



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
*Bible Sunday*

*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 on the lower level, and includes a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.*

**Prelude**      *Elegy*      Raymond Haan  
Velda Graham Bell, organ  
*Peace*      John Gollard  
Derek Bromme, trombone; Velda Graham Bell, piano

*Today we pray for those whose lives have been lost or disrupted in the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. We pray for a peaceful solution to this horrible, heartbreaking situation.  
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9*

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Maks Vidovic  
One: Morning had broken, like the first morning!  
All: **Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven!**  
One: Welcome the sunlight, welcome the morning!  
All: **Praise God with elation for every new morning!**

**\* Hymn**      *Morning has Broken*      UM Hymnal #145

**Bible Presentation to 3-year-olds and older, 3rd/4th graders, and Confirmands**

**Children's Message**

**Anthem**      *Modal Fanfare*      Kevin McChesney  
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

*Children may leave for Sunday School following Class Ring's anthem*

**Morning Prayer**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch  
Prayers of Joy and Concern

**Unison Prayer of Confession:** God of grace, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways.

**Assurance of Pardon:** In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, offering love to others in all you do and say Amen!

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Anthem      *What a Wonderful World*      arr. John Miller  
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director; Tess Kantonen, soloist

Scripture Reading      Maks Vidovic

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

One: The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

All: **But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."**

One: The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

All: **Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"**

One: Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

All: **When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**

One: Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one."

All: **Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"**

One: "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

All: **Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.**

Offering Our Gifts      *Stewardship 2024*

\* Hymn      *Blest are They*      The Faith We Sing #2155; v. 1, 4, 5

Sermon      *Spiritual Guides: David*      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*      UM Hymnal #160; v. 1, 3, 5

Benediction

Postlude      *"Allegro maestoso e vivace" from Sonata II*      Felix Mendelssohn

*\* please stand as you are comfortable*



## Announcements



to fill out the *Connect Cards* each week. 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 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.

### Bible Recipients

#### 3-year-old Bibles

Navy Lou Alander  
Michael Clarence Flinger  
Oliver Richard Hammond  
Ian James Kibler  
Aurora Joanne LeClaire  
Ryu Hatfield Lemae  
Blake Svea Morris  
Camryn Jean Morris  
Peter Andrew Ouren

#### 3rd grade Bibles

Millie Carolan  
Charlotte Decatur  
Sophie Hawkins  
Izzy Kruse  
Cameron Ray Lawrey  
Greta Marie Nielsen  
Felicity Eloise Rogers

#### Confirmation Bibles

Keira Ball  
George Bateman  
August Boberg  
Atley R. Collins  
Renz Fairchild  
Cooper Lawrey  
Victoria Lynn Moses  
Delaney Mae Nielsen  
Aiden Schlangen  
Chuck Vidovic



*Faith Forum* is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. On **October 22**, Pam Nelson will share her thoughts on a sabbatical year from teaching 8th grade math, how she ended up spending two weeks in Kenya, and what she learned along the way. Her photos of the trip will be on display this fall in the Fireside Lounge. On **October 29**, Brandon Veale, FUMC member and writer for the Duluth News Tribune, will offer his thoughts on sports vis-à-vis religion and politics.



*Trunk-or-Treat* will be Sunday, October 29. There will be Halloween games for children in Lakeview Social Hall during the 10:00am Sunday School time, followed by Trunk-or-Treat in the west parking lot from 11:30-12:30. This is a great event to share with friends! Come in your favorite non-violent costume. Sign up to hand out candy from your decorated car or trunk: call the church office (218-727-5021), talk to Pastor Jeanine or sign up in the Narthex.

A **Book Sale** will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 9am-3pm. Donations may be dropped off in the East Lounge beginning November 12. Please do not bring damaged books, VHS or cassette tapes, encyclopedias or textbooks. See below for volunteer needs.

## Ways You Can Help Your Church



**Donate candy** to be handed out for Trunk-or-Treat. Bring your candy donations to the church office.

**Volunteers are needed** for the FUMC Book Sale. Help is needed for setup on Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17, and on the day of the sale, November 18. To volunteer, contact Jean Walsh, [jmbwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:jmbwalsh@gmail.com).

*Ways to give to support your church: give online at [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811*

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