First United Methodist Church Sunday, April 14, 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.

PreludeFantasy on the hymn Holy, Holy, Holy
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- One: This is the day that God has made!
- All: We rejoice and are glad in it!
- One: This is the earth that God has made!
- All: We rejoice and care for it!
- One: We all are the people that God has made!
- All: We will honor and cherish each other, always working for justice and peace.
- * Hymn This is the Day

UM Hymnal #657; sing twice

Children's Message

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

Morning Prayer

Prayer Song *Come and Fill Our Hearts* The Faith We Sing #2157; sing twice *Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

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 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 You Say

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director Leah Hulst and Henry Mattson, soloists arr. Heather Sorenson

Piet Post

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:8

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.

Luke 13:10=17

On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

* Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	UM Hymnal #451
Sermon	Brave Faith: Courage for Conviction	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Offering Our Gifts Sustainability Moment Video		
* Hymn	When the Poor Ones	UM Hymnal #434
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>My Story</i> Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	Big Daddy Weave
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Announcements

Please remember 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.

Let's Brighten Up the Coppertop! We are raising money to replace all 620 of our old fluorescent lightbulbs with new LED bulbs. LED bulbs use approximately 75% less electricity and last 25 times longer than traditional bulbs. Stop at the Trustees/Sustainability table in the Narthex to see how you can help.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, April 21, Rachelle Jenson from Planned Parenthood's Teen Council will talk about sex education for adolescents. The following week, April 28, John Wolforth, from the local chapter of Braver Angels, will talk about how to have civil political discussions.

A New Member/Information Class will be held Sunday, April 28, following worship. Meet in the Fireside Lounge for coffee, doughnuts and conversation before the 11:15 start time. Childcare will be provided for those who register ahead of time. Sign up at the Welcome Table, or call the church office (218-727-5021).

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