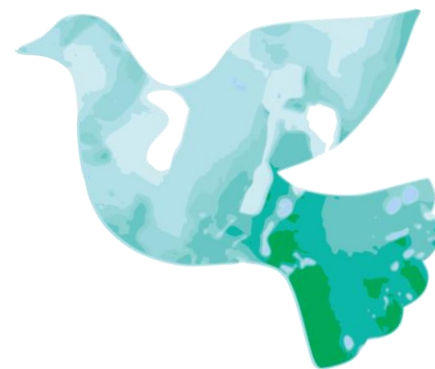


*First United Methodist Church*

*Sunday, February 20, 2022*



*Children will remain in worship today;  
there are worship/activity packets for them in the Narthex.  
Sunday School will resume next Sunday.*

**Prelude**      *The Lone, Wild Bird*      arr. Wilbur Held

Velda Graham Bell, organ  
*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight.  
And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.*

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Mark Whitlock

One: We come, letting go of any sorrow or shame that is holding onto us.

**All: We come, and find the joy of the Lord!**

One: We come, even in the midst of sickness and pain.

**All: We come, and find the joy of the Lord!**

**\* Hymn**      *Tradin' My Sorrows*      attachment

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

**Anthem**      *Amazing Grace*      David Ashley White  
Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director; Erin Wiig, oboe

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confession: **Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we don't always show love to you and others and even ourselves. Forgive us when we fail to live out love. Help people see you through our love. Help us love in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, healed and freed to be all that God has created you to be.

Prayer Song      *As the Deer*      The Faith We Sing #2025

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

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 Readings

Mark Whitlock

### Exodus 14:10-14

One: As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

All: They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

One: Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

### Luke 8:22-25

One: One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out.

All: As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped and they were in great danger.

One: The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

All: He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided and all was calm.

One: "Where is your faith?" Jesus asked his disciples.

All: In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water; and they obey him."

Offering

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *You Say*

Lauren Daigle

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Sermon *Believing is Seeing*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

UM Hymnal #383, v. 1-4

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Praeludium in C Major*

J.S. Bach

Velda Graham Bell, organ



## 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 Sunday, February 27, frontline healthcare workers will share their stories.*

*Ash Wednesday, the start of the season of Lent, is Wednesday, March 2. At in-person worship, you will receive the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand with ashes. There will be four opportunities for you to worship:*

*Noon at Hillside UMC (Pastor Jeanine will lead the service along with Pastor Cynthia)*

*5 pm at FUMC: "Dirty Hands and Foreheads," an Ash Wednesday service for kids and families*

*7 pm at FUMC*

*Livestream on YouTube at 7 pm or anytime afterwards (a link will be available)*

*A devotional booklet for each day of the Lenten season (Ash Wednesday to Easter) will be available at church. You may also receive it electronically; email the church office ([info@fumcduluth.com](mailto:info@fumcduluth.com)) to ask for it.*

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