



Sunday, February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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 *Beautiful Savior* arr. David Cherwien
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Mark Harvey
One: We come, hoping and longing for God's grace.
All: **Here light breaks through, enabling us to see God's splendor.**
One: We are strengthened by glimpses of God's glory.
All: **Through our lives may others be blessed!**

* Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* UM Hymnal #2103

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Children's and Family Ministries

Anthem *Babethandaza* South African folk song, arr. Victor Johnson
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director
Tommy Kishida, Bill Alexander and Sue Marquardt, percussion
Sung in Swahili. Translation: We are what we are because of prayer. Even our ancestors would pray.

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer of Confessions: Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we don't always show love to you and others and even ourselves. Forgive us when we fail to live out love. Help people see you through our love. Help us love in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, healed and freed to be all that God has created you to be.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - from the NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Mark 9:2-9

One: After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus,

All: "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

One: Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

All: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

One: Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

* Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UM Hymnal #451
Offering Our Gifts		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>Brightly Sound the Chimes</i> Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director	Lynne Hollander
Sermon	<i>Face to Face with God</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	The Faith We Sing #2173
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>May the Longtime Sun</i> Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	Sara Thomsen

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

Announcements

*Please remember 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 for **Faith Forum** Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **February 26**, Pat Miller will share her thoughts and experiences with photography. Her work will be on display in the Fireside Lounge. On **March 5**, FUMC member Janna Picotte will share her faith journey.*

This past week, the countries of Turkey and Syria were struck by a series of devastating earthquakes. At last report, the death toll was over 11,000 and climbing. If you would like to help alleviate suffering, UMCOR (the

United Methodist relief agency) is already on the scene, working through its partner organization, the International Red Crescent. There are two ways to give:

1. Write a check to FUMC and put "Earthquake relief" in the memo, or
2. Donate directly to UMCOR online at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-international-latest-responses/>

The Sustainability team will meet in the library today after worship.

*Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is **Wednesday, February 22**. There are four opportunities for worship and receiving the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand with ashes:*

- **Noon** at Hillside UMC (1801 Piedmont Ave.). Pastor Jeanine will lead the service, with Pastor Cynthia.
- **5 pm** at First UMC: "Dirty Hands and Foreheads" service for kids and families
- **7 pm** at First UMC
- **7 pm** livestream on YouTube or anytime afterwards (a link will be provided)

A devotional booklet for each day in Lent (Ash Wednesday – Easter) will be available at church, or you may receive it electronically instead. Email the church office (info@fumcduluth.com) and ask for it.

A gift to light the church for the week of February 19 was made by Wendy and Peter Williamson, in memory of Richard Peterson. The gift will also support the handbell program.

FUMC is one of the four sites selected across Minnesota to host a gathering welcoming our new bishop, Lanette Plambeck. Our event will be held on Saturday, February 25, from 2:00-4:00pm. United Methodists from other area churches are also invited to attend. You will be able to meet Bishop Lanette, hear some of her story, worship together, enjoy hospitality and good conversation, and leave with a renewed sense of hope for the future. If you are planning to come, please sign up here, or leave your name in the church office, or sign up on the Connect Card: <https://mnumc-reg.brapp.com/BishopsGatherings>.

During March, we will be collecting items for breakfast bags that will be given to people when they leave the warming shelter in the morning. We are looking for donations of soft granola or breakfast bars (since many homeless people do not have good teeth to bite into harder things) and individually wrapped cheese sticks. We'll be preparing 100 breakfast bags on Wednesday, March 1; Wednesday, March 8; and Tuesday, March 21. For more information on this project, please see Jean Walsh. Please put the granola bar donations in the box outside the office and the cheese sticks in the staff refrigerator in the office.

*An all-church potluck and games day will be held on **Sunday, February 26**, from 11:30-2:30. Bring a dish to share, and your favorite family game; play pickleball or ping pong, or join in another family's game. Talk to Jojo Coffin-Langdon for more information (218-251-4388).*

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