

First United Methodist Church  
Sunday, June 23, 2024



*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults or children participating in musical groups, children's messages, and liturgist roles will appear on camera.*

*A nursery is available for children, Kindergarten and under, and is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, for children to use during worship, are available on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary. Please return the activity bags following the service. Sunday School will resume in the fall.*

Prelude      *Aria*      Paul Manz  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Welcoming New Members  
*Today we welcome Diane and Gary Fortney to our congregation.*

**Congregational response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Call to Worship      Maks Vidovic  
One: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.  
All: **And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.**  
One: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.  
All: **By your Holy Spirit, O God, enliven our worship.**  
One: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.  
All: **For this, we give you thanks and praise.**

\* Hymn      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      UM Hymnal #577

Children's Message      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch  
*Children may return to their parents or go downstairs to the nursery following the Children's Message.*

Morning Prayer      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch  
Prayer Song      *Sanctuary*      The Faith We Sing #2164; sing three times  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**Covenant Prayer for Renewal:**  
Gracious God, since the beginning of time, you have shown us your love and power through the gift of water. You have given us hope and healing through the waters of our baptism. In these days of renewal, we receive these waters anew. Help us all to live out our baptism vows, accepting the freedom and power you give us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, so that we may be strengthened to do your work in the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and refresh us to become all that we are called to be, bringing the light of Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

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!**

**Anthem**            *Salvation Mountain*

Lauren Daigle

Jana Picotte, vocals and guitar

**Scripture Reading**

Maks Vidovic

**Mark 6:30-44**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time, it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five – and two fish." Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketsful of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

\* Hymn            *The Servant Song*

The Faith We Sing #2222

**Sermon**            *Don't Miss the Miracles*

Lydia Kantonen, FUMC summer staff

**Offering Our Gifts**

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

\* Hymn            *We are Called*

The Faith We Sing #2172

**Benediction and Rhubarb Festival Blessing**

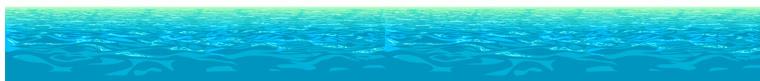
Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Postlude**            *God of Grace*

Paul Manz

Velda Graham Bell, organ

\* *Please stand as you are comfortable*



## Announcements

*Please 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.*

***Pastor Jeanine** is on renewal leave and will return at the end of August.*

***Preschool Learning and Play Day** is **Wednesday, June 26, from 9am to noon**. Kids ages 2-5 (and their caregivers) are invited for a fun morning of activities, songs, projects, and stories. Don't wear your fancy clothes – there just might be some glitter involved!*

***United Gospel Mission needs you to help feed kids!** Looking for an exciting new volunteer opportunity? Union Gospel Mission is packing weekend food bags for kids this summer. Volunteers from FUMC are needed one Wednesday a month. Packing dates are Wednesdays, July 3 and August 28. Volunteers will meet Jana Picotte from 10am-1pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet. All are welcome! FUMC high schoolers are strongly encouraged to sign up, as this is a great way to connect with people, both from FUMC and the community. Please sign up at church or email Jana: [jana@duluth-ugm.org](mailto:jana@duluth-ugm.org)*

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## Ways You Can Help Your Church



***Rhubarb volunteers needed this week:***

*Monday, 1-4pm – prepping and chopping rhubarb*

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30am-3pm – making pies and coffee cakes*

*Thursday afternoon – boxing and labeling*

*Friday, 8am-5pm – baking, boxing, and transporting to Holy Rosary*

***Ways to give to support your church:** give online at [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) or use the QR code **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.*

