



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Weekend

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 *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit* Dietrich Buxtehude
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Call to Worship Jeri Werner

One: Spirit of the Living God, we come to connect our spirits with yours.

All: Come upon us. Fill us with love, joy, power, righteousness, and peace.

One: Blow among us, Wind of God.

All: Inspire us with love and zeal that we might share your message of Good News.

One: Speak your love loud and clear within us and through us.

All: Fill all the earth with holiness and make us whole.

*** Hymn** *O Spirit of the Living God* UM Hymnal #539

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

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayer Song *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* UM Hymnal #500; v. 1

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.*

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – retranslation from the Aramaic

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us
this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands
we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future
actions grow from here! Amen!**

Anthem *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Michael Burkhardt
Andrea Flinner, alto

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound, the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have had the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:26-27 and John 16:4-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

* Hymn	<i>Spirit of God</i>	The Faith We Sing #2117; v. 1, 3, 5
Sermon	<i>A Celebration of What?</i>	Kelby Werner, pastoral intern
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
* Hymn	<i>This is My Song</i>	UM Hymnal #437

Benediction

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Postlude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

** 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 in the Narthex and Atrium following worship for coffee and doughnuts.

This morning we welcome Kelby Werner back as our summer pastoral assistant. Kelby has finished his first two years at Garrett Seminary. Next spring he will graduate and be appointed to his own church. Please welcome Kelby today and all summer!

Pastor Jeanine is on vacation through today and then will be attending Annual Conference. If you have office needs, please talk with Director of Operations Sandy Smith or the church office (218-727-5021).

Through today, we will be collecting the annual Love Offering for missions that is sent to the MN Annual Conference. This year our Love Offering will tangibly share God's love by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota.

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. 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!

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)

Rhubarb Festival preparations:

Rhubarb donations – 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.

Rhubarb Kitchen Help – two more people are needed Tuesday, May 30 from 1-4pm to chop rhubarb and slice strawberries. One or two more people are needed Wednesday, May 31 from 1-4pm to help make jam. Please email anitazager@gmail.com to sign up.

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.

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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