



Sunday, November 15, 2020

Prelude *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* Healey Willan
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Cindy Hedlund and Marlys Wolden

One: Gather us in, all peoples together

All: Not in one building but in many homes, near and far

One: Gather us in, and hold us together

All: Not in some heaven light years away

One: But here in this place, this apartment, this home, this city, the new light is shining

All: Now is the kingdom, now is the day!

Hymn *Gather Us In* The Faith We Sing #2236, v. 1, 2, 4
led by Tapestry

*1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2. We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old – who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.
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Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Concerns and Celebrations

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Walkin' to Church* music and lyrics by Thomas King
sung and played by Thomas King

Scripture Reading Brenda Ion

Matthew 22-37-40

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

James 2:14-17

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UM Hymnal #581
led by Emma Rustan

*1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.*

*2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.*

*3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.*

*4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.*

Sermon *The Methodist Way: Do Good* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offertory *What a Wonderful World* George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Tommy Kishida, piano

Words for Going Forth Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ



Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their estimates of giving for 2021. If you haven't yet, please mail them to the church or bring them to the church office. The FUMC office is open Monday-Friday 10am-2pm.

A Charge Conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm**, via Zoom. A Charge Conference is a meeting in which all members of the church have a voice and the leadership board and affiliated clergy have votes. The sole purpose of this Charge Conference is to approve the pastoral compensation for 2021. All are welcome to attend. This meeting will be held at the beginning of the Administrative Council meeting, and you are welcome to stay for that meeting as well. The Zoom meeting link is: us02web.zoom.us/j/88270600020 and the meeting ID is 882 7060 0020.

Terri Lynn nuts are back! This year ordering will be done entirely online. All proceeds from the sale of nuts, dried fruits, snacks and candy will go to benefit our youth program. Order at CoppertopDuluth.terrilynn.com

Calling all kids and youth... and even adults! We are working on our virtual Christmas pageant plans and want to invite you to be it. We need a few speaking parts and lots of singers. Please let Cynthia or Jojo know if you are interested ASAP! Pastorcynthiac1@gmail.com or families@fumcduluth.com

Hillside is collecting warm clothes for CHUM. You can drop off your new or gently-used hats, mittens, coats, or sleeping bags at Hillside on Saturday morning, November 21, from 10-12 pm. Thank you!

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