

First United Methodist Church Sunday, May 7, 2023 Holy Communion 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 Trumpet Tune in D Major Velda Graham Bell, organ Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship We come to worship asking God to guide our feet. One: All: We come, allowing God to take hold of us. We come with the assurance that the Creator of the universe stands with us. One:

We come knowing that we, and all people, are God's beloved. Come, Lord, guide our feet. All:

* Hymn Guide My Feet

Morning Prayer

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.

Offering Our Gifts

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) Brandon Veale, tenor

Children may leave for Sunday School following Communion

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy your name, and in your name drive out demons, and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But

David Johnson

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Atley Collins

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everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

* Hymn	Standing on the Promises	UM Hymnal #374; v. 1, 2, 4
Sermon	God Promises – A Solid Foundation	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>It's All About Him</i> Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	Alan Jackson
* Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	UM Hymnal #529; v. 1, 2, 5
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	J.S. Bach
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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.

Photo 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.

The Sustainability team will hold its last meeting before taking a summer break today 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.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On May 14, Haley Hedstrom, CEO of the Lake Superior Zoo will talk about its plan and mission. On May 21, Nik Rushdi Hassan will talk about the experiences of a Haj pilgrimage.

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.

Thank you to Alex Flinner, Tommy Kishida and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.

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