



# Sunday, October 31, 2021

**Prelude**      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      arr. Shackley/Sherman  
Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director  
Melanie Sever, flute; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Tommy Kishida and Mary Whitlock, percussion

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Celebrating and Thanking Cynthia Coffin-Langdon for her Tapestry Ministry**

**\* Call to Worship**      Geoff Bell

One: Gather us in, all peoples together.

All: **In this Sanctuary, online, in many homes, near and far.**

One: Gather us in and hold us together.

All: **Not in some heaven, light years away,**

One: But here in this place, this Sanctuary, this home, this city, this world.

All: **The new light is shining! Now is the kingdom, now is the day!**

**\* Hymn**      *Gather Us In*      The Faith We Sing #2236, v. 1, 2, 4

**Welcoming New Members**

Today we welcome into membership: Phyllis Durand; Larry, Nicole and Jamie Ehresman;  
Rhonda Montavon; Linn Montavon; Roxann Smith; Sue Wollack

**Children's Message and Stewardship Moment**      Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

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

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confession: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us, direct us along the path so that we may delight in your will 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, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

**Jesus' Prayer** - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!**

**Anthem**      *Counting Every Blessing*      Gilkeson and Llewellyn  
Tapestry; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

John 3:1-17

- One: Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said,
- All: **“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”**
- One: Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”
- All: **“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”**
- One: Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”
- All: **“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.**
- One: “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that God gave God’s one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>Christ Be My Leader</i> Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director; Dawn Silvestrini, flute	Kevin Hildebrand
Sermon	<i>Are You Saved?</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	UM Hymnal #102
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Chorale-Improvisation on “Nun danket alle Gott”</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\* 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.*

**Halloween Spooktacular Concert:** The Friends of the Felgemaker are sponsoring a Halloween Spooktacular concert this afternoon 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, November 7, Gina Diaz will speak on "Our Faith Story: Our Journey of Faith and Hope in a Foreign Land We Now Call Home, Cherishing our Roots and the Mission to Give Back."

**UMW ladies** have made cassia bud pickles! The pint jars of pickles will be available to purchase in the Narthex on November 7 and 14 before and after the service. Each pint will be \$5.00, with a limit of two to allow everyone a chance to be able to eat these delicious pickles. Proceeds will go to fund end-of-the-year requests that UMW receives from organizations such as the battered women's shelter, Damiano Center, First Witness and Life House. Any additional donations that can help fund these requests will be appreciated. Thank you!

**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/tZ0ocQvrDIvGtNRI2REJmfcisDlbcCF> Xch

**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 help fund the youth mission trip this summer. Order your favorites online at [CoppertopDuluth.terrilynn.com](http://CoppertopDuluth.terrilynn.com) before the end of November; your treats will be delivered directly to your home.

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