

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 8, 2022
Mother's Day & Garden Sunday



Prelude *Lean On Me*

Tapestry

Bill Withers

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Linda Wiig

One: Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker!

All: **We come knowing we, and all people, are created in the image of God.**

One: Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker!

All: **We come seeking to be formed in the image of the one who created us all.**

One: Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker!

All: **We come and worship the Lord!**

* Hymn *Come, All Ye People*

The Faith We Sing #2274

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

Anthem *Haida*

traditional Chassidic round; arr. Will Schmid

RingJam and Kids Club; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Children may leave for Sunday School following the anthem

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Song

The Faith We Sing #2200

All: ***O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, answer us.***

O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.

One: We pray for the people and situations raised up this morning. We pray singing:

Prayer Song: ***O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, answer us.***

O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.

One: Hear our silent prayers for our own needs and the needs of those close to us.

Prayer Song: ***O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, answer us.***

O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.

One: Hear our silent prayers for all the people of our world.

Prayer Song: ***O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, answer us.***

O Lord, hear our prayer. O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.

One: We seal our prayers by joining our voices together saying:

All: **Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be**

followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. 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, 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. (from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Offering *Garden video*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Readings

Linda Wiig

Psalm 10:14-18

But you, Lord, do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the helpless commit themselves to you; you have been the helper of the orphan. Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers; seek out their wickedness until you find none. The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations shall perish from the land. O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

Psalm 18:6, 16

In my distress, I called upon the Lord; to my God, I cried for help. From God's temple, God heard my voice and my cry reached God's ears. ... The Lord reached down from on high and took me; God drew me out of mighty waters.

Psalm 121:1=2

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

* Hymn *The Servant Song (Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You)* The Faith We Sing #2222

Sermon *Myth Busters Revisited: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"*
Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *From Generation to Generation* arr. Marty Parks
Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

* Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UM Hymnal #152

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Chaconne* Louis Couperin
Velda Graham Bell, organ

** 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.*

***Compost Bags Sale.** This is the second Sunday of the month, which means that the Sustainability Team will be selling high-quality compost bags after the service. Look for them at the table with the Garden Group. Did you know that our kitchen scraps are recycled by WLSSD into rich compost used by gardeners throughout the community as well as in FUMC's gardens?*

***Today is Garden Sunday.** Your gift to our memorial gardens will help purchase annuals to beautify the gardens. The Garden Group is funded solely by donations and memorials throughout the year and not by the church budget. This is a thrifty group that overwinters geraniums, accepts plant donations from others, and purchases plants on sale, all to use the donated funds to their best ability. Thank you for your gifts! You can give after church today, at the table in the Narthex, or send a check to church with "Gardens" in the memo.*



***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.*

***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.*

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