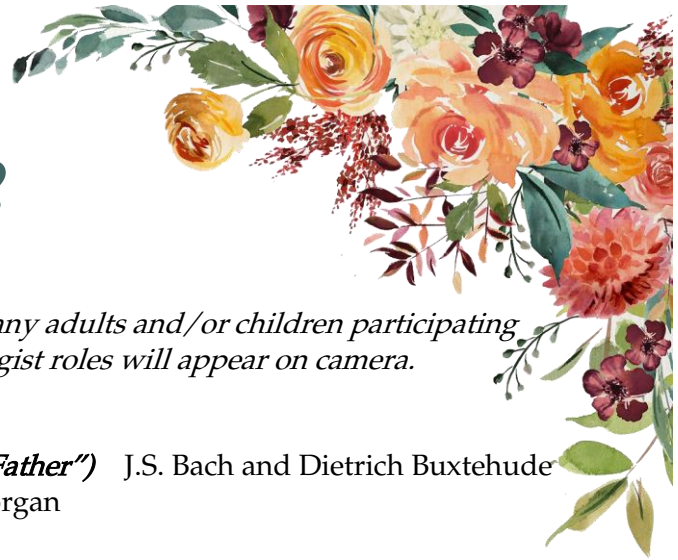


First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 25, 2022



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

Prelude **Two chorale preludes on *Vater unser* ("Our Father")** J.S. Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Karen Alseth

One: Summoned by love.

All: Beckoned by grace.

One: Called to receive hope.

All: Welcomed into peace.

One: Ushered into silence.

All: Gentled into awe.

One: Blessed with joy.

All: We are gathered in the presence of God! Guide us, great Jehovah!

*** Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UM Hymnal #127

Celebrating 60 Years of the 2x2s Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Celebration Message.

Anthem *I Sing Because I'm Happy* Rollo Dilworth
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

The Lord's Prayer – Litany of Confession

One: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."

All: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

One: Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."

All: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

One: We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

All: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

One: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

All: We confess that we often put our own interests first – exploiting your creation and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

One: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

All: We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

One: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."
 All: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.
 One: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."
 All: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.
 One: We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."
 All: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.
 One: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."
 All: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.
 One: We pray, "Amen."
 All: We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Scripture Reading

Karen Alseth

Matthew 6:9-11

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.'"

John 6:30-35

So they asked Jesus, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread," Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Stay With Us*

The Faith We Sing #2199

Sermon *The Jesus Prayer #3: What is our Daily Bread?*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Cry of My Heart*

The Faith We Sing #2165

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

Matt Maher

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

** 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.*

*The **Lord's Prayer Litany of Confession** is from Limestone Presbyterian Church, "The Lord's Prayer and Creation Care: A Litany of Confession," written by Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette. It was a favorite of our beloved FUMC member Kevin Walsh.*

A gift to light the church for the week of September 25 has been given by the 2x2s in memory of Richard Peterson. Their gift will be shared with the Organ Fund.

*Today we celebrate **60 years of the 2x2s group!** Originally one of nine couples' clubs at FUMC, the 2x2s have been meeting regularly to work on service projects, hold fundraisers, learn about our community and have fun together since 1962. Find out more about their activities in the September **First Family**. Happy anniversary, 2x2s!*

***Faith Forum** takes place Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **October 2**, Andrea Gelb from Temple Israel will talk about the history and meaning of Rosh Hashanah.*



***Mark your calendars! Thursday, October 6**, the Roast Beef Dinner returns as an all drive-through event. Meals will be \$12 each and available from 4:30-6:30pm that day. Sign up to volunteer at the table in the Narthex.*

***COVID Policy Update.** The Church Council met on Tuesday, September 20 and made some changes to the policy. Please keep in mind that as the situation changes, the policy may change again.*

- *Masks are welcome, but optional, at worship and church events.*
- *Masks are welcome, but optional, when singing in large spaces (outdoors, Sanctuary, Lakeview Social Hall, Hillside Room, Chapel – the larger the space, the shorter exposure, the more distance between people, the safer).*
- *Team/Group leaders can make masking decisions for their groups (e.g. can require masks for their activities if that is needed for group members).*
- *Indoor eating is allowed.*

- *Please stay home if you are feeling sick or have symptoms (worship, team meetings and other activities can often be accessed through Zoom or YouTube).*
- *Wear a mask if you believe you have been exposed to COVID or another illness.*
- *For help determining what to do in individual circumstances use the CDC isolation calculator https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fif-you-are-sick%2Fquarantine-isolation-faq.html*
- *We continue to urge vaccinations for the greater good*

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