

# First United Methodist Church Sunday, April 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scriven/Converse, arr. Tapestry

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Contemplations

Ron Mallory

Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

#### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Call to Worship

Brandon Veale

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: A place of hopes and dreams and visions. A place of welcome, a place of grace!

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be. All: A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet!

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be. **All: A place where all are named, treasured, taught and claimed.** One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: Let us proclaim from floor to rafter: ALL are welcome in this place!

\* Hymn

All Are Welcome

attachment, v. 1-4

#### **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of all goodness and grace, you call us to live like Christ, doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regarding others as precious and worthy. You ask us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. There are times we do this well, and there are times when we are selfish, when we don't treat others as your beloved children, and when we put ourselves first, not even seeing the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a new mindset, the mindset of Christ who served others and gave himself in love. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed and loved! May God grant us the mindset of Christ and may we love and serve others in Christ's name. Amen.

## Prayers of Concern & Celebration

### Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Worshippers are invited to come forward where they will be given pre-packaged elements. They may kneel at the rail or go back to their seats to partake.

Kylin Hahn, organ

Children may leave for Sunday School following Holy Communion.

Scripture Readings Brandon Veale

#### Luke 14:7-11

One: When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher;" then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

All: For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

#### Luke 18:9-14

One: Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other;

All: For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon Changing Our Mind #4: The Mindset of Humility Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem On the Cross for Me arr. Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

\* Hymn Lord, We Come to Ask Your Healing attachment

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Valet will ich dir geben (Farewell, I Gladly Bid Thee)

J.S. Bach

Velda Graham Bell, organ

## Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. 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.

Guests: 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.

Feeding others in body as we are fed in spirit. Every communion Sunday (typically the first Sunday of the month) we are asking you to bring a donation of food (or monetary donation) for the CHUM Food Shelf. That way when we come to the communion table to be fed spiritually, we are also feeding others who are physically hungry. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations. If you make a financial donation please

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are comfortable.

note "Food Shelf: in the check memo or envelope and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

## Holy Week schedule:

- Palm/Passion Sunday: April 10 at 10am in person or on livestream and on YouTube any time. It will include a palm procession as we begin our Holy Week journey.
- Maundy Thursday Service: April 14 at 7pm in person or on livestream and on YouTube any time. The service will include Holy Communion (the Last Supper) and journeying all the way to Jesus's death
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 15 at noon in our chapel (in person only): This service will walk us through Jesus's death and the events of the last hours of his life.
- Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 17 at 6:30am (in person only): A short service in our church parking overlooking Lake Superior. Dress casually and comfortably. Coffee and donuts will be available following the service.
- Easter Worship: Sunday, April 17 at 10am in person or on livestream and on YouTube any time. Please remember to wear masks this Sunday because we are expecting more people than usual. We will have coffee and donuts available either in Lakeview Social Hall or outdoors, depending on the weather, from 9:00-9:45am.

## Easter offering:

Every Easter we take a special offering and we will do so again. You are invited to make a special Easter gift. The financial offering will be split three ways:

- Harbor House. Harbor House is a United Methodist Ministry located in Superior whose mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families the money given will go toward transportation and a swing set for their outdoor play area.
  - Items Harbor House Needs (there is a bin outside the Sanctuary at church to put them): Sheets (twin and full – new or like new) ... Towels (bath size and washcloths) ... Pillows ... Laundry soap (liquid or pods) ... Shampoo and conditioner (ethnic hair products especially needed) ... Deodorant ... Cleaning products ... Art supplies
- The United Methodist Love Offering. All the Methodist churches in MN give to this combined effort and present their gifts at the May Annual Conference meeting this year money will go to Holy Grounds (a day center for the homeless and lonely in Mankato), The West African Family & Community Food Shelf in Brookyln Center, Simpson Food Pantry in South Minneapolis, the Red Bird Missionary Conference in eastern Kentucky for disaster response after recent severe flooding damaged churches and homes, and Volunteer In Mission Scholarships.
- The general mission, ministry and outreach of our congregation. So much ministry is happening through our congregation and we want to continue, and even expand, the level of our outreach and impact. This spring, due to COVID-19 and family situations of leaders, we will not have the Roast Beef Dinner so we hope you will be generous in this giving opportunity.

A gift to light the church during the week of April 3 was given by the 2 X 2 Couples Club in memory of Paul Kim. The gift will also support the music department.

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## Lord, We Come to Ask Your Healing

