

*First United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, June 19, 2022*



*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.*

**Prelude**      *Lotus*      Billy Strayhorn, arr. Alec Wyton  
Velda Graham Bell, organ; Michael Hintzman, saxophone

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Ben Hintzman

One: We gather to worship the Giver of every blessing.

**All: God's grace and mercy are never ceasing.**

One: We raise our Ebenezer, our stone of hope, knowing that God is our help.

**All: When we are lost or in trouble, God finds us and returns us to the fold.**

One: God of grace and goodness, we come to you.

**All: God whom we love, we offer our hearts in worship!**

**\* Hymn**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      UM Hymnal #400

*Note: The hymn talks about raising an Ebenezer. What is an Ebenezer? It is a "stone of help." The prophet Samuel called on the people of Israel to repent of their sin. The Philistines heard about the gathering and took the opportunity to attack. But God defended them. In response, Samuel erected a monument; he set up a stone "and called its name Ebenezer, saying 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'"*

**Children's Message**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Anthem**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      William Runyan  
Elise Hintzman, vocalist

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander  
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.

Luke 15:11-32

One: Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.'

**All: So he divided his property between them.**

One: A few days later, the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no-one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'

**All: So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.**

One: Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called to one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

**All: He replied, 'Your brother has come and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'**

One: Then the older brother became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years, I have been working like a slave for you and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

**All: Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"**

\* Hymn      *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*      UM Hymnal #348; v. 1, 2, 4

Sermon      *Coming Home*      Anne Miller

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn      *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*      UM Hymnal #122; v. 1, 4, 5, 6

Benediction      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude      *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound!*      arr. George Shearing  
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.

*Thank you* to our own Anne Miller for preaching this morning!

**New Member/Church Information** session. Join Pastor Jeanine and Director of Welcome Mary Giese for the only class needed to join the church. **Sunday, June 26**, 11 am in Fireside Lounge OR at noon on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519> Meeting ID: 544 634 7519) To sign up: call the church office (218-727-5021), sign up at the Welcome table, talk with Pastor Jeanine or Mary, leave a comment on the *Connect Cards*, or just show up!

**Rhubarb update:** We are in the home stretch! Now we need to deliver all our pies and crisps. We need one or two more drivers with a truck or a car with fold-down seats to transport pies to Holy Rosary School on East 4th Street this Thursday afternoon or Friday before 3:00. Please email [anitazager@gmail.com](mailto:anitazager@gmail.com) to volunteer. Volunteers are also needed the day of the Rhubarb Festival: Saturday, June 25. Sign up online at [chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival](http://chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival)

**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 will be available July 1 on the church website and are due by 4 pm on Friday, July 22. Look for more information in the July First Family.

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