

First United Methodist Church Sunday, August 20, 2023

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 September 10.

Prelude Two hymn preludes: Old Hundredth and St. Columba

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Healey Willan

Claude Debussy

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Karen Alseth Call to Worship

One: God of love and God of power, you have called us together.

All: Sometimes we are held in bondage by our fears. May your love and power give us courage

and freedom.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Welcome and Announcements

One: Your love and power bring people together, are filled with boldness, grace and care.

All: Give us courage and free our spirits that we might live in your loving power.

* Hymn God of Love and God of Power UM Hymnal #578

Children's Message Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

Golliwog's Cakewalk (from Children's Corner) Special Music

Benjamin Hintzman, piano

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

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!

Scripture Readings Karen Alseth

Portions of 1 Samuel 17

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was four cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron, and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me." ... David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ... David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." ... When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took a stone, slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead and he fell face down on the ground.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

* Hymn Send Me, Lord UM Hymnal #497

Sermon Spiritual Guides: David Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

Anthem Offertory John Ness Beck

Quartet: Brandon Veale, Derek Bromme, Tom Wiig, Riley Hinnenkamp; MaryAnne Korsch, piano

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UM Hymnal #133

Benediction and Commissioning Kelby

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob

Velda Graham Bell, organ

^{*} please stand as you are comfortable



Announcements



to 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 downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Attention Teachers (Pre-school through college): You may begin choosing items your classroom needs following the worship service next Sunday, August 26. To the congregation: we are still collecting school supplies. Please bring donations up to the front of the Sanctuary by the communion table.

The church rummage sale will be held next Friday, August 25, from 3-6pm and Saturday, August 26, from 8am-2pm. Donations will be accepted beginning today through Thursday. Volunteers are still needed! See the volunteer needs listing below.

There will be no new member class following worship today. The next one will be held Sunday, September 24 at 11:00am. Please let Pastor Jeanine know if you are interested; this is the only session needed in order to join the church.

How You Can Help Your Church

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

Rummage Sale Volunteer Needs: August 20-26

Setup, receiving, organizing donations: Sunday afternoon, Monday – Thursday, Friday morning **Checkout:** Friday, Saturday

Cleanup, hauling unsold items away: Saturday after 2pm

For more information or to sign up, contact Anita Zager (anitazager@gmail.com)

Painting Crew Needed

Five or six people are needed to paint some rooms in the church. Please see Sandy Smith in the church office for more information or to volunteer (<u>admin@fumcduluth.com</u> or 218-727-5021)

Ways to give to support your church: give online at <u>fumcduluth.com</u> **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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