

All: 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.
(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Anthem *You Remain*

Jervis Campbell

Jana Picotte and Bailey Fazzio, vocalists

Scripture Readings

Lydia Kantonen, ELI intern

Matthew 18:21-35

One: Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?"

All: **Jesus answered, "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!"**

One: This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like: One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him fifty million silver coins. But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt. The official got down on his knees and began begging,

All: **'Have pity on me and I will pay you every cent I owe!'**

One: The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money. As the official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him a hundred silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said,

All: **'Pay me what you owe!'**

One: The man got down on his knees and began begging,

All: **'Have pity on me and I will pay you back.'**

One: But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed. When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said,

All: **'You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?'**

One: The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how God in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive with all your heart."

Sermon *Jesus Taught Us – Extend Forgiveness*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Kelby Werner

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Raymond Haan

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* Hymn *We are Called*

The Faith We Sing #2172

Offering Our Gifts The 50th Anniversary of CHUM

One: Let us pray.

All: Sustaining God, we give you thanks for the work and ministry of CHUM over the past 50 years. We thank you that this congregation, together with the other members of the CHUM family of congregations, have been able to work together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives and work to build a just and compassionate community. As we move forward, we look to you, O God our great Provider, to preserve our faith, strengthen our zeal, and increase our witness, so that the hungry will be fed, the homeless housed, and all people live with dignity and hope. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Chris Tomlin

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.

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

This morning we welcome Lydia Kantonen as our summer ELI intern. Lydia will be with us through mid-August. Please offer her a warm welcome and join with her in ministry. The MN Conference's ELI (Emerging Leaders Intern) Project Internship gives college students exploring vocational ministry an opportunity to participate in hands-on learning with a host congregation. Just as Eli the priest called Samuel into ministry, we are offering opportunities for students to hear God's call.

This afternoon FUMC is hosting the CHUM 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service from 3-5pm. 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 50 years of service to the community. A rich interfaith service will launch a year of observance that will culminate in May of 2024. The afternoon's celebration will conclude with an official reception.

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

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 kitchen, the church office or left by the east parking lot door, if the building is closed.

Jars are needed! – if you can donate 1/2 pint or pint jars for jam, please drop them off at the church kitchen today through June 6. We'll be making strawberry rhubarb jam for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival.



Mowing the church lawn: more people are needed. We'd like to have enough people so that volunteers only have to work every 2-3 weeks.

Reading the call to worship and Scripture during worship services 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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