



Sunday, February 14, 2021

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*
Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

LeRoy, Eben and Clara Britton

One: We come to worship with joyful spirits!

All: We open ourselves to the glory of God's love, filling us with light!

One: May everything in heaven and earth reflect the glory of God.

All: In the midst of pain and challenges, opportunities and obstacles, may our hearts rejoice in God.

One: Our God is giving and forgiving, offering us daily blessings.

All: May God's love reign within us, binding us together. We come to worship with joy!

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UM Hymnal #89

led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Morning Prayer
Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Anthem

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Nancy Eaton and Ben Hintzman, handbell duet

arr. Jeanne Warzyn

Scripture Reading

Carole Hawkinson

Matthew 25:31-49

Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me."

Then those who are righteous will reply to him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"

Then the king will reply to them, "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me."

Sermon

Serving: It's What We Do

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn

The Gift of Love

UM Hymnal #408
led by Emma Rustan

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Benediction

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney

MaryAnne Korsch, piano; Velda Graham Bell, organ



After worship today: FUMC's All Church Annual Meeting, on Zoom. The meeting's purposes are:

Membership report and approval

Action on pastoral candidates

Financial report

Update on the UMC

COVID policy and update

A chance to be together

Reopening process and plan

The Zoom meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519> Meeting ID: 544 634 7519

If you need help to get on Zoom, please call Kelby Werner at 218-343-1201 and he will help you. There are also dial-in numbers for those unable to do video.

Today is Scout Sunday. We recognize and celebrate the values and character that Scouts build in our young people. Hillside UMC is proud to be in partnership with Cub Scout Pack 29. When it's not a global pandemic, they hold their Den meetings here every week and our UMW group is their charter sponsor. We are also proud of all our scouts who are in other packs and troops, and of all former scouts.

Lenten bag pickup info for First and Hillside

Hillsiders: you may pick up a Lenten grab bag at church this Sunday or anytime during the week. The bags are in the grey bin outside the parking lot doors. In the bags are: a cross for Ash Wednesday, Lenten Devotional book, communion elements, a valentine and candy. If you would like to pick one up for a neighbor, please do!

First UMC: Lenten grab bags are on a table just inside the front doors. The bags include: a Lenten devotional book, a cross for Ash Wednesday and a Valentine treat. Home communion elements, masks and Sunday School materials for children are also available, and we have some puzzles if you'd like something new to occupy your winter days.

Join us online for an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 17, premiering at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Study and Growth Groups via Zoom: we'll be meeting to discuss "Love Is The Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times" by Bishop Michael Curry, but you can fully participate in the discussion whether you read the book or not.

3 group options starting mid-February:

- (1) **Thursdays at 10 am** - led by Pastor Jeanine & Kelby Werner
February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/915188407> Meeting ID: 915 188 407
- (2) **Sundays 9-9:45 am** - Led by Rev. MaryAnne & Pastor Jeanine
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519> Meeting ID: 544 634 7519
- (3) **Mondays 8pm** - Led by Pastor Cynthia & Rev. Jan Barker
February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7867461473> Meeting ID: 786 746 1473

To sign up for any of the groups or if you have questions:

- Call the FUMC church office (218-727-5021) or e-mail Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com)
- Call the Hillside church office (218-727-4257) or e-mail Pastor Cynthia (pastorcynthiac@gmail.com)

If you would like to connect with Pastor Jeanine and other FUMC members, please join us for a Zoom meeting every Thursday morning at 10 am. We'll visit with one another, hear church updates, share Scripture and pray. Come any time – once or every week. You are welcome!

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