

*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
**Caring for Creation 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**      *Blue Boat Home*      Peter Mayer  
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Welcoming New Members**

**Congregational response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Thanking Ashley**

**Call to Worship**      Geoff Bell

**One:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights above!

**All:** Praise God, all angels! Praise God, all heavenly hosts!

**One:** Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars.

**All:** Praise God, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**One:** Let them praise the name of the Lord; for at God's command, they were created, and God established them for ever and ever.

**All:** Praise God from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do God's bidding.

**One:** Praise God, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

**All:** Let all creation praise the name of the Lord!

**\* Hymn**      *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*      attachment

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**All:** Creator God, who set the stars in their places and directs the course of the planets; who robed this earth with a thin garment of air, making it a haven of beauty and life; who breathed into each of us the breath of life; we thank you for the gifts that surround us in your beautiful Creation. Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in all of your gifts that we receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern



## 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.*

***Today we welcome new members:** Ashley Etter, Clela and Mike Henson, Helen Kampa, Greg Leiviska, and Julie and Jeff Rogers. Please greet these new members of our First Family!*

***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.*

***Stop by the Sustainability table** in the Narthex for information on what our church is doing to care for creation and how you can join in.*

***Join us for Faith Forum** Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **April 30**, Alex Flinner will talk about technology and sustainability. On **May 7**, Nik Rushdi Hassan will talk about the experiences of a Haj pilgrimage.*

***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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# Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

## CHORUS

D Dsus D A

Come, now is the time to wor - ship. Come, now is the time to give..

Em G D Dsus D A

— your heart. Come, just as you are to wor - ship. Come,

Em *last time to Coda* G D

just as you are be - fore your God. Come.

## VERSE

G D G

1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess You are God. One day ev - 'ry knee will bow..  
2. Will - ing - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives, will - ing - ly our knees will bow..

D G Bm

— Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains for those who glad.  
— With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we glad.

G A 1. 2. D.C. al Coda D CODA

— ly choose You now. Come.  
— ly choose You now.

## ENDING

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Come. Come, just as you are, come. Come.