



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 2, 2023
Independence 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 **Variations on *America*** Charles Ives
Parker Hinnenkamp, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

One: We come to worship the God who leads us forth in beauty.

All: Our grateful songs to God arise!

One: God's love leads us into freedom.

All: God's paths are our chosen way!

One: God is our ever sure defense.

All: God's goodness nourishes us in peace!

One: God refreshes our souls.

All: God, fill our lives with love and grace divine!

*** Hymn** ***God of the Ages*** UM Hymnal #698

Morning Prayer Lydia Kantonen, summer intern
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

II Kings 5:1-14

One: Naaman was the commander of the Syrian army. The Lord had helped him and his troops defeat their enemies, so the king of Syria respected Naaman very much. Naaman was a brave soldier, but he had leprosy.

All: One day while the Syrian troops were raiding Israel, they captured a girl and she became a servant of Naaman's wife. Some time later, the girl said, "If your husband Naaman would go to the prophet in Samaria, he would be cured of his leprosy."

One: When Naaman told the king what the girl had said, the king replied, "Go ahead! I will give you a letter to take to the king of Israel." Naaman left and took along seven hundred fifty

pounds of silver, one hundred fifty pounds of gold, and ten new outfits. He also carried the letter to the king of Israel. It said, "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. Cure him of his leprosy."

All: When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in fear and shouted, "That Syrian king believes I can cure this man of leprosy! Does he think I'm God with power over life and death? He must be trying to pick a fight with me."

One: As soon as Elisha the prophet heard what had happened, he sent the Israelite king this message: "Why are you so afraid? Send the man to me, so that he will know there is a prophet in Israel." Naaman left with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent someone outside to say to him, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you'll be completely cured."

All: But Naaman stormed off, grumbling, "Why couldn't he come out and talk to me? I thought for sure he would stand in front of me and pray to the Lord his God, then wave his hand over my skin and cure me. What about the Abana River or the Pharpar River? Those rivers in Damascus are just as good as any river in Israel. I could have washed in them and been cured."

One: His servants went over to him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. So why don't you do what he said? Go wash and be cured."

All: Naaman walked down to the Jordan; he waded out into the water and stooped down in it seven times, just as Elisha had told him. Right away, he was cured and his skin became as smooth as a child's.

Special Music *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Traditional American Song; arr. Richard Walters
Riley Hinnenkamp, baritone

Sermon *Spiritual Guides: The Servant Girl* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Hymn** *God Wills a Full Life for Us All* attachment; v. 1-3



The Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Music During Communion *Communion Medley* arr. Riley Hinnenkamp
Riley Hinnenkamp, piano

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Hymn** *God Wills a Full Life for Us All* attachment; v. 4-5

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Improvisation sur le 'Te Deum'* Charles Tournemire
Parker Hinnenkamp, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Announcements

*Please remember 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 in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Pastor Jeanine will be out of the office July 3-8. If you have church needs or pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, pastoral intern Kelby Werner or Parish Nurse Linda Wiig, or call the church office and they will connect you. The church office will be closed, however, July 3 and 4.

Thank you to Parker Hinnenkamp, who is filling in for Velda Bell this week and next week while she attends an organ conference in Toronto.

Scholarship Opportunities:

*The **Lennon-Berini Scholarship** supports students who are members of FUMC, have completed two years of college and are pursuing a people-centered career. Each scholarship this year will be \$2000. The application form will be available July 1 on the church website (fumcduluth.com) and must be submitted by 4pm on July 22. Scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on Sunday, August 27.*

*The **Ardath Gibson Scholarship** supports students who are members of FUMC (or whose family are members), are pursuing education in health care, physical sciences or business, and who have a GPA of 3.0 or above. The application form will be available July 17 and must be submitted by August 17. Scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on Sunday, August 27.*

Summer Concerts at FUMC:



***Tuesday, July 11** – Northern Lights Music Festival Young Artist Recital. Join us for a free recital at 11am in our Sanctuary. This festival gives advanced high school and college musicians from around the world the opportunity to study with internationally-known performing artists and collaborate with other participants in chamber groups and ensembles. This concert is the hidden gem of our summer music offerings.*

***Monday, July 17** – Big Wave Dave and the Ripples are making a return appearance in the FUMC parking lot! Join us at 6:30pm, or come at 5:30 and have supper at the Room at the Table food trucks. Chairs will be set up, or bring your own. There will be activities for children. The freewill donation will benefit CHUM's 50th Anniversary Fund and the FUMC Summer Parking Lot Concert Series. Rain date is Tuesday, July 18.*

***Monday, August 7** - Strikepoint's homecoming concert following their annual summer tour. Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a rollicking good time. You know they save the best performance for us! Admission is free but an \$18 donation is suggested.*

***Sunday, July 30** will be Cynthia and Jojo Coffin-Langdon's last Sunday as FUMC staff members. After worship that Sunday, please join us for special treats in Lakeview Social Hall to thank and celebrate them for their staff ministry: Cynthia as our youth pastor and Jojo as the director of children and family ministries. Please feel free to contribute to a cash gift for them; bring or send your gift to the church office. There will also be a box for cards and an open mic in Lakeview Social Hall for people to offer words of love and appreciation.*

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God Wills a Full Life for Us All

1. God wills a full life for us all, loves
 2. The feast is spread for blind and poor; it's
 3. The meal we share binds us to meet each
 4. We leave your ta - ble, now, and seek Christ's
 5. Thanks be to God for faith re - newed and

us with ten - der care, asks us to take the
 spread for you and me. God's grace brings light and
 cap - tive's deep - est need: For - give us, God, that
 spir - it for our days; help us to live your
 u - ni - ty re - stored. We go, one world, one

sac - ri - fice of bro - ken life to share.
 strength, and sets life's bro - ken vic - tims free.
 we have giv'n love's word but not love's deed.
 word of love with deeds that sing your praise.
 fam - i - ly, to live God's lov - ing Word.

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