



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 3, 2022
Independence Weekend

A nursery is available for children age 5 and under; the nursery is located 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.

We welcome the Norton Park and Northwood UMCs to worship this morning. They are joining us while their pastor is on a much-needed vacation.

Prelude *Variations on "Adoro Te, Devote"* arr. Dale Wood
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

One: We come to worship the God who leads us forth in beauty.

All: **Our grateful songs to God arise!**

One: God's love leads us into freedom.

All: **God's paths are our chosen way!**

One: God is our ever sure defense.

All: **God's goodness nourishes us in peace!**

One: God refreshes our souls.

All: **God, fill our lives with love and grace divine!**

* Hymn *God of the Ages* UM Hymnal #698

Morning Prayer Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon
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.

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

Scripture Readings Pastor Brian Cornell, Northwood & Norton Park UMCs
1 Corinthians 10: 12-13

If you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing, God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Psalm 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God utters God's voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Sermon

Myth Busters Revisited: "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American spiritual; arr. Brian Hanson

Brandon Veale, tenor; Velda Graham Bell, piano



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UM Hymnal #140

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Praise and Thanksgiving

arr. Dale Wood

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.

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? So far, our efforts to fill the office assistant position have not been successful, so 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).

This week we celebrate 10 years of the merger between Chester Park United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church. What an amazing blessing this has been, making us one ministry family.

This week we also celebrate Velda's 10th anniversary as our organist and Music Director. What a wonderful gift she is! Her talent in music and administration blesses us abundantly.

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