



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Mother's Day & Garden Sunday

Prelude *Grace Like Rain*

Todd Agnew

Tapestry

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Carmen Wendland

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 forgiving and giving, 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 Ann Gumpper, Kelby Werner, Mary Whitlock, Tom Wiig

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!

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.

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.

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

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

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.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin- Langdon

Scripture Reading

Richard Gurske

Psalm 32:1-5

Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be – you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean. Count yourself lucky – God holds nothing against you and you're holding nothing back from God. When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll come clean about my failures to God." Suddenly the pressure was gone – my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son or daughter belongs to it forever. So if Christ sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Anthem *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* Jaroslav Vajda, lyrics; Carl Schalk, music
Debbi King, vocalist

Sermon *Deal with Your Mistakes: How to Handle Challenging Times #2* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn *Grace Alone* The Faith We Sing #2162
led by Emma Rustan

*1. Every promise we can make,
every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make
is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind
is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.*

*2. Every soul we long to reach,
every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace
is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say,
every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise
is only by his grace.
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Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Video of our Memorial Gardens

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Mark Patterson

Velda Graham Bell, piano

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Recessional of Joy*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Hal Hopson



Announcements

Roadside Cleanup is Saturday, May 15. This is a chance for you to put your commitment to the earth into action! Meet at the corner of Midway and Maple Grove Roads at noon. For more information, contact Bill Alexander at bill@strikepoint.com.

Please consider making a special gift to maintain our Memorial Gardens. You may send a check to FUMC or use the eGiving link on our [website](http://fumcduluth.com) (fumcduluth.com). In either method, indicate "Memorial Gardens" in the memo line. Thank you!

Up to 50 people may now worship in person in our Sanctuary. Through May 23, the service will not be live, but the pre-recorded video will be projected on the wall. **You must sign up in advance!** Call the church office at 218-727-5021 before 10 am on Friday or [sign up online](#).

Thank you to Bill Alexander and Alex Flinner for recording, compiling, editing and distributing the videos to create our online worship service.

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