

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 10, 2022



A nursery is available for children age 5 and under, on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available for children to use during worship. Please return the activity bags following the service. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, We are Here* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Welcoming New Members Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Mary Giese, Director of Welcome
Today we welcome Marian Flammang and Charlie Orsak into our congregation.

Congregational response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

* Call to Worship Mark Harvey
One: This is a day of new beginnings.
All: **Time to remember what love is bringing.**
One: This is a day of new beginnings.
All: **God's Spirit can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born anew.**
One: This is a day of new beginnings.
All: **With the Spirit's daring, we will seek new paths as we show and share what love can do.**
One: This is a day of new beginnings.
All: **Our God is making all things new!**

* Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UM Hymnal #383, v. 1-4

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayer of Confession: All: Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that, in our own self-focus, we don't always show love to you and others. Forgive us when we fail to live out love. Give us humble hearts that love in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: One: While it is true that we miss the mark in having the mind-set of Jesus, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given new opportunity. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ: you are forgiven, healed and freed to be all that God has created you to be.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

All: O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Special Music *Inspired by Love and Anger*

traditional Scottish tune; lyrics by John Bell

Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, vocals and guitar

Scripture Reading

Mark Harvey

Matthew 5:21-26

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder" and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with another one, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult another one, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool," you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that another person has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

* Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

UM Hymnal #390

Verse 1 will be sung by a soloist; congregation joins singing v. 2-4

Sermon

Anger Kills the Spirit

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *Soft Mist is Rising*

Robert Hobby

Quartet: Mary Whitlock, Ann Gumpper, Adair Ballavance, Riley Hinnenkamp

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

UM Hymnal #428

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

"Allegro maestoso" from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Announcements



to 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.

Join us following worship for fellowship, coffee and doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall on the lower level.

Pastor Jeanine will be out of the office July 11-15. If you have church needs or pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon or Parish Nurse Linda Wiig, or call the church office (218-727-5021) for assistance in contacting them.

Do you have a couple hours each week available to help out in the church office? We are looking for some temporary volunteer help, with excellent customer service skills and the ability to handle multiple duties, all while greeting visitors and answering phones in a helpful and cheerful manner. If you, or someone you know, are interested, contact our Director of Operations, Sandy Smith (218-727-5021).

Music students from the Northern Lights Music Festival will be presenting a chamber music concert in our Sanctuary on Wednesday, July 13 at 11 am. Each summer the Festival brings award-winning music students from across the country to take part in a three-week music school and performance program held on the Iron Range. The concert in our Sanctuary is free and open to the public.

Strikepoint, our own internationally-acclaimed handbell ensemble, will be performing Saturday, July 16 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be the homecoming concert for Strikepoint's first summer tour in three years. Admission is free but a \$15 donation is suggested.

Parking lot concert: on Monday, July 18, we are welcoming Big Wave Dave and the Ripples to our parking lot, where they'll perform at 6:30 pm. Chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. A freewill donation will be taken to benefit the CHUM Food Shelf, and Paul Sapyta's "Room at the Table" food truck will be open at 5:30. Come and enjoy this popular Duluth band! (Rain date is July 25.)

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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