

# First United Methodist Church Sunday, January 7, 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.

Children K-5th grade will remain in worship today; Pastor Jeanine wants them to hear "The Lion King" sermon.

There are activity bags at the entrance to the Sanctuary. A nursery is available for children age 5 and under.

Sunday School resumes next week.

Prelude Two settings of *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*Velda Graham Bell, organ

Michael Burkhardt and Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Call to Worship Mark Harvey

One: Let us sing the message of Christmas!

All: We raise songs of grateful praise to the God who came to us, and comes to us.

One: Let us sing the message of Christmas!

All: Like the kings who came from afar, we bring gifts to share God's love.

One: Let us sing the message of Christmas!

All: We sing and live the message of Christmas all year round.

\* Hymn Once in Royal David's City

UM Hymnal #250

# Children's Message

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are the God of faith, we confess to you our faltering and failings. Because you are the God of love, we know that you forgive all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of hope, we trust that the smoke of our past errors gives way to the light of our future. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

God's grace offers us a new beginning, over and over again. You are loved by God, forgiven and freed to be all God created you to be. Claim those gifts and share them with others! Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# Scripture Readings Mark Harvey

# Genesis 49:9-10

Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion, like a lioness – who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and the obedience of the peoples is his.

#### Revelation 5:5

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered."

\* Hymn O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright UM Hymnal #247; v. 1-2

Sermon The Lion King Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem The Circle of Life Elton John, arr. Keith Christopher

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Communion Music Of the Father's Love Begotten Wilbur Held

\* **Hymn** We are Marching The Faith We Sing #2235b; v. 1, 2, 5

Benediction

Postlude I've Got the Music in Me Bias Boshell

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Communion Sunday Food Shelf donations. Every communion Sunday (usually the first Sunday of the month), you are asked to bring a donation of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. There will be a cart available

for food donations. If you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" in the check memo and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, January 14, UMD Library Director Matt Rosendahl will talk about libraries, their role in American society, and the recent attempts in many communities to restrict access to books.

The Sustainability Team will meet after the service next Sunday, January 14, in the Library.

**Singles' Gathering.** Singles of all ages are invited to join together on **Sunday, January 21** 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. RSVP with Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com), sign up at church or call the church office.

Save the Date! All women of the church are invited to the Women's Retreat at beautiful Camp Amnicon on Saturday, March 9, from 9am until after dinner. Our focus will be the sacred feminine and feminist theology. This will be a single day – no overnight stay – and you can come for all or part of the day. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served but you can sign up for what you want. The costs will vary depending on the number of meals: each meal is \$12 and then a \$4 camp fee. The total for the day would be \$40, and scholarships are available. Please sign up in the church office by February 20. Contact Anne Miller (218-525-1555) with any questions.

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