



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 30, 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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Kurt Kaiser
Velda Graham Bell, piano

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Jay Stocker
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

* Call to Worship Children of the congregation
One: To God be the glory, great things God has done and continues to do!
All: **God sent Jesus to the world to show us love's power.**
One: To God be the glory, great things God has done and continues to do!
All: **In Jesus, God showed us what forgiveness looks like, giving us the opportunity for right relationship with God, each other and ourselves.**
One: To God be the glory, great things God has done and continues to do!
All: **Let the earth hear God's voice and may all people rejoice!**

* Hymn *To God Be the Glory* attachment

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries
Children 5th grade and younger may leave for Sunday School.

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Unison Prayer of Confession: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us, direct us along the path so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Assurance of Pardon: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry
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!

Matthew 6:2-6 and 16-18

One: Whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and God who sees in secret will reward you.

All: **And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray; and God who sees in secret will reward you.**

One: And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by God; and God who sees in secret will reward you.

* Hymn *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

UM Hymnal #402

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes *Stewardship Moment*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Velda Graham Bell, piano

arr. John Carter

Sermon *How We Live Our Faith #1: Loving God*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

UM Hymnal #664

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Life Ain't a Performance*

lyrics by Leah Hulst; music by Tapestry
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 doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.



*It's time to sign up for our new photo directory! Pictures will be taken at church November 15-19. Sign up soon so you can choose a time that's most convenient for you, and please allow about an hour for your appointment. Pets are welcome! There is a signup 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.*

*Faith Forum takes place Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **November 6**, Alexis Elder from UMD will talk about the implications and uses of robotics, especially in nursing homes.*

Sunday, November 13 is Consecration Sunday, when we make our financial commitments to the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2023. Please be prayerfully thinking about your commitment. Following worship that day, we will celebrate our giving with a soup luncheon, prepared by Chef Paul Sapyta. We can enjoy soup together in Lakeview Social Hall or take it home to eat. There is also the option of driving by to drop off your financial pledge card and pick up soup.

*A memorial recital honoring beloved FUMC member Dr. LeAnn House will take place on **Tuesday, November 1** at 7:30 pm in the College of St. Scholastica's Mitchell Auditorium. The guest artist, Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt, previously played at CSS in a 2015 performance that LeAnn helped to arrange. Ms. Hewitt will be playing Bach's "Goldberg Variations." This concert is sponsored by Matinee Musicale. Tickets are available at <https://www.matineemusical.org/live-performances>*

*Mark your calendars for an all-church sew-in making neck gaiters for the homeless on **Sunday, November 13** beginning about noon, following the soup luncheon. We need donations of quality polar fleece (at least 1x2 foot pieces), people to bring sewing machines, cutting boards and rotary cutters, as well as volunteers to measure, cut and sew. Contact Jean Walsh (jmbwalsh@gmail.com) with questions.*

*A "Concert of Remembrance," featuring Faure's "Requiem," will be held on **Sunday, November 6** at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth). A \$20 donation is suggested. Several FUMC musicians are involved, including organist Velda Bell, soprano Tasha Kapp, and basses Derek Bromme and Stacy Carolan.*

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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To God Be the Glory

To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
O per - fect re - demp - tion, for - give - ness of sins, to ev - ery be -
Great things he hath taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for
liev - er the pro - mise of God; the great - est of sin - ners who tru - ly be -
joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will

sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
lives, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the
be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re - joice! O come to the

Fa - ther thru Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!