



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary*

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness)*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

John Bennett  
Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Lee Cutler

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: We come to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: Where everyone is invited to come and know God's grace.

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: All are welcome to join in the walk.

\* Hymn *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

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Baptism *Eleanora Ruth Bard-Henke*

Bishop David Bard and Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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

Song *Listen, Eleanora*

composed and sung by Peter Henke

*Children may leave for Sunday School following the baptismal song.*

Morning Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Unison Prayer of Confession:** God, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard and I was easily distracted. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be judged. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty and exclusion. I closed them, for I did not want to see. Lord, forgive my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient, safe, popular and easy. Renew me, send me out to share your love in all I do and say.

**Assurance of Pardon:** In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - from *Human Rites* by Ward and Wild

Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 11:1-18

One: The apostles and those throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him,

**All: "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"**

One: Step by step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa, praying, when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals – including wild beasts – as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

**All: Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."**

II Corinthians 3:1-3

Are we starting to commend ourselves again? We don't need letters of introduction to you or from you like other people, do we? You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are Christ's letter, delivered by us. You weren't written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God. You weren't written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

John 13:31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me – but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now – 'Where I'm going, you can't come.' I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Anthem	<i>Lord, Protect My Child</i>	Bob Dylan
	Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	
Sermon	<i>"Dear Ellie"</i>	Bishop David Bard
Anthem	<i>Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation</i>	Joseph Martin
	Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director	

Offering		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UM Hymnal #664
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	arr. Alfred Fedak

*\* 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.*

***Next Sunday**, due to an expected large attendance for Celebration Sunday, the church is asking the congregation to wear masks throughout the service.*

***Baptized today is** Eleonora Ruth Bard-Henke. Ellie is the daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Bard-Henke; granddaughter of Bishop David and Julie Bard and of Erika and Peter Henke; and great-granddaughter of Carol and Jerry Norling.*



***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](mailto:bill@strikepoint.com).*

***May 22 is Music Celebration Sunday & Graduate Recognition Sunday & Farewell to Mike Goodlet-Meijer.** You won't want to miss this special service! We will celebrate our church musicians, and our high school and college graduates. We'll also thank Mike Goodlet-Meijer and celebrate his ministry as our Sanctuary Choir Director over the last 11 years. Following the service, please join us for a reception honoring Mike and the graduates.*

***Thank you** to Alex Flinner, Tommy Kishida and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.*

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# Welcome

Let's Walk Together

E A/E B

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

A B C#m E

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

A B A B E

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

D C#m F#

be the hands of heal - ing and to plant the seeds of peace,  
 joy will set the ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,  
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev' - ry crea - ture lifts its voice!

Bsus B E A B E

— Sing - ing wel - come,  
 — Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to  
 — Cry - ing wel - come!

A/C# B Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A/C# B F#/A#

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the love of God to share

F#m7 E/G# Amaj7 B C#m EMaj7/BF#m7 E/G# Asus A E

— 'cause all of us are wel - come here; — all are wel - come in this place. —