



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 12, 2023
Consecration 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 *Do Justice* Larry Olson and Julie Hennies Clark
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: Peace will surely come! Justice, God's will be done.
All: **In love we offer our hands, and find together long-lost friends.**
One: Hunger will surely end, abundance is close at hand.
All: **Peace will surely come! Justice, God's will be done.**

*** Hymn** *Peace Will Surely Come* attachment

Songs from Our Children

Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope) Traditional Argentinian; English translation by Alvin Schutmaat
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Beth Brophy, director

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) Giovanni Palestrina
JAM Junior; Beth Brophy, director

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Beth Brophy

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message

Morning Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession: God of tender mercies, we come to you confessing our sin. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but sometimes forget others. Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; never forget God's surpassing grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for new life. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – paraphrase by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day

the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you, O people, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

* Hymn *When We are Living* UM Hymnal #356

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

Offering Our Gifts *Stewardship Moment*

Please place your estimates of giving in the offering plates during the hymn.

* Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* attachment

Benediction

Postlude *Do Justice* Larry Olson and Julie Hennies Clark
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.

*Today is Consecration Sunday, where we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation for 2024. Please be prayerfully thinking about what God is calling you to give. Following worship, we will celebrate our giving by having a **soup lunch** together (or you may take soup home), prepared by Chef Paul Sapyta, in Lakeview Social Hall. You may also drive by the east parking lot door between 11:15 and 11:45 to drop off your pledge card and pick up soup. Let us celebrate all that God is doing in our midst!*

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 19**, Pat Miller will facilitate a discussion on "Earth Care from Home: how to waste less food in your own home." Faith Forum will not meet on November 26. On **December 3**, Maggy Emery from Protect Minnesota will talk about gun violence prevention in our state.

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.

The Sustainability Team will meet after the service **today**. Pick up some soup in Lakeview Social Hall and join them in the library to talk about the feasibility of becoming a community compost site, and how to move forward with solar energy, Guests are always welcome!

A Special Saturday Sale Day will be held next **Saturday, November 18** from 10am-3pm. A **book sale** in the library will raise funds for the church library. Donations for the sale may be dropped off in the East Lounge beginning today Please do not bring damaged books, VHS or cassette tapes, encyclopedias or textbooks. **Homemade soup** will be sold to raise funds for new curtains on the stage in Lakeview Social Hall. **Scones** made by Paul Sapyta will raise funds for the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund. The **Duluth Fiber Guild** will hold their annual fair and gift sale in Lakeview Social Hall. High-quality gifts, weaving and spinning demonstrations, hands-on activities for children, and more.

The Friends of the Felgemaker will host a "Concert of Remembrance and Hope" on **Sunday, November 19 at 3pm** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St. in Duluth). Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem," the concert is dedicated to all who have been victim of acts of violence and intolerance across the world. The concert will also include several works for solo organ played on the historic Felgemaker pipe organ by our own Velda Graham Bell, and Karen Sande and David Tryggestad. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com); student tickets are \$10 at the door with current student ID.

Does your child play an instrument? Maybe they have been taking piano lessons and are working on Christmas music during their lessons. Maybe they have learned to play an instrument in school. If so, we invite them to share a Christmas piece with the congregation during the prelude time on **Sunday, December 17**, the day of the Children's Pageant. Please contact Velda Bell (music@fumcduluth.com) or Beth Brophy (musickids@fumcduluth.com) if you are interested or have questions.

We are excited to announce this year's Children's Christmas Pageant! "Christmas Around the World" will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 17**. All children preschool age and up are invited to share their beautiful musical talents to tell the Christmas story on a journey to Bethlehem. Rehearsals will be every Sunday morning starting **November 12**, AND every Wednesday evening at 5pm for kids 2nd grade and younger, and at 5:40pm for grade 3 and older. There will be a final dress rehearsal **Saturday December 16**, from 10:30-12:00. Children may come to any or all rehearsals and still participate. Please contact director Beth Brophy with any questions: musickids@fumcduluth.com

Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to help with making soup on November 16/17 or serving soup on Saturday, November 18.

Volunteers are needed to help with making and/or serving coffee following Sunday services. Our goal is to have enough so that people are scheduled no more than once a month.

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

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Peace Will Surely Come

Steve Horner

arr. Jean Swanson

Chorus: D G D Bm A G

Voice

Peace will surely come, Justice, thy will be done. When in

5 D G D Bm₃ A D

love we offer our hand, we come into the promise land.

verse 1

9 D G D Bm₃ A G

War must surely end, your enemy is a long lost friend. The

13 D₃ G D Bm₃ A D

killing fields are charred & dead. Love your neighbor, that's what Jesus said.

verse 2

17 D G D Bm₃ A G

Hunger must surely end, abundance is close at hand. With

21 D G D Bm₃ A D

bread and fishes we share this feast, with every-one the most and the least.

verse 3

25 D₃ G D Bm₃ A G

In Mont-gonery, she would not move. To the salty sea he marched for truth. They're

30 D₃ G D Bm₃ A D

calling-out, day and night, Open your eyes and walk in the Light!"

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Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one
stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, draw the
cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle
wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by
side. draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
cir-cle wide, draw it wi-der still. Let this be our song: no one
stands a-lone. Stand-in side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
to end *molto rit.*
Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.