



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 1, 2022

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Molly Ijames
Velda Graham Bell, piano
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Don Whitman
Tessa Boyson, trumpet; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Karen Alseth

One: We gather to sing praise to God!
All: **We sing to the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**
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All: **We sing to the one who is our peace and joy and blessing.**
One: We gather to sing praise to God!
All: **To God all praise and glory!**

* Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UM Hymnal #126

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayers of Joy and Concern

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
Words of Introduction
Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* UM Hymnal #629, v. 1-3
The soloist will sing the verses; congregation joins in on the refrain
Words of Institution

Children may leave for Sunday School following communion

Scripture Readings Karen Alseth

Deuteronomy 13:19-20

The Lord said, "I call heaven and earth to witness today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Romans 8:26-28

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Sermon	<i>Myth Busters Revisited: "Everything Happens for a Reason"</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>O What a Glorious Day</i> Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director	David Davenport
Offering		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>You are Mine</i>	The Faith We Sing #2218
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	Chorale prelude on <i>Gelobt sei Gott (God be praised)</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	Healey Willan

** 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, 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. 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. 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!

A gift to light the church for the week of May 1 was made by Barbara and Robert Bennett, in memory of Betty Halverson. Their gift will also support the music department

Roadside Cleanup is Saturday, May 21. This is a chance for you to put your commitment to the earth into action! We'll clean up our stretch of road beginning at noon. Meet at the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads. For more information, contact Bill Alexander at bill@strikepoint.com.

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