

Sunday, June 27, 2021



Prelude *Dearest Jesus, We are Here* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.

All: We do not need to be afraid, for God is with us. God strengthens, help and upholds us.

One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.

All: When we face challenging times, God comes to us, keeps us from going under.

One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.

All: Our souls lean on Jesus and so our foundation is firm!

*** Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* UM Hymnal #529

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Concerns and Celebrations

Jesus' Prayer – Contemporary Version by Parker Palmer
Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.

Scripture Reading Barbara Hakala

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard-pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. It is written, "I believed, therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are

achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.

Anthem	<i>The Heavens are Telling</i> Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Velda Graham Bell, piano	Franz Joseph Haydn, arr. D. Kelley
Sermon	<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>	Brandon Veale
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>	UM Hymnal #553, v. 1, 3, 4, 6
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are comfortable.



Announcements

Please fill out the attendance cards each week. At least for now, they are replacing the pew pads. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of the church records. On the back of the card, you will find a list of volunteer opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These opportunities will change often, so check them out each week and please sign up where you can.

Fellowship, coffee and doughnuts will be available following the service, in Lakeview Social Hall on the lower level.

Attention College Students: The Lennon-Berini Scholarship is following a different timeline this year. This scholarship supports student members of FUMC who are pursuing people-centered careers and have completed at least two years of college. Applications will be available July 1 on the church website (fumcduluth.com) and are due by 4 pm on Friday, July 23. Look for more information in the July issue of First Family.

A gift to light the church was given by Sharon and Pat Alexander in honor of all the FUMC 2021 graduates.

Thank you to Riley Hinnenkamp, Elizabeth Nelson, Joanna Niemi and Kay Strand for leading hymns today.

Thank you to Bill Alexander, Alex Flinner, Nick Gosen and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible. Music reprinted and broadcast under OneLicense # A-704169, CCLI License # 388862 and CCS WORSHIPcast License # 12033. All rights reserved.

Ways to give to support your church:

First UMC (fumcduluth.com): give online at fumcduluth.com OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811