



*First United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 29, 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.*

*Children will remain in worship today; activity bags are available in the Narthex. A nursery for children age 5 and under is on the lower level, and includes a Bible lesson.*

Prelude      *O Day of Peace and Aria*      Charles Callahan  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Call to Worship      Atley Collins

One: God is here, and we gather to offer praise and prayer.

All: **Here we find in full measure what it means to be the people of God.**

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All: **Here we are reminded of our need for grace and renewal, and we find both.**

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All: **Here we faithfully give and receive and offer ourselves to the way of love.**

\* Hymn      *God is Here*      UM Hymnal #660; v. 1-3

Children's Message      Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Nicole Ehresman

**Morning Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession:** Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us, direct us along the path so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

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

**Prayers of Joy and Concerns**

**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!**

Anthem      *Passacaglia*      Valerie Stephenson  
Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Luke 4:16-21

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Offering Our Gifts      *Stewardship Moment*

\* Hymn      *Spirit Song*      UM Hymnal #347

Sermon      *5G Faith: The Great Proclamation*      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn      *The Trees of the Field*      The Faith We Sing #2279

Benediction

Postlude      *Get Together*      Chester Powers

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

*\* 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, doughnuts, and hot apple cider downstairs following the worship service.*



*Trunk-or-Treat will be today, from 11:30-12:30, in the west parking lot. There will be Halloween games for children in Lakeview Social Hall during the 10:00am Sunday School time. This is a great event to share with friends! Come in your favorite non-violent costume.*

*Sunday, November 12 is Consecration Sunday, where we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation for 2024. Please be prayerfully thinking about this. Following worship that day, we will celebrate our giving by having a soup lunch together, prepared by Chef Paul Sapyta, in Lakeview Social Hall. You may also drive by to drop off your pledge card and pick up soup.*

***Bakers!** Compostable trays are being provided to use in packaging your baked goods for the Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4. You may pick up trays in the church kitchen beginning today. Please label your baked items with the name, whether it contains nuts, if it is gluten-free, and any other helpful information.*

***Faith Forum** is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 5**, Krystal Brandstatter, the new director of Harbor House, will talk about what's new at the only emergency shelters for homeless families and single women in Douglas County. On **November 12**, Anne Miller will lead a discussion of the feminine side of God, based on the book "She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse" by Elizabeth A. Johnson.*

*The **Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Committee** will be accepting applications throughout the month of November. Applications are available in the church office. Students 12-18 years old who have studied an instrument or voice for at least three years may apply, and scholarships are renewable for three years with the recommendation of the music teacher.*

*New **Yogadevotion sessions** will begin November 6 and 7. Sign up here:*

*Monday evenings: <https://yogadevotion.com/class/first-united-methodist-duluth-yogadevotion-flow-pm/>*

*Tuesday mornings: <https://yogadevotion.com/class/first-united-methodist-duluth-yogadevotion-flow-am-2/>*

*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.*

***Scones** will be available for sale on Saturday, November 18, 9am-3pm (during the Fiber Art Guild sale and the Book Sale) and Sunday, November 19, following worship. All proceeds will go to the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of FUMC.*

## *Ways You Can Help Your Church*



***Volunteers are needed** for the Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4. We need people to make baked goods for the Bakery Room, donate pop and uncut bars for the Lunch Room, and, of course, monetary donations are always welcome. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Lunch Room and Dining Rooms, to help with crafter table takedown, and to be greeters. Direct questions to Karen Alseth at 218-879-5194 (h) or 218-390-3045 (c).*

***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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