



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Let it Start with Me* No Other Name

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Mark Harvey

One: You are welcome in this place, invited to come and know God's grace!

All: This is a place where love can grow, and hope can enter in!

One: Here we learn how to be the hands of healing, and to plant the seeds of peace.

All: Here we learn what it means to welcome and include all people.

One: Here we learn what it looks, and feels like, to live in love and light.

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* Hymn *Welcome* attachment

Baptisms *Navy Lou Alander* and *Blake Svea Morris*

Congregational Response: **With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Navy and Blake, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Children may leave for Sunday School following the baptisms.

Anthem *Beside Still Waters* Howard Starks

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

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

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. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark Harvey

I Corinthians 1:18-31

One: For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

All: For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

One: Consider your own call, friends: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written,

All: "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Offering		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>Thy Will Be Done</i> Sanctuary Choir; Mike Goodlet-Meijer, director; Tom Wiig, soloist	Joyce Elaine Eilers
Sermon	<i>Changing Our Mind #2: Called to Suffer</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom</i>	The Faith We Sing #2190
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Valet will ich geben (Farewell I gladly bid thee)</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are comfortable.

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.

Baptized this morning are Navy Lou Alander and Blake Svea Morris. Navy was born on December 3, 2020 to Jordyn and River Alander. Her grandparents are Dave and Debbie Alander, Brian Nelson, and Krista Abbott. Her godparents are Bryce and Weston Morris.

Blake Svea Morris was born on May 12, 2020 to Bryce and Weston Morris. Her grandparents are Debbie and Dave Alander and Renee and Kent Halverson. Her older sister is Camryn Morris. Her godparents are Ella Tirebuck and Joey Miller.

Faith Forum will meet next Sunday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the East Lounge. Geoff Bell will present "How do we know when we have enough?"

You are invited to attend *In Praise of Bach*, a concert featuring the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 PM at Pilgrim Congregational Church (3210 E. 4th St., Duluth). Performers include organists Velda Graham Bell, Brian Kapp, Karen Hanson Sande and Rachael Kresha; violinist Erin Eldridge; flutist Melanie Sever; and harpsichordist Patrick Colvin. This gala concert is sponsored by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A silent auction will be held to benefit the Arrowhead Chapter's Organ Scholarship Fund and general funds

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Welcome



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



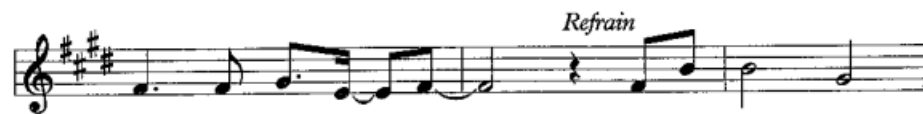
ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
 we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —



— all are wel - come in this place. —