



Sunday, November 14, 2021

Consecration Sunday



Prelude *Gotta Serve Somebody* Bob Dylan
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Mark Harvey

One: Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
All: **We gather to praise you for your creating love.**
One: Christ, God present with us,
All: **We praise you for your redeeming grace and for showing us the way.**
One: Spirit of holiness, Sacred energy in our lives,
All: **Continue to bless us with your renewing power.**

* Hymn *Maker in Whom We Live* UM Hymnal #88

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of children's and family ministries

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

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer of Confession: God of tender mercies, we come to you confessing our sin. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but sometimes forget others. Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; never forget God's surpassing grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for new life. Amen!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer – paraphrase 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.

* Hymn *Sanctuary* The Faith We Sing #2164; sing three times

Scripture Reading Mark Harvey

1 Kings 18:20-21

So Ahab sent word to all the Israelites and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow the Lord; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word.

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Anthem	<i>An Autumnal Celebration</i>	Michael Keller
	Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director	
Sermon	<i>Who Will You Choose?</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	The Faith We Sing #2128
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes & Stewardship Moment		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	arr. Wilbur Held
	Velda Graham Bell, organ	

Please place your estimates of giving cards in the offering plates during the postlude.

** 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.*

Visitors: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge. Next week, November 21, Ellen Zager Hill will talk about "Germ Busters in Public Health: Infectious disease epidemiology."

*Today is Consecration Sunday. In our 10 am worship service, we will each be asked to make an estimate of our financial gifts to the ministry and mission of our church for 2022. Please be prayerfully thinking about what God is calling you to give. At the end of the service, **those worshipping in person** will place their estimates of giving in the offering plates and will take home a bowl of homemade soup for each family member, in celebration of all God is doing in our midst. **Those worshipping online** are invited to come to the east parking lot between 11:15 and 12:30 today where you can put your estimate of giving in the offering basket (we will come to your car to get it) and pick up some soup. **If you can't come to church today**, please bring your estimate of giving cards to the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or mail them (FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811)*

*The Sustainability team will meet **this morning at 11:15** in the East Lounge. They will also be selling kitchen composting bags both before and after the service this morning.*

UMW ladies have made cassia bud pickles! The pint jars of pickles will be available to purchase in the Narthex today, 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!

CHUM is hoping churches in Duluth can make lots of pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving food box distribution. Paul Sapyta will supervise our pumpkin pie baking session on Sunday, November 21, beginning at 11:15 am. We need people to roll dough, wash pots and pans, mix pie filling and crimp edges. Can you help for an hour, two hours, or all afternoon? Please email anitazager@gmail.com and let her know how you want to help. Masks will be required. Baking may continue on Monday if needed (or we're having too much fun!).

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