

October 23, 2022



Celebrate!

God's Gifts at Work
in Milwood



Milwood United Methodist
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Welcome to Worship!

*please stand if you are able ~ UMH = United Methodist Hymnal ~ FWS = Faith We Sing

Trinity Chimes

Prelude Trumpet Tune in D Major attributed Henry Purcell

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89

*Call to Worship Caleb Williams

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here to celebrate!
Jesus's first miracle was at a wedding, and God is showing up at this party too!
We're here to share the joy!
Come, let's lay our gifts on the table and join the fun!
We're here to bless the future!
Come, make this a party to remember!
We're here to spread the fun to everyone!
Whether you're a bridesmaid or a wedding crasher,
All are welcome here!
Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Response Glory Be to the Father UMH 71

Welcome Pastor Caleb Williams

Children's Time Draw the Circle Wide Mark A. Miller

Prayer Song God Is So Good FWS 2056

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our father, 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.

Prayer Song God Is So Good FWS 2056

Anthem Entertain the Angels Heather Corenson
Chancel Choir

Two people who are neighbors, but really live like strangers,
focused on the cares of their own lives;

one having plenty the other's hands are empty, both beloved in the Father's eyes.
 We've a thousand solutions, if they'd just agree.
 We've forgotten we were once the "least of these." And grace is not grace unless it's free.
 May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed, touch the diseased as if they were God.
 And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.
 We're afraid of the outcast, afraid of the contrast, afraid they might diminish our own light.
 So we cling to excuses, disguised by the verses, we claim as the reason that we're right.
 We've told them before, why did they not learn? As if grace were something people could earn.
 As if grace were something anyone deserves.
 We were once the outcast, the broken and the falling.
 May we never push away the people You are calling.
 May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed, touch the diseased as if they were God.
 And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Helen Palleschi
Common English Bible

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet." His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Message

Extravagant Generosity

Pastor Caleb Williams

Giving Our Thanks

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

*Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

*Prayer

*Blessing

Postlude

Wedding March

Felix Mendelssohn



Happening Next!



October

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Celebration Sunday

Welcoming new members!

October

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Preschool Trick-or-Treat - 10:30am

Sign up to hand out candy provided in the Fellowship Hall!

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Trunk-or-Treat - 5-7pm

Bring a friend and hand out candy from your car trunk!



- Family Movie Night - Friday, November 11th, 6pm
- SoulCollage® Workshop - Saturday, November 19th
- Free Fine Arts Concert - December 11th, 3pm
- Living Nativity & Petting Zoo - December 16th & 17th

call the church office or see our website for more details

**Today's Worship Leaders: Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor | Helen Palleschi, Liturgist | Darlene Sang, Director of Choirs
Carl Doubleday, Organist | Yunsi Zhang, Pianist | Gordy Brodhagen, Dave & Alex Gordon, A.V. Ministry**

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