

First United Methodist Church Sunday, January 29, 2023

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 Calvary Levon Helm

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors Bob Bursell, guest guitarist

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Jana Picotte

One: God of love and God of Power, you have called us together.

All: Sometimes we are held in bondage by our fears. May your love and power give us courage and

freedom.

One: Your love and power bring people together, filled with boldness, grace and care.

All: Give us courage and free our spirits that we might live in your loving power.

* Hymn God of Love and God of Power

UM Hymnal #578

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Anthem Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

arr. Tim Paul

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

<u>Unison Prayer:</u> Gracious and loving God, thank you for hearing our prayers. We thank you for the gift of sabbath worship and rest in our lives. Help us to take time each day and each week to simply enjoy your goodness. Give us the wisdom to set apart time for play, for rest, and for re-creation. Be with us on this journey of seeking wholeness and abundant life.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – retranslation from the Aramaic

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!

Scripture Readings Jana Picotte

Exodus 4:10-16

One: Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

All: The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

One: But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him."

II Corinthians 12:7-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I, Paul, was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But God said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

* Hymn You are My Hiding Place The Faith We Sing #2055

Offering our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem You Say Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Sermon Being Created Anew #4: Dealing with Insecurities Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn Grace Alone The Faith We Sing #2162

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Jig Fugue Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

The church annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12 following worship at 11:15am in Lakeview Social Hall. All church members and friends are invited to attend and to participate. We will elect leadership, take action on membership, hear the financial report and have a time of fellowship. If you cannot come in person and would like information emailed or mailed to you, please let the church office know (218-727-5021, info@fumcduluth.com).

Sermon Series, January 8 – February 5: Being Created Anew. God calls us to fully be ourselves and to know that we are fully and completely accepted and loved by God. Our calling is to fully and completely accept and love ourselves and others. Church needs to be a place where we can be open, honest and real, and invite others to do the same. We will take steps in that direction in this sermon series.

February 5 – Dealing with Criticism

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge. Next Sunday, February 5, Annika Frazer will talk about "Sustainability and Community Action." On February 12, guest speaker JhonRae Reeves will talk about "Love Your Block: Pride in Small Scale Projects."

Are you interested in joining the church, or just would like more information about FUMC? Come to the new member class following worship today in the Fireside Lounge. This is the only class needed to join the church. For more information, see Director of Welcome Mary Giese or Pastor Jeanine Alexander.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. Every Communion Sunday (typically the first Sunday of the month) is an opportunity to bring a donation of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. In this way, when we come to the communion table to be fed spiritually, we are also feeding others who are physically hungry. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donated items; if you make a financial gift, please write "Food Shelf" on the check memo or envelope and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

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