



# Sunday, October 17, 2021

Prelude *Colors* Erik Burton  
Tapestry; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Call to Worship Atley Collins

One: For everyone born, a place at the table!  
All: **ALL are welcome here.**  
One: For everyone born, a place at the table!  
All: **In this place, we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace!**  
One: For everyone born, a place at the table!  
All: **And God delights! Yes! God delights!**

\* Hymn *A Place at the Table* attachment; v. 1, 4, 5, 6

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon

*Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.*

Anthem *Hornpipe & Dance II* Kathleen Wissinger  
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confession: God, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard and I was easily distracted. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be judged. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty and exclusion. I closed them, for I did not want to see. Lord, forgive my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient, safe, popular and easy. Renew me, send me out to share your love in all I do and say.

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. Live as God's beloved, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

**Jesus' Prayer** - contemporary paraphrase from *Human Rites* by Ward and Wild  
**Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. 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, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, 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 Atley Collins and Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Words from the Torah (the first five books of the Bible)**

Reader 1: Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land. *Genesis 12:10*

Reader 2: There shall be one law for the native and for the alien who resides among you.

*Exodus 12:49*

Reader 1: You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien; for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

*Exodus 22:21*

Reader 2: You shall not strip your vineyards bare...leave them for the poor and the alien.

*Leviticus 23:22*

Reader 1: When the alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 19:33-34 and 24:22*

Reader 2: Give the members of your community a fair hearing, and judge rightly between one person and another, whether citizen or resident alien. *Deuteronomy 1:16*

Reader 1: For the Lord your God...loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. *Deuteronomy 10:18-19*

Reader 2: You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land. *Deuteronomy 24:14*

Reader 1: You shall not deprive a resident alien...of justice. *Deuteronomy 24:17-18*

Reader 2: A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. *Deuteronomy 25:5*

Reader 1: Cursed be anyone who deprives the alien...of justice. *Deuteronomy 27:19*

### 1 John 3:16-19

We know what love is because Jesus gave his life for us. That's why we must give our lives for each other. If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God. Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it. When we love others, we know that we belong to the truth, and we feel at ease in the presence of God.

#### Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

#### Anthem *Speak the Truth in Love ("Ongea")*

Stephanie Taylor

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director  
Brandon Veale, soloist; Steve Mattson, conga

Sung in English and Swahili

Swahili and translation: *Ongea, ongea ukweli* = Speak, speak the truth.

*Ongea, ongea kwa upendo* = Speak, speak in love.

#### Sermon *Pay it Forward*

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

#### \* Hymn *From Wisdom Emerging*

attachment

#### Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

#### Postlude *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

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.

*Preaching this morning* is the Rev. Charlotte Frantz. Charlotte is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. She retired from Pilgrim Congregational Church here in Duluth and is now a member of Peace UCC. Her ministry included serving congregations in Indiana, Montana, Iowa and Minneapolis prior to coming to Duluth. Since retirement, she has been involved in social justice ministries and is interested in how our faith calls us to action in the public sphere.

*Please join us* for fellowship in the east parking lot following the service. Today we are having cupcakes to celebrate the recent marriage of Mike Goodlet and Rob Meijer.

**Halloween Concert:** The Friends of the Felgemaker are sponsoring a Halloween Spooktacular concert on Sunday, October 31 at 3 pm at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth). The concert features organist and Duluth native Charles Sundquist. Free event, with a \$15 suggested donation. **All concert-goers must provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test at the door.** Velda Bell is president of the Friends of the Felgemaker.

**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.terrilynn.com](http://CoppertopDuluth.terrilynn.com). Order before the end of November and your items will be delivered to your home.

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