



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 13, 2023
Outdoor Worship

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. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Prelude *God is in the House* Michael A. Curtis and Gary Haase
 Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

One: This is the day that God has made!

All: We rejoice and are glad in it!

One: This is the earth that God has made!

All: We rejoice and care for it!

One: We all are the people God has made!

All: We will honor and cherish each other, always working for justice and peace.

*** Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* The Faith We Sing #2153

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

(instrumental break)

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.

(instrumental finish)

Children's Message Larry Ehresman

Baptism of Kenneth Curtis Hill Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Congregational response: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that *Kenneth*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Morning Prayer
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

Jesus' Prayer - by Parker Palmer, adapted

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, heavenly One, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — come swiftly, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen!

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Calvary*

Levon Helms

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Sermon *The Candy Gospel*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Larry Ehresman

*** Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UM Hymnal #526

*1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and grief to bear.*

(instrumental break)

*What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear*

*all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.*

*3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge.*

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.*

*2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?*

*We should never be discouraged.
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?*

*Jesus knows our every weakness,
take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Sow Good Seeds*

Donny Gerrard and Makeda Francisco

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors



Tapestry musicians: David Craig, Bailey Fazzino, Andrea Flinner, Riley Hinnenkamp, Corey and Leah Hulst, Terry Larson, Rhonda Montavon; Special guests: Bob Bursell (guitar), Tony Garland (drums)

Tapestry is looking forward to another season of worshipping and praising God, and is also looking for a new drummer. If you or someone you know are interested in joining Tapestry as a vocalist and/or musician, especially a drummer, please reach out to Corey or Leah Hulst, or Velda Bell. We'd love to speak with you!