



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 13, 2022
Consecration 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 *Con Spirito*

Thomas Arne

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship

Mark Whitlock

One: We come, seeking to experience and convey the joy of this day!

All: **We come, both giving and receiving gifts.**

One: We give thanks for the past and the present, both gifts from God.

All: **We give thanks for tomorrow, knowing that whatever it brings, God is with us.**

One: We come, seeking to experience and convey the joy of this day!

All: **Our song we now offer in honor and praise!**

* Hymn *What Gift Can We Bring*

UM Hymnal #87

Our Year of Ministry Slideshow

Children may leave for Sunday School after the slideshow.

Morning Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Unison Prayer of Confession: God of tender mercies, we come to you confessing our sin. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but sometimes forget others. Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; never forget God's surpassing grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed for new life. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – paraphrase by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Matthew 25:14-30

- One: When Christ comes again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.
- All: **Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**
- One: After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more." His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more." His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

* Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UM Hymnal #140

Sermon *How We Live Our Faith #3: Living by Honor* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *In Flanders Field* arr. Roger Emerson
 Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes, and Stewardship Moment Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Please place your estimates of giving in the offering plates during the hymn.

* Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UM Hymnal #133

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. SHeDAISY, trans. Andrea Flinner
 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.

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

Mary Beth Brown's 90th birthday is November 16. Her family would like to share this special birthday with our church family and celebrate the blessing of a life well-lived. Today's cupcakes are made with love by Mary Beth's granddaughter Catherine. We are all so blessed to have each other!

Today is Consecration Sunday. You have been asked to make an estimate of your financial gifts to the ministry and mission of our church for 2023. We hope you have been prayerfully thinking about what God is calling you to give.

- ❖ There is a **Soup Lunch** to celebrate our giving and our life together. Chef Paul Sapyta has made two kinds of soup, and every person will receive a bowl of soup (in a compostable container). You may enjoy your soup with others in Lakeview Social Hall or take it to eat at home.
- ❖ For those worshipping online, you will be invited to drive by church between 11:15am and noon to drop off your estimate of giving and participation survey, and get your soup.
- ❖ You can always bring in the estimate of giving or mail it to the church office (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811)
- ❖ New this year: you can fill out your estimate of giving online: <https://onrealm.org/FirstUMCMN/-/form/pledge/2022pledgedgiving>

Cassia Bud Pickles, the favorite pickle of many and our church's signature pickle, will be available to purchase in the Narthex both before and after church. Each pint is \$6; there is a two-pint limit (but if you need more, get a friend to purchase them for you!). Cash or check please. Proceeds will go to Women in Faith (UMW) community resources like Damiano Center, Battered women shelter, or Union Gospel mission among others.

Following today's soup lunch, there is an opportunity to make neck gaiters for the homeless. Volunteers are needed to measure, cut and sew. We'll be set up in Lakeview Social Hall.

Kitchen Compost Bags will be for sale today before and after the service. Stock up for the holiday cooking and baking ahead! The next Compost Bag Sale and Sustainability Meeting will be **January 8**.

This is the last week to sign up for our new photo directory! Pictures will be taken in Three Brothers Chapel from Tuesday through Saturday. Appointment times are filling up quickly, so please sign up soon. Allow about an hour for your appointment. Pets are welcome! There is a sign up table with more information in the Atrium, or you can sign up online: <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>. The church code is **mn297** and the password is **photos**. (Please note that online signups are not available on weekends.) Each family who is photographed will receive a free directory, and you'll have the opportunity to order pictures for yourself if you wish.



A Charge Conference for the sole purpose of approving pastoral compensation for 2023 will be held at the start of the Church Council meeting on **Tuesday, November 15** at 7pm. All church members and friends are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in person at church or can be attended via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446347519>

Meeting ID: 544 634 7519

On Saturday, November 19, there will be a book sale from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in the East Lounge. You may drop off books for the sale anytime up until November 17. PLEASE, NO VHS tapes, cassette tapes, encyclopedias, or textbooks! To volunteer, contact Jean Walsh, (jimbwalsh@gmail.com). Set up will be Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18.



Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **November 20**, Annika Frazer will talk about how sustainability community action can help people in need. On **December 4**, Rhonda Montavon will talk about ending the stigma of mental illness.

Strings, Song, Scones, and Student Scholarships. A Benefit Concert for the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of FUMC will be held on **Sunday, November 20**, at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided by members of the Duluth-Superior Symphony, teachers, and featured baritone soloist Elias Mokole-accompanied by pianist Linda Turpening. This year the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship is sponsoring music lessons for seven string students and one piano student. Following the concert, "scones to go," made by Paul Sapyta, will be sold in the Narthex.

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday, November 20** at 7 pm at Spirit of God Lutheran Church (the old Zion Lutheran Church at 25th Ave. W. and 3rd St.). The service involves several religious communities in Duluth, including FUMC. This year the participating churches' choirs will not be singing individual anthems, but a mass choir will be singing. If you'd like to participate in the mass choir, they will rehearse at Spirit of God at 6 pm prior to the service. No previous rehearsal of the music is needed.

Terri Lynn Nuts and Goodies are back! It's the time of year when we offer the best nuts and chocolates from Terri Lynn. A portion of the proceeds from your order will go to help fund the youth mission trip this summer. Order your favorites online at CoppertopDuluth.terrilynn.com before the end of November; your treats will be delivered directly to your home.

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