



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 9, 2022
Bible 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 *When We are Living* arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Catherine Reich
One: We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!
All: **When our minds are focused on Jesus, we love everybody!**
One: We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!
All: **When our minds are focused on Jesus, praise and joy fill our hearts!**
One: We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!
All: **And together we bless the world with God's love!**

* Hymn *Woke Up This Morning* The Faith We Sing #2082, v. 1, 2, 3, 5

Bible Presentation to 3-year-olds and 3rd graders Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Jojo Coffin-Langdon
Any children not in church today will receive a Bible from Pastor Jeanine later.

Response *Thy Word is a Lamp* UM Hymnal #601
Children 5th grade and younger may leave for Sunday School.

Anthem *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Brian Hanson
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayer of Confession: God, you asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard and we were easily distracted. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper that we might not be judged. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty and exclusion. We closed them, for we did not want to see. Lord, forgive our efforts to serve you only when it is convenient, safe, popular and easy. Renew us, send us out to share your love in all we do.

Assurance of Pardon: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed from guilt and empowered to live in God's love. We are God's beloved. May we live as such, sharing life-giving love with others. Amen!

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.

Scripture Reading

Catherine Reich

Matthew 6:9-13

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. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Matthew 22:37-30

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself."

John 4:34-35

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of the One who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Micah 6:8

God has shown you, O people, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes *Stewardship 2023*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UM Hymnal #581

Sermon *Stepping On Up*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Sarah Maddy

* Hymn *When We are Living*

UM Hymnal #356

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Crowded Table*

The Highwomen

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.

Bible Recipients



3-year-old Bibles

Jesse Craft
Lucy Fazzio
Matthew Fazzio
Bella Alessandra Giuliani
Elena Margaret Giuliani
Annabel Gale Rogers
Malcolm Jeffrey Rogers

3rd grade Bibles

Annie Coffin-Langdon
Jenson Truker Lebakken
Genevieve Marie Rogers
Maks Gerald Vidovic

The Garden Group Fall Cleanup day has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 12 at 9am (the rain date will be Friday, October 14). Garden beds will be cleaned and prepared for over-wintering. "Muscle volunteers" are needed to help move benches and large pots, and install fences and guard poles by garden areas. All are invited – and needed! – to help. Following cleanup, all garden volunteers are invited to an appreciation lunch.



Mark your calendars! **Fall Roadside Cleanup** will take place on **Saturday, October 15** from noon-2pm on "our" stretch of Maple Grove Road. See Bill Alexander (bill@strikepoint.com) to sign up or for more information. Let's help keep our area beautiful!

Next Sunday, the **A Cappella Choir of Hamline University** in St. Paul will sing during our morning worship service. They have performed at our church many times in the past, but this is their first trip here in several years. The A Cappella Choir, conducted by George Chu, will sing several pieces that morning, including during the postlude. Don't miss this special musical treat!



It's time to sign up for our new photo directory! Pictures will be taken at church November 15-19. Sign up early so you can choose a time that's most convenient for you. 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 **October 16**, Rick Lubbers from the Duluth News Tribune will talk about the challenges of running a local newspaper in 2022.



A Fundraiser supporting medical organizations in Ukraine will be held on **Saturday, October 22** at noon at Barkers Island Inn in Superior. Funds raised will support the Linda J. Sherman Foundation's work at the hospital in Lviv, Ukraine. Our own Strikepoint will be providing some of the entertainment. Linda Sherman was a member of our congregation until her death in 2021. More details on the fundraising event are in the October First Family.

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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