First United Methodist Church Sunday, July 31, 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 Prelude in F Major

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Ben Hintzman, organ

J.S. Bach Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

* Call to Worship

One: God is our help, in ages past, and today.

All: God shelters us in times of storm, always welcoming us home.

One: God is our hope, in ages past, and today.

All: God guides us through each day, always welcoming us home.

* Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UM Hymnal #117

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

Anthem Count on Me Bruno Mars

Leah Hulst and Riley Hinnenkamp, vocalists

Morning Prayer

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

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!

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn Praise the Source of Faith and Learning The Faith We Sing #2004; v. 1, 2, 4

Scripture Readings

2 Timothy 2:14-15; 3:14-17

Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. ... But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Anthem He Giveth More Grace arr. Bolks/Linn

Michael Hintzman, alto saxophone; Ben Hintzman, piano

Sermon Myth Busters Revisited: "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn Shalom to You UM Hymnal #666, sing twice

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

Ben Hintzman, 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.

Following worship, there is fellowship, coffee and doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall on the lower level.

Thank you to Ben Hintzman for playing organ and piano this morning while Velda Graham Bell is on vacation.



Mark your calendar! We will be holding our regular 10 am worship outside in our parking lot on Sunday, August 14. Join us for a beautiful service overlooking our magnificent lake!

Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion. Every communion Sunday (typically the first Sunday of the month) we are asking you to bring a donation of food (or monetary donation) for the CHUM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf has a serious need for both food and monetary donations right now. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations. If you make a financial donation, please note "Food Shelf" in the check memo or envelope and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

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