



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 6, 2022

*Children will remain in worship today;
there are worship/activity packets for them in the Narthex*

Prelude *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (When we are in deepest need)* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Catherine Reich

One: We are called to sing God's praise in times of joy and times of pain.

All: **Our Lord understands our joys and our burdens.**

One: We are called to sing God's praise even when it seems we have no reason to rejoice and can't find our voice.

All: **God accepts our honest hearts, understands our laments, for Christ, too, has walked the shadowed way.**

One: We are called to sing God's praise even when life looks grim.

All: **God gives us faith and hope enough to give us a hymn in all seasons and emotions of life.**

* Hymn *When We are Called to Sing Your Praise* The Faith We Sing #2216

Scripture Readings from Job Catherine Reich

A man in the land of Uz was named Job. That man was honest, a person of absolute integrity; he feared God and avoided evil. Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, when a strong wind came from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It fell upon the young people and they died. When Job's three friends heard about all this disaster that had happened to him, they came, each one from his home. They agreed to come so they could console and comfort him. They sat with Job on the ground for seven days and seven nights, not speaking a word to him, for they saw that he was in excruciating pain.

Anthem *Be Still, My Soul* arr. Cathy Moklebust
Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Sermon *Life in Crisis: Soul Reset #5* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer: **God of comfort and compassion, thank you for hearing both our praise and our lament. What a gift it is that you welcome our true feelings, never withholding your love and affection from us. We grieve the devastation and suffering in our world. We grieve the loss of lives to COVID and other diseases. We grieve the destruction of addiction. We get angry when children suffer and when groups of people are excluded and treated unjustly. Hear our prayers, O God of grace. Come with your healing. Come with your mercy. Come with your power. Come with your love. 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem/Communion Music

Lamb of God

John Carter

Sanctuary Choir; Mary Whitlock, director

* Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UM Hymnal #529

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

The Kingsfold Trumpet

Alfred Fedak

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.*

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 13, we will hear from post-secondary teachers on what it's like to teach during a pandemic.

Feeding others in body as we are fed in spirit. This year, every Communion Sunday (typically the first Sunday of the month), we are asking you to bring a donation of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. In this way, when we come to the communion table to be fed spiritually, we are also feeding those who are physically hungry. The Food Shelf cart will be available to hold donations. If you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" in the check memo and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need!

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 15 at 7 pm on Zoom, at the beginning of the Church Council meeting. We will elect leadership, take action on membership, hear the financial report, and have an update on our COVID-19 policy. All FUMC members and friends are invited to participate. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519>

*Join your fellow hockey fans on Saturday, February 12 at 3 pm at Amsoil Arena when the Lady Bulldogs meet St. Thomas. Tickets are only \$4 each **if purchased today through Richard Gurske**, at the table in the Atrium. Richard will get the tickets on Monday, February 7 and you can pick them up in the church office on Tuesday, February 8. On Saturday, at Amsoil Arena, you will need to show your ID and COVID vaccination record in order to get in.*

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