

One: His father said, "Go and find out how your brothers and the sheep are doing. Then come back and let me know." So he sent him from Hebron Valley. Joseph was near Shechem and wandering through the fields when a man asked, "What are you looking for?"

All: **Joseph answered, "I'm looking for my brothers, who are watching the sheep. Can you tell me where they are?"**

One: "They're not here anymore," the man replied. "I overheard them say they were going to Dothan." Joseph left and found his brothers in Dothan. But before he got there, they saw him coming and made plans to kill him. They said to one another, "Look, here comes the hero of those dreams! Let's kill him and throw him into a pit and say that some wild animal ate him. Then we'll see what happens to those dreams."

Sermon *Spiritual Guides: Joseph* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Be Not Afraid* attachment; soloist sings verses, congregation joins on refrain

Offering Our Gifts *Thanking Cynthia and Jojo* Pastor Jeanine Alexander and SPRC

* Hymn *Sent Forth With God's Blessing* UM Hymnal #664

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Blessing *May the Longtime Sun* Sara Thomsen
May the longtime sun shine upon you; All love surround you.
And the pure, pure light that's within you, Guide your way home.

Postlude *We All Believe in One True God* J.S. Bach
Charles Sundquist, 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 downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Thank you to Dr. Charles Sundquist for playing this morning and next Sunday while Velda Graham Bell is on vacation.

Join us after worship in thanking Cynthia and Jojo Coffin-Langdon for their staff ministry: Cynthia as our youth pastor and director of children's music, and Jojo as the director of children's and family ministries. Today is their last Sunday as FUMC staff members. We will have special treats in their honor in Lakeview Social Hall, along with a box for cards and an open mic for people to offer words of love and appreciation.

*Strikepoint is on their annual summer tour this week, with concerts in Mt. Iron, Ashland (WI), Rochester, Lanesboro, Maplewood, Lake Harriet UMC (one of Pastor Jeanine's former churches), Northfield, and Rice Lake (WI). Their homecoming concert will be here in our Sanctuary on **Monday, August 7** at 7pm. You know they save the best performance for us! Admission is free but an \$18 donation is suggested. Please keep this talented group in your prayers as they travel.*



*Mark your calendar! We will be holding our regular 10 am worship outside in our parking lot on **Sunday, August 13**, followed by a picnic. Join us for a beautiful service overlooking our magnificent lake!*

*Attention Teachers (Pre-school through college): This year we're collecting school supplies specifically for **YOUR CLASSROOMS**. Please email your lists of supplies needed (anything that will bless you and your classroom) to the church office (info@fumcduluth.com). We will let the congregation know your needs and later you will be able to come to church and choose items your classroom needs.*

Duluth Central High graduates from 1951-1963: join us for a class reunion luncheon (dutch treat!) at noon on Wednesday, August 2. Choose your lunch from the regular menu or a 4-item selected menu. Please RSVP to pastor@fumcduluth.com no later than Tuesday, August 1. Go Trojans! ~Richard Gurske, chair, class of 1951.

An informational session for Peace Church's plans to lease its former daycare space to Lutheran Social Services will be held Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm at Peace Church. The plans are to convert the space into a shelter with 24-hour staff and supportive services for twelve homeless young adults. Come to ask questions or offer help.

How You Can Help Your Church:

If you can help, contact the church office (call 218-727-5021 or email info@fumcduluth.com).

***Ruby's Pantry:** our church has been asked to provide volunteers at the Ruby's Pantry food distribution in our parking lot on Thursday, August 17. The times are 2:30-7pm, but you do not need to commit to the entire timeframe. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sue Kurth (218-260-9274, susanwkurth@gmail.com)*

Rummage Sale Volunteer Needs: August 20-26

***Setup, receiving and organizing donations:** Sunday 11am-2pm; Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm and 4-6pm*

***Checkout and general sale help:** Friday 3-6pm; Saturday 8-2pm*

***Cleanup, hauling unsold items away:** Saturday after 2pm*

For more information or to sign up, contact Anita Zager (anitazager@gmail.com)

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Be Not Afraid

Refrain:

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways. Come, fol - low me, and I will give you rest."

Verse 1: Soloist

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
you shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live. **Refrain**

Verse 2: Soloist

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

Verse 3: Soloist

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! **Refrain**