



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 17, 2022



A nursery is available for children aged 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Manz
Velda Graham Bell, organ; Stacy Carolan, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: We gather to praise God!

All: God is our health and our salvation. We join together in glad adoration.

One: We praise the God who enfolds and upholds us.

All: God's goodness and mercy daily attend us.

One: We praise the God who nourishes our life and restores us.

All: Praise to the Lord! We lift our song in praise!

*** Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UM Hymnal #139

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

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty are yours forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Acts 2:42-47

The followers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

One: leads me beside still waters, restores my life,
All: leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.
One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
All: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
One: will wear. Is not life more tYou prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
All: you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
All: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

Matthew 6:19-34

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Parent feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will God not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and God knows that you need them. But seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

* Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center* The Faith We Sing #2128

Sermon *How Much is Enough?* Geoff Bell

Special Music *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* BRYN CALFARIA; arr. Susan T. Nelson
Strikepoint; Bill Alexander, director

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *You are the Seed* UM Hymnal #583, v. 1 and 3

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude	<i>Strikepoint</i>	Paul McKlveen
	Strikepoint; Bill Alexander, director	

** 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.

Thank you to our own Geoff Bell for preaching this morning. He spoke at a Faith Forum this past year and members asked that he share more broadly through a sermon.

Attention college students: the Lennon-Berini Scholarship supports student members of FUMC who are pursuing a people-centered career and have completed at least two full years of college. Applications are available on the church website and are due by 4 pm on Friday, July 22. Look for more information in the July First Family.

Do you have a couple hours each week available to help out in the church office? We are looking for some temporary volunteer help. This position requires excellent customer service skills and the ability to handle multiple duties all while greeting visitors and answering phones in a helpful and cheerful manner. Some days might be quiet, some a little busier. We have some regular duties each week and occasionally some special projects. If you – or someone you know – might be interested, please contact our Director of Operations, Sandy Smith (218-727-5021).

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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