



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 28, 2024

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 ages 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 *Untitled Hymn ("Come to Jesus")* Chris Rice
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors
Sung in memory of former Tapestry member Jeff Merritt

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Doris Nygaard

One: Great is God's faithfulness! God never fails us and is always with us.

All: **Morning by morning new mercies we see. All we need, God provides. Great is God's faithfulness!**

One: In all the seasons of the year, all nature witnesses to God's faithfulness, mercy, and love.

All: **Morning by morning new mercies we see. All we need, God provides. Great is God's faithfulness!**

One: God forgives us and gives us peace. God guides us, strengthens us, offers us hope. God fills lives with blessings.

All: **Morning by morning new mercies we see. All we need, God provides. Great is God's faithfulness!**

*** Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UM Hymnal #140

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

Anthem *Exodus* Brian Childers
Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Morning Prayer

Unison Prayer

Gracious and loving God, thank you for hearing our prayers. We thank you for the gift of sabbath worship and rest in our lives. Help us to take time each day and each week to simply enjoy your goodness. Give us the wisdom to set apart time for play, for rest, and for re-creation. Be with us on this journey of seeking wholeness and abundant life.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – retranslation from the Aramaic

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others'

faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Scripture Reading

Doris Nygaard

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If someone sins against you, go and show that person their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won that person over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Anthem *Esto les Digo*

Kinley Lange

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Sung in Spanish. English translation: "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there will I be also."

Offering Our Gifts

* Hymn *And Are We Yet Alive*

UM Hymnal #553

Sermon *Dealing with Conflict – A Biblical Model*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

UM Hymnal #383; v. 1-4

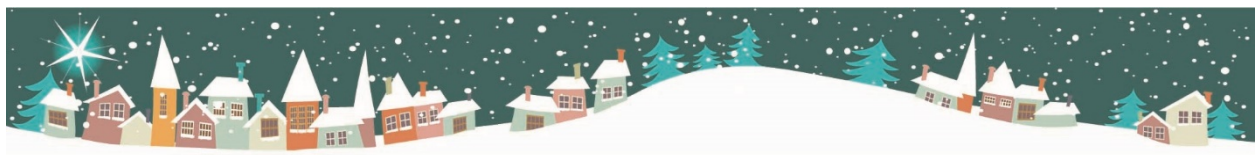
Benediction

Postlude *Chaconne*

Louis Couperin

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, **February 4**, Ukrainian-born Bogdana Krivigirsky will talk about her work on behalf of Ukrainian orphans. The following week, **February 11**, Duluth

Community Education Director Anne Schilling will talk about community learning and teaching opportunities through Community Ed.

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.

Giving envelopes are on a table in the Narthex, if you requested them. Your name is on them.

Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion. On Communion Sundays, we ask you to remember our hungry neighbors with financial gifts and/or food donations for the CHUM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations; if you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" on the check memo or envelope and make your check out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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