of 2026, First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites the congregation to consider how generosity helps us practice mutual love, extend hospitality, do good, and share what we have. Together, we tend a spiritual home rooted in love, community, inclusion, and justice and a ministry home that reaches beyond our walls with compassion and hope. *Prayerfully consider how your giving helps tend this home of mutual love, hospitality, inclusion, and justice for the year ahead.*

Children's Sunday School: Preschool - 5th graders meet in room 206 following worship until 12:30pm.

Fall Academy Class: Today is the final class of a five-week series, “A Primer on Israel/Palestine.”

Youth Group - Meets tonight downstairs in the Youth Lounge from 6:00-7:30pm.

Parents Night Out - Bronco Hockey: Join us Friday, November 13 for a fun and energetic night out as we cheer on the WMU Broncos hockey team at Lawson Ice Arena! Tickets are \$31 each. Concessions will be available at the arena.

Today is the last day to RSVP - please email Julia Librizzi at jlibrizzi@umc-kzo.org. Childcare is on your own for this event.

October Mission of the Month - Salvation Army's 'Share the Warmth' Coat Drive: You are welcome to donate new and gently used coats as well as hats, scarves, gloves/mittens and boots. The collection boxes are located by the office welcome desk and outside the sanctuary. Please help keep those in need warm this winter!

It's time to VOTE! We have plenty of League of Women Voters 2026 voting guides available in the hallway across from the Parlor. You can also find the information online at www.VOTE411.org. Every vote matters, so make your voice heard!

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Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19

Good morning, and welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo. If you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, we are grateful to be gathered with you. Please make your presence known in the attendance pads or by greeting one another in the YouTube chat. Please rise in body or spirit for the call to worship.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* (Arr. Cindy Berry)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jeremy Welter - Generosity Team Member

One: Today we hear a word of encouragement from the prophet Jeremiah to a people longing for newness;

ALL: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

One: Pray for your communities.

ALL: Keep God in the center of all that is.

One: We learn from one who is healed by the grace of Jesus.

ALL: Give God our praises and live lives of gratitude

One: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

ALL: Hope that God's hospitality affirms the good news; we are all welcome here.

One: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

ALL: and we can trust that promise.

***HYMN #92** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(UMH - red hymnal)

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Julie Kline

SUNG RESPONSE *A Place at the Table, verse 5 and refrain*



5. For ev - 'ry one born, a place at the ta - ble,

To live without fear, and simp - ly to be.

To work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - 'ry-one born, the right to be free.

God will de light when we are crea tors of jus tice and joy, com -

pas - sion and peace: yes, God_____ will de-light when we are cre

a - tors of jus- tice, jus -tice and joy.

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*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 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19

The Sunday school children will present a tableau of the Scripture with Hannah Nickolay of Wayfolk Arts, as part of the Making Meaning Together initiative.

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* (FWS-black hymnal)

Julia Librizzi & Hannah Nickolay

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

MESSAGE “Living Now As It Shall Be”

Rev. Dr. Matt Weiler

HYMN #2175 *Together We Serve*

(FWS-black hymnal)

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN WITNESS

Molly Williams

MUSIC *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Dr. Ann Estill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

OFFERTORY *Only Trust Him* (John Stockton, Arr. A. Sherfield)

First Strings & Friends

*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

Vera Warzybok

**We thank you God for all you have given us.
Today, we return a portion to you.
Bless these gifts and guide us to use them
to create a space of healing, welcome, and belonging here.
May the community we create
open our imaginations for the fullness of your love
and beloved community. Amen.**

OUR SHARED LIVES

*HYMN #2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

(FWS-black hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Great Thou Art* (Karl Boberg, Arr. Bob Walters)

First Strings & Friends

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 loved in Christ.



Justice: Restoration of equity and wholeness.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, October 11
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am New Membership class
6:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Center
6:00 pm Faith Milestones - 2nd floor, Arches

Monday, October 12
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall

Tuesday, October 13
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor
9:30 am Worship Planning - Zoom
11:40 am Similarities - 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, October 14
8:00 am Yoga - Zoom
9:00 am Dawn Patrol - Parlor
11:40 am Similarities - Wesley Hall
12:00 pm Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live
12:30 to 2:30 - Food pantry open
2:00 pm CARES Committee
6:30 pm Bible Study - Parlor

Thursday, October 15
9:30 am Restorative Yoga - Parlor
9:30 am First Stitchers - Fellowship Room
10:30 am Bible Study - Room 305
11:40 am Similarities -Wesley Hall
3:30 pm Outreach meeting - Parlor