



Sunday, October 24, 2021



Prelude *Peace Medley*

Velda Graham Bell, piano

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship**

Brandon Veale

One: O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise!

All: **We sing to God in praise of a new day and the opportunities it brings.**

One: O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise!

All: **We sing to God with thanks for the privilege of gathering in worship.**

One: O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise!

All: **We lift grateful voices welcoming the presence of the Giver of life.**

*** Hymn** *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UM Hymnal #57; v. 1-3, 6-7

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

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

Anthem *God's Peace*

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

arr. C.J. Adams

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confession: God of grace, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways.

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, offering love to others in all you do and say. Amen!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

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.

Scripture Reading

Brandon Veale

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd. A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over!" They called out to the blind man and said, "Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you." The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man answered, "Master, I want to see!" Jesus told him, "You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith." Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes	<i>Stewardship moment</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	The Faith We Sing #2086; sing twice
Sermon	<i>What Do You Want Me to Do for You?</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>The Summons</i>	The Faith We Sing #2130
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	Alfred Fedak

* 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.*

The flowers on the altar today are given by SPRC in recognition of the ministry of Pastor Jeanine, Rev. MaryAnne, Pastor Cynthia, Jojo Coffin-Langdon and Linda Wiig. The Minnesota Annual Conference has chosen October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you to our wonderful pastoral team for all your work!

***Halloween Spooktacular 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 chair of the Friends of the Felgemaker committee.*

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge. Next week, October 31, Bret Pence from MN Interfaith Power and Light will speak on "Putting Our Faith Lives into Sustainable Practices."

October 31 is Cynthia Coffin-Langdon's last Sunday as the director of Tapestry. During the service, we will thank her and recognize Cynthia's twelve years of wonderful musical leadership. Thank you, Cynthia!

*The UM Creation Justice Movement is offering seven free online (via Zoom) workshops focused on building and strengthening Conference-level Creation Care ministries and team. The first is **Monday, Nov. 1 at noon**, on "Why is this our Mission? Creation Care and Wesleyan Theology." Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocQvrDIvGtNRI2REJmfcsDlbcCF_Xch*

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