

First United Methodist Church Sunday, September 3, 2023 Holy Communion



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A special welcome to PRIDE participants joining us today.

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.

Our nursery is closed today so children will remain in worship with their families. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available. Sunday School resumes next week.

Prelude	There is a Balm in Gilead	arr. Mark Patterson	
	Longing and Belonging	arr. Mark Patterson	
Velda Graham Bell, piano			
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch	
* Call to Worship		Mark Harvey	
One: All:	For everyone born, a place ALL are welcome in God ?		
One:	,		
All:			
One:			
All:	And God delights! Yes, G	od delights!	
* Hymn	A Place at the Table	attachment; v. 1, 4, 5, 6	
Morning Prayer Prayers of Joy and Concern		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch	
Special Music		music by Leonard Bernstein; lyrics by Stephen Sondheim Derek Bromme, baritone	
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch	
Scripture Reading		Mark Harvey	
<u>Matthew 26:17-30</u>			
On the first day of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve and while they were			

eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him, one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been

better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sermon MaryAnne is about to lie to us ... or IS she? * Hymn One Bread, One Body UM Hymnal #620, v. 1, 2 The Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. MaryAnne Korsch This morning we are using The Great Thanksgiving setting found on pp.9-11 in the hymnal. * Hymn Many Gifts, One Spirit UM Hymnal #114, v. 1, 2 Benediction Rev. MaryAnne Korsch Postlude Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach Velda Graham Bell, organ

* please stand as you are comfortable

Announcements

Please remember 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 downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall following the service.

Pastor Jeanine is away this weekend but will be back in the office Tuesday morning.

Next Sunday is Kick-off Sunday, as we welcome a new season and 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 outside for children.

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 in order to join the church.



Geoff Bell

Confirmation orientation opportunities (confirmation is for students 12 years and older. Parents are encouraged to join their student for the orientation):

- Sunday, September 10, 11:30-noon in the lower level youth room OR
- Wednesday, September 13, 5:30-6:00pm in the lower level youth room

Seniors' Lunch and Fellowship will be held Tuesday, September 19. Everyone 65 or older, or anyone who considers themselves a senior, is invited to enjoy a meal together, play Bingo, have a sing-a-long and enjoy each other's company. 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.

Find your voice with music! Find your music at FUMC! Our music groups are starting soon. Rehearsals for adult music groups start Wednesday, September 6, and the children's and youth groups begin Wednesday, September 13. See the September <u>First Family</u> for a list of groups and when they rehearse, or contact Director of Music Ministries Velda Graham Bell, <u>music@fumcduluth.com</u> or 218-393-4006.

The Sustainability Team will hold an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17, fifteen minutes after the service, in the library. This is a group of people who seek to inform themselves and our church community on how to live responsibly and sustainably. They'll decide meeting dates and discuss priorities for putting our concerns into action. Come with your ideas and see if this is a group for you! New and returning members are welcome.

Faith Forum begins its fall session on Sunday, September 17, from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Everyone is invited to join in lively discussions, listen to someone share their faith journey, or learn something new from special guests – a different topic each week.

Sept. 17: How to Resist Amazon and Why. Linda and Tom Wiig will lead a perhaps challenging discussion using questions from this book 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 <u>First Family</u> for details.

How You Can Help Your Church

Sign up to help at the Roast Beef Dinner: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-fall2#/ or call the church office at 218-727-5021.

<u>Ways to give to support your church:</u> give online at <u>fumcduluth.com</u> **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

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A Place at the Table



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