



x *First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023**  
**Graduate Recognition 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.*

*A nursery for children age 5 and under is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available for children to use during worship. Sunday School will resume in the fall.*

**Prelude**      *Rhosymedre*      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship**      Lydia Kantonen, ELI intern

One: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All: **Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.**

One: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All: **All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**

One: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All: **We worship you, God. Hear our praise!**

\* Hymn      *Holy, Holy, Holy!*      UM Hymnal #64

**Graduate Recognition**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Prayer for the Graduates**

All: **God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with them as they move forward in life. Take away any anxiety or confusion of purpose. Strengthen their talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Morning Prayer**      Kelby Werner, pastoral intern  
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.**

Anthem "Adagio" and "Andante tranquillo" from *Six Studies in English Folk Song*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Scripture Readings Lydia Kantonen, ELI intern

Matthew 25:31-40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you who are blessed by God, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Sermon *Jesus Taught Us – Love Wins* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* The Faith We Sing #2237

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander  
UMCOR Sunday and Blessing Mission Trip Participants

\* Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* The Faith We Sing #2197

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude "Allegro vivace" from *Six Studies in English Folk Song*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Libby Gaalaas, clarinet; Velda Graham Bell, piano

\* 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.

*Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.*

## *Congratulations* to our graduates:

### High School:

**Parker Jon Ahlers** graduated from Denfeld High School and plans to attend Mankato State, majoring in Aviation.

**Maxine Lou Alander** graduated from Denfeld High School and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior, majoring in Education.

**Aly Marlene Fairchild** graduated from Hermantown High School and plans to join the Army National Guard in the fall.

**Claudia Alair Fezzey** graduated from Superior High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, majoring in American Studies and minoring in Spanish.

**Saige Elisabeth Mattson** graduated from Duluth East High School and plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead. She will continue studying French Horn and will play in the Concordia Band as a music scholarship recipient.

**Emily Grace Sapyta** graduated from Cloquet High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, majoring in Sociology of Law, Criminology and Justice.

### Post Secondary:

**Anne Gustafson** graduated with a master's degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and received the Horace Bushnell Academic Award in Education Ministry for outstanding work in Faith Formation. She plans to complete her Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising from the Lily School of Philanthropy at Indiana University.

**Rhonda Montavon** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Wisconsin-Superior with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in broad field social studies. She has already started graduate school at UWS to earn a master's in Counseling with the goal of becoming a therapist specializing in eating disorders.

## How You Can Help Your Church

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

### Rhubarb Festival preparations:

**Rhubarb! We need rhubarb!**— stalks of fresh rhubarb are needed until June 19. Donations can be brought from Sunday to Tuesday each week to the church kitchen. Please keep it coming!

**Piemakers are needed** on Wednesday, June 14, from 9-3. Email [anitazager@gmail.com](mailto:anitazager@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.



Making coffee and/or serving doughnuts following worship services.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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