



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 30, 2023
Confirmation 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.

Since it is Confirmation Sunday, children in grades 1 and up will remain in worship today. Activity bags are by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The Nursery is available for children in Kindergarten and younger.

Prelude *Fanfare and Processional* Douglas Wagner
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Sam Ramsey-Coffin and Avery Collins

One: God is here!

All: As we meet to offer praise and prayer.

One: God is here!

All: As we meet to confirm 14 students, and draw the circle wider.

One: God is here!

All: Let us sing, let us pray, and may God give us the grace to continue to invite others in and draw the circle wide.

*** Hymn** *God is Here* UM Hymnal #660

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark Miller
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:6-8

Peyton Walker

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you, O mortal, 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.

Colossians 3:12-14

Peyton Walker

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Peter 4:7-11

Nathaniel Bateman

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* The Faith We Sing #2051

Sermon *Kindness Going Virtual* Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Music *Lean On Me* Bill Withers
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Service of Confirmation

Introduction
Presentation of Confirmands
Declaration of Faith and Vows by Those Being Confirmed
Declaration of Faith and Promise of Support by the Congregation
Reminder of Baptism and Laying On of Hands
Presentation of Gifts

Membership Reception

Pastor: Friends, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church, and we welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. We promise to uphold you by our prayers and our presence. Together we will share our gifts and serve each other and the world. May God be glorified in the way we live and worship.

* Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UM Hymnal #593

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine* Christopher Gregg
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

** 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.*

***Congratulations** to our confirmands and new members:*

Leah Mae Abbott

Alex Reed Bellefy

Ava Helena Davis

Sawyer Rex Johnson

Samuel Micah Ramsey-Coffin

Lincoln Patrick Alexander

Dahlia Marie Boberg

Stanley Warren Jeannette

Jacob Liam Marquardt

Peyton Kathleen Walker

Nathaniel Kemp Bateman

Avery Michael Collins

Ashton Michael Enroth

Noah William Nielsen

***Special thanks** to the following people who made Confirmation special:*

***Confirmation Stoles:** the youth of our church, Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Beth Peppersack*

***Confirmation Teachers:** Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Pastor Jeanine Alexander*

Holding the baptismal water is Atley Collins

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 hold its last meeting before taking a summer break on **Sunday, May 7** in the library 15 minutes after the end of the service. Everyone is welcome to join them as they reflect on this year's accomplishments and set goals for next year.*

Shelley Gruskin leads "An Early Music Concert" at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth) this afternoon at 3:00pm. 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.

Next Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. On Communion Sundays, we ask you to remember our hungry neighbors with financial gifts and/or food donations for the CHUM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations; if you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" on the check memo or envelope and make your check out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

*Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **May 7**, Nik Rushdi Hassan will talk about the experiences of a Haj pilgrimage. On **May 14**, a representative from the Duluth Zoo will talk about their plan and mission.*

*It's Roadside Cleanup time! FUMC sponsors a two-mile stretch of Maple Grove Road, from Lindahl Road to Solway Road. Our next cleanup date is **Saturday, May 6**, from 12-2. We always need more help! Please dress for the weather, bring gloves, wear footwear suitable for walking in ditches, and meet in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at Midway and Maple Grove. Contact Bill Alexander (bill@strikepoint.com) for more information, or sign up in the church office (218-727-5021).*

*Through **May 28**, we will be collecting the annual Love Offering for missions that is sent to the MN Annual Conference. Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites us to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. This year our Love Offering will tangibly share God's love by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. Pastor Jeanine will take our Love Offering when she attends the Annual Conference, May 31-June 1.*

*Noted Duluth architect **Thomas Vecchi** died on April 7 at the age of 96. As a young man, Vecchi's first project when he moved to Duluth in 1964 was working with renowned architect Pietro Beluschi on the design of our church. He later went on to establish the firm of Thomas and Vecchi Architects, where he designed many of Duluth's best-known buildings, including the DECC, several UMD campus buildings, and the Benedictine Health Care Center at St. Scholastica.*

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