



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 11, 2022
Kick-off Sunday

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and both adults and children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will be shown on camera.

Prelude *I Lift My Eyes Up* Brian Doerksen
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Maks Enroth

One: We come to worship to experience your love and to share it with others.
All: Your love is amazing – steady and unchanging.
One: Your love is a mystery that gently lifts us up.
All: Your love is surprising, bringing joy deep inside of us.
One: Your love is filled with goodness that shines in us, and through us to others.
All: We come to worship to experience your love and to share it with others.

*** Hymn** *Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)* attachment

Anthem **World Drums**
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries
Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Anthem *Down in the River to Pray* arr. David Mennicke
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)
We believe in a **CREATING GOD**, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the **RISEN CHRIST**, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life. We believe in the **LIVING SPIRIT**, the hidden presence behind every act of love, who beckons us to live in the life power of Christ. We believe in resurrection, in love, and in new life!

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.

Scripture Reading

Charlie Enroth

Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus said, "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.'"

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Above the Clouds*

Neal Topliff

Strikepoint; Bill Alexander, director
Jenna Mattson, violin; Kevin Peterson, viola

"Above the Clouds" was commissioned by Strikepoint in memory of Cindy Alexander. The piece is written by one of the original members of Strikepoint, Neal Topliff, son of Faye and Bob Topliff.

Sermon *The Jesus Prayer #1: To Whom Do We Pray?*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Bring Many Names*

The Faith We Sing #2047

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Benediction Response *The Blessing of Aaron*

Norman Ramsey

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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.

Parents! Following the Children's Message, all children can leave with Jojo. She will drop off the preschoolers in the nursery and the rest will be in the Tweens Room, room 112, across from Lakeview Social Hall. Please pick up your children there following the worship service.

Join us following worship today for will be outdoor fun with a bounce house, doughnuts and root beer floats to welcome our new choir director, Dr. Derek Bromme.

Affirmation Board. SMACK stands for Spreading Messages of Affirmation, Compassion and Kindness. Stop by the SMACK boards in the Narthex and choose a card to share with someone or keep for yourself. We all need to give ourselves and others positive reinforcement and encouragement. You Are Awesome!

*Are you intrigued by what our activities are on Wednesday evenings? Come to the Wednesday Night Sampler on **September 14**. From 5:00-6:00pm you can experience a bit of what goes on in all our Wednesday groups: sing with the choir, try out the bells, find out about Kids Club, Tweens, and Youth Group. Dinner for everyone will be served 6-6:30pm. See the schedule in the September First Family.*

*"The Lord's Prayer" book study. Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch will be leading this six-week small group study of Adam Hamilton's The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught. There are two meeting options, both beginning on **Tuesday, September 20**: in person at 11:00am at Hillside United Methodist Church (1801 Piedmont Ave.) or 7:00pm online via Zoom. Sign up in the church office to purchase a copy of the book for \$14.*

*Faith Forum will resume later this month. Gather on Sunday mornings at 9am to share faith journeys, hear new perspectives on difficult questions and learn more about our community. On **September 25**, we'll hear thoughts on the history of FUMC, with special guests Corinne and Paul VanBuren. On **October 2**, Andrea Gelb from Temple Israel will talk about the history and meaning of Rosh Hashanah.*

*Missing anything? Please check the Lost and Found, right outside the church office door. Forgotten items are starting to build up and will be donated if they are not claimed by **September 23**.*

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Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

1. Your love is a - maz - ing, stead - y and un - chang - ing. Your love is a moun -
 2. Your love is sur - pris - ing, I can feel it ris - ing. all the joy that's grow -

C2 G2/B C2

- tain, firm be - neath my feet. Your love is a mys - tery, how you gent - ly lift
 - ing deep in - side of me. Ev - ery time I see you all your good - ness shines

G2/D C2 G2/B

me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me. Hal - le - lu -
 through. I can feel this God song ris - ing up in me.

C2 G2/D C2 *Refrain*

- jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Your love makes me sing. Hal - le - lu -

G D Em7 C

- jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Your love makes me sing.

G D Em7 C