

First United Methodist Church Sunday, March 13, 2022

Prelude Be Thou My Vision

traditional Irish tune; arr. Daniel Pinkston

Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship

One: We come to worship God, whose love and creation amaze us.

All: We come, humbled by the awesomeness of the universe and each of us.

One: We come with the assurance that the Creator of the universe stands with us.

All: We come knowing that we, and all people, are God's beloved.

* Hymns H

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Awesome God

The Faith We Sing #2131 The Faith We Sing #2040

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

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

Anthem I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American spiritual

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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 and Celebration

Prayer Song Make Me a Servant

The Faith We Sing #2176

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant make me a servant today.

Scripture Readings

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Luke 22:24-27

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called

benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.

Romans 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Philippians 2:1-11

One: If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

All: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

All: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

One: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, All: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Offering Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow United Methodist Hymnal #95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem Reflection on Beach Spring arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Sermon Changing Our Mind #1: What is Your Mindset? Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn The Servant Song The Faith We Sing #2222

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Postlude from A Celtic Suite for Organ Charles Callahan

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, March 20, Liliya Kacharova, a chemistry instructor at the College of St. Scholastica with relatives in Ukraine, will present "War in Ukraine."

^{*} Please stand as you are comfortable.

The Sustainability Committee will meet today at 11:15 in the East Lounge. They will also have compostable bags for sale in the Narthex after worship.

A devotional booklet for each day in the season of lent (Ash Wednesday – Easter) is available at church. You may also receive it electronically instead. Email the church office and ask for it at: info@fumcduluth.com

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!

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