

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 14, 2023
Mother's Day and Garden 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 *The Peace May be Exchanged* Dan Locklair
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *I'm Trusting You* GroupMusic
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

Call to Worship Sara Hill

One: God, shine your peace in our midst.
All: Shine through all our hopes and prayers and dreams.
One: Guide us to justice, truth and love.
All: Free us from hatred and envy, and fill us with grace.
One: May we learn to love all people and all creation.
All: For then the hope of peace will be fulfilled!

*** Hymn** *O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines* UM Hymnal #729

Children's Message Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

Anthem *Ionian Columns* Kathleen Wissinger
Ringtones; Bill Alexander, director

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Ringtones' anthem

Scripture Readings Sara Hill

Matthew 5:9

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

John 14:26-27

Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 16: 32-33

Jesus said, "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Morning Prayer

Prayer Song *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander
The Faith We Sing #2157; sing three times
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Anthem *Let There be Peace on Earth*

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

arr. Jay Rouse

Offering Our Gifts *Garden Sunday video*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Peal con brio*

Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Karen Thompson

Sermon *God Promises – We Can Have Peace*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *It is Well With My Soul*

UM Hymnal #377

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *O Day of Peace*

Velda Graham Bell, organ; Stacy Carolan, trumpet; Derek Bromme, trombone

C. Hubert H. Parry

** 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.

This week we are celebrating the music ministry of our children's groups. Next week is Music Celebration Sunday, where we will be celebrating the ministry of our adult music groups. Thank you to all the musicians who contribute so much to our worship services!

Today is Garden Sunday. Your gift to our memorial gardens will help purchase annuals to beautify the gardens. The Garden Group is funded solely by donations and memorials throughout the year and not by the church budget. You can give after church today, at the table in the Narthex, or send a check to church with "Gardens" in the memo. Thank you for your gifts!



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.

On Sunday, June 4, we will be hosting the CHUM 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service from 3-5pm. On June 4, 1973, 10 congregations, including our congregation, formed an ecumenical coalition known as the Central Hillside United Ministry (CHUM) to minister to the needs of low income and vulnerable people living in their neighborhoods. 50 years to the day, and now with 40 member congregations, the CHUM family consisting of guests, staff, Board of Directors, and supporters, together with invited partners and community representatives, will gather for a Thanksgiving Service marking the faith collaborative's 50 years of service to the Northern Region. A rich interfaith service featuring music, messages, and scripture, with a Proclamation from the Governor of the State of Minnesota will launch a year of observance that will culminate in May of 2024. The offering received will support the work of CHUM. The afternoon's celebration will conclude with an official reception.

Church directories: If you had a photo taken or submitted one for the directory, please stop in the office during the week to pick up your copy. Some additional copies were ordered and are available to those who do not have pictures included, while supplies last.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday morning 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **May 21**, Haley Hedstrom, CEO of the Lake Superior Zoo will talk about its plan and mission. This will be the last Faith Forum for the season.

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.

How You Can Help Your Church

If you can help, contact the church office (call 218-727-5021 or email info@fumcduluth.com).

Garden Group: Everyone is welcome, and training is provided!

Tuesday, May 16 – 9:00am – garden cleanup

Wednesday, May 31 – 9:00am – geranium planting (rain date is June 1)

Tuesday, June 6 – 9:00am – annuals and dahlias planting; 11:00am – mulching (rain date is June 8)

Mowing the church lawn: more people are needed so the same people aren't doing it each week.

Reading the call to worship and Scripture during worship services this summer.

Greeting people arriving at church for worship this summer.

Making coffee and/or serving doughnuts following worship services.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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