

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 pursuing 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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