

First United Methodist Church Sunday, June 25, 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 in the fall.



G.F. Handel

Prelude "Andante" from Concerto in F Major

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Lydia Kantonen, summer intern

One: We come to worship our God, the great I AM!

All: As we bless God's sacred name, we find hope and healing.

One: We come to behold God's face, experience God's power, and sing the wonders of God's

grace.

All: As we behold, experience, and sing, God comes to us.

One: We come to worship our God, the great I AM!

All: As we bless God's sacred name, we find and offer hope and healing.

* Hymn The God of Abraham Praise

UM Hymnal #116

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

Scripture Reading

Lydia Kantonen, summer intern

Exodus 3:9-15

One: "The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

All: But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

One: He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

All: But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?,' what shall I say to them?"

One: God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Matthew 13:31-32

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Special Music Sonata in Imitation of Birds, movements 1 and 2

William Williams

Shelley Gruskin, recorder; Johanna Gruskin, flute; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayer Song Sanctuary

The Faith We Sing #2164; sing twice

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

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 Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Sermon Spiritual Guides: Moses Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

* Hymn Faith While Trees are Still in Blossom UM Hymnal #508

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Kelby Werner

Postlude Sonata in Imitation of Birds, movement 4

William Williams

Shelley Gruskin, recorder; Johanna Gruskin, flute; 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 in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

The Lennon-Berini Scholarship is exclusively for students who are members of FUMC, have completed two years of college and are pursing a people-centered career. Each scholarship awarded this year will be for \$2000. The application form will be available July 1 on the church website (fumcduluth.com) and must be submitted no later than 4pm on July 22. Scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on Sunday, August 27.

Summer Concerts at FUMC:



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 in thanking and celebrating them for their staff ministry: Cynthia as our youth pastor and Jojo as our director of children's and family ministries. There will be special treats in their honor. 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.

How You Can Help Your Church

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

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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