



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 10, 2023
Kick-off 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 new upper level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.*

Prelude *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark Miller
Tapestry

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Centering Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Bill Ingram
Kick-off Sunday Bells

*** Call to Worship** Maks Vidovic

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: We come to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: Where everyone is invited to come and know God's grace.

One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.

All: All are welcome!

*** Hymn** *All Are Welcome* attachment; v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander
*Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.
Please pick up your kids in the Children's Lounge following worship.*

Anthem *I Sing Because I'm Happy* Rollo Dilworth
Sanctuary Choir

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

We believe in a CREATING GOD, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the RISEN CHRIST, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life.

We believe in the LIVING SPIRIT, the hidden presence behind every act of love, who beckons us to live in the life power of Christ. We believe in resurrection, in love, and new life!

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.

Scripture Readings

Maks Vidovic

1 Samuel 18:1-4

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day, Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

John 15:9-17

One: Jesus said, "As God has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

All: **"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in God's love.**

One: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

All: **"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.**

One: "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from God in heaven I have made known to you.

All: **"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name, God in heaven will give you. This is my command: Love each other."**

Offering Our Gifts	<i>Sustainability at FUMC</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Laura Krumwiede
* Hymn	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	UM Hymnal #560
Sermon	<i>Spiritual Guides: Jonathan</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us</i>	UM Hymnal #100; v. 1, 2, 4, 5
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Geoff Bell
Choral Blessing	<i>The Blessing of Aaron</i>	Norman Ramsey
Postlude	<i>Chanson Festif</i>	Mark Hayes

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Liturgist: Maks Vidovic
Organ: Velda Graham Bell

Tapestry: Riley Hinnenkamp and Andrea
Flinner, guest directors
Sanctuary Choir: Derek Bromme, director
Trumpet: Stacy Carolan

Announcements

*Please remember 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.*

***Welcome to a new year of church activities!** Following the service, there will be doughnuts and ice cream to welcome our new children's music director, Beth Brophy, along with cupcakes in honor of Sharon and Patrick Alexander's 65th wedding anniversary, plus a bounce house for children.*

***An Organ and Brass Spectacular**, presented by the Friends of the Felgemaker, will take place **this afternoon at 3:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth). Dr. Charles Sundquist, newly appointed Resident Organist at Sacred Heart, will be joined by the Twin Ports Brass Ensemble in a concert exploring the powerful music written for organ and brass. The Twin Ports Brass Ensemble includes some of the region's finest brass players, including our own Dr. Derek Bromme on trombone. Tickets available at the door for \$20.*

***Confirmation orientation opportunities** (confirmation is for students 12 years and older. Parents are encouraged to join their student for the orientation). Both sessions will be held in the lower level youth room*

- *Today, 11:30-noon* OR
- *Wednesday, September 13, 5:30-6:00pm*

***Kick-off Wednesday** is this week, Sept. 13. All bell groups & our children's choirs will begin rehearsals. Parents are welcome to experience the groups with their children. See the September [First Family](#) for a list of groups & rehearsal times. Room at the Table food truck will be serving complementary smashburgers from 5:30-7pm.*

***Seniors' Lunch and Fellowship** will be held **Tuesday, September 19**. Everyone 65 or older, or who considers themselves a senior, is invited to enjoy a meal together, play Bingo, and have a sing-a-long. **Please RSVP by September 12** so we have enough food! Sign up in the church office, call the office (218-727-5021) or email Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com). Let us know if you need a ride.*

***The next new member class** will be held **Sunday, September 24 at 11:00am**. Please let Pastor Jeanine know if you are interested; this is the only session needed to join the church.*

***The Sustainability Team** will hold an informational meeting next Sunday, 15 minutes after the service, in the library. Come with your ideas & see if this is a group for you! New & returning members welcome.*

***Faith Forum** begins again next Sunday from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Linda and Tom Wiig will lead a perhaps challenging discussion on the book [How to Resist Amazon and Why](#) by Danny Caine. Learn more about the pros and cons of Amazon. What's the price of convenience?*

***Mark your calendars!** **Thursday, October 5**, the Roast Beef Dinner returns as an all drive-through event. Meals are \$15 each and available from 4:30-6:30pm that day. See the September [First Family](#) for details. **Sign up to help at the Roast Beef Dinner:** www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-fall2#/ or call the church office at 218-727-5021.*

***Guest WIFI Network:** FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.*

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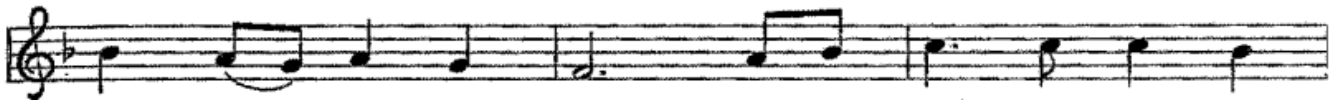
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter. prayers of faith and songs of grace. let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come. all are wel - come in this place.

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