## First United Methodist Church Sunday, April 16, 2023

There is no Sunday School today; children will remain in worship with their families. Worship activity bags are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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 Offertoire for Easter on "O Filii et Filiae" (O Sons and Daughters)

J.F. Dandrieu

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

One: Christ is alive and so we sing!

All: Christ is alive and is here in every place and time.

One: Christ is alive and so we sing!

All: Daily in the midst of life, our God is among us.

Christ is alive and so we sing! One:

All: Christ is alive, bringing joy, justice, love and praise!

Christ is Alive \* Hymn

UM Hymnal #318

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

**Morning Prayer** 

Prayer Song: Open Our Eyes Pastor Jeanine Alexander The Faith We Sing #2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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

## Luke 24:13-32

Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

All: While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

One: And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" All: They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered

him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" One:

All: They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

All: As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to All: us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

\* Hymn Stay With Us The Faith We Sing #2199; v. 1 – soloist, v. 2-5 - congregation

Sermon Meeting Jesus on the Road Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem Give Me Jesus African American spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Riley Hinnenkamp, baritone

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns UM Hymnal #327

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Chaconne in G minor Louis Couperin

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Postlude

<sup>\*</sup> please stand as you are comfortable

## Announcements

Please 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, places 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.

**Each spring** we like to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. If you or a family member are graduating (high school and beyond), please be sure that Pastor Cynthia or the church office has your name, school and degree information.

The new photo directories are here! Stop at the table in the Atrium; there are reserved copies for everyone who had a photo taken or submitted a photo. Other copies are available while supplies last.

The Sustainability Team will meet after church this morning in the library.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On April 23, Jana Picotte will share her faith journey. On April 30, Alex Flinner will talk about technology and sustainability.

Riley Hinnenkamp will present his Junior Voice Recital on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30pm at Webb Recital Hall in the Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center on the UWS campus (1100 Belknap and Catlin Ave. in Superior). Riley will be singing music by Beethoven, Schumann, Thomas, Fauré, Debussy, and Quilter.

Shelley Gruskin leads "An Early Music Concert" at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth) at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 30. He will be joined by singers from LOON COR, Lyric Opera of the North's new professional ensemble; instrumentalists from the DSSO; and organists Velda Graham Bell, Karen Hanson Sande, and Charles Sundquist. Repertoire includes a Jacobean-era masque, a recorder concerto by Anton Heberle and Renaissance organ pieces played on the Felgemaker pipe organ. The concert is free with a suggested \$20 donation.

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