



Sunday, October 10, 2021

Bible Sunday

Prelude *All' Offertorio*
Sonata in D Major Domenico Zipoli
Domenico Scarlatti
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Noah Neilsen

One: We gather for worship because we want to follow in the ways of Jesus.
All: **We gather for worship because we want to be close to God and each other.**
One: Teach us your ways, God, so we can walk in your truth.
All: **Open our eyes and help us see the wonderful things that you do.**
One: We gather for worship because we want to follow in the ways of Jesus.
All: **May our hearts be open more and more, so we are wholly devoted to God!**

* Hymn *Cry of My Heart* The Faith We Sing #2165

Children's Message/Presentation of Bibles to 3-year-olds, 3rd graders and Confirmation students
Pastor Jeanine Alexander, Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Jojo Coffin-Langdon

* Response *Thy Word is a Lamp* UM Hymnal #601

Children may leave for Sunday School following the response.

Anthem *Here I am to Worship* Tim Hughes
Tapestry; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confession: God, we acknowledge the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own self-focused desires. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have hurt the members of our families, for the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern, for the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice, for the times we refused to forgive others.

Assurance of Pardon: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven, freed from guilt and empowered to live in God's love. We are God's beloved. May we live as such, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times

of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Leah Abbott and Peyton Walker

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reader 1: That same day, Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying:

Reader 2: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Reader 1: "Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen, then, to what the parable of the sower means:

Reader 2: "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem

Prayer for Peace

David Cherwien

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

Sermon

The State of Our Hearts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UM Hymnal #185

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. David Cherwien

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. On the back of the card, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Please join us for fellowship in the east parking lot following the service.

Congratulations to our Bible recipients:

3-year-olds:

Alexander Barnes

Brooklyn Hawkins

Third graders:

Grace Bellefy

Martin Hill

Owen Conley

Alaina Lin Houser

Ella Maria Davis

Aubrey Nadine Houser

Ty Decatur

Elijah John Nielsen

Grady Nathaniel Fitzgibbons

Emily Marie Walker

Confirmation students:

Leah Abbott

Stanley Jeannette

Lincoln Alexander

Sawyer Johnson

Nathaniel Bateman

Jacob Marquardt

Alex Bellefy

Noah Nielsen

Dahlia Boberg

Sam Ramsey-Coffin

Avery Collins

Peyton Walker

Ava Davis

A gift to light the church for the week of October 10 was given in memory of Cindy Alexander by her husband Bill, commemorating her birthday on the 13th. The gift will also support her beloved Strikepoint.

Garden Cleanup Day is Tuesday, October 19, beginning at 9 am (raindate October 20). Volunteers are needed to put the gardens to bed for winter. Duties are varied but the job is usually done within a couple hours. Bring gloves and pruners if you can, along with snacks and your own beverage. Questions? Call Linda Harper at 724-2383, No experience necessary; all are welcome to help with this great ministry.

Faith Forum is beginning again. Join us Sunday, October 24 from 9:00-9:45 am in the East Lounge.

Terri Lynn Nuts and Goodies are back! It's the time of year when we offer the best nuts and chocolates from Terri Lynn. A portion of the proceeds from your order will go to the youth fund to help fund their mission trip this summer. Order your favorites online by going to CoppertopDuluth.terri Lynn.com. Order before the end of November and your items will be delivered to your home.

Next Sunday, October 17, please join us following the service for cupcakes celebrating the recent marriage of Mike Goodlet and Rob Meijer.

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