

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 Three Little Birds

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors JAM and the Peanut Butter Band, and JAM Jr.; Beth Brophy, director

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

- One: We gather to connect with God our Creator, Savior, companion on the journey.
- All: God's spirit gives us a story to tell and a song to sing.
- One: We gather to connect with God our Creator, Savior, companion on the journey.
- All: God blesses us with echoes of mercy and whispers of love.
- One: We gather to connect with God our Creator, Savior, companion on the journey.
- All: We are filled with goodness, completed in love!
- * Hymn Blessed Assurance

Children's Message

Song Don't Worry, Be Happy

JAM and the Peanut Butter Band, JAM Jr., and Tapestry

Bobby McFerrin; arr. Snyder

UM Hymnal #369

Children may leave for Sunday School following the song.

Morning Prayer

<u>Unison Prayer</u>

Gracious and loving God, thank you for hearing our prayers. We thank you for the gift of your presence with us in our busyness and our hurried lives. Help us to slow down, share our burdens with you, and live more fully in your presence. Help us share your love, hope and healing with others.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In

Bob Marley

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Maks Vidovic

arr. Tim Paul

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-35

- One: Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
- All: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
- One: "And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you you of little faith?
- All: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things, and indeed your Creator knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

* Hymn	O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go	UM Hymnal #480
Offering O Doxc	p ur Gifts Dology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	UM Hymnal #95 w;
Sermon	Beware of the Divided Mind	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	It is Well with My Soul	UM Hymnal #377
Benedictio	n	
Postlude	Chorale prelude on "Gelobt sei Gott" (God Be Praised)	Healey Willan

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* please stand as you are comfortable





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, 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 in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, *January 28,* Tom and Debbi King will lead a session on creativity and the process of writing text and music. The following week, *February 4,* Ukrainian-born Bogdana Krivigirsky will talk about her work on behalf of Ukrainian orphans.

Singles' Gathering. Singles of all ages are invited to gather **this afternoon** at 4:30 in the Fireside Lounge for a fun time of food, conversation, and a game or two. Bring a dish to share with others; coffee, tea, and water will be provided but if you want something else, please bring that.

Youth Night (6th–12th grades) at Adventure Zone is **Friday, January 26.** Meet at church at 6pm for pizza first; we'll return to church at 10pm. Please bring \$15 for dinner and Adventure Zone. Sign up with Pastor Jeanine or in the church office.

The annual meeting to elect leadership, take action on membership, and hear the financial report will take place on *Sunday, February 11* at 11:15am, following worship. All church members and friends are invited to participate.

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

Thank you to Alex Flinner, Tommy Kishida, and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.

Music reprinted and broadcast under OneLicense # A-704169, CCLI License #388862, and CCS WORSHIPcast License #12033. All rights reserved.

