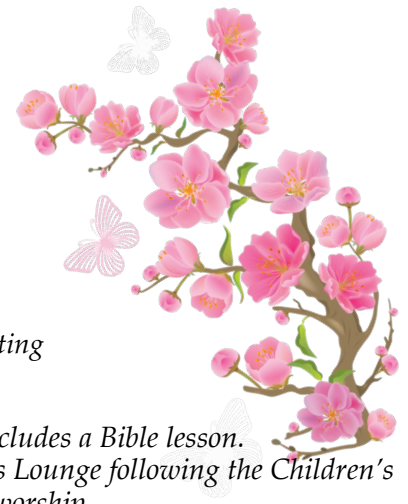


First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 12, 2024
Mother's Day/Festival of the Home



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and 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 *Love Can Build a Bridge* Judd, Overstreet, and Jarvis
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Welcoming New Members

Today we welcome David Hoffman, Pamela Montz, and Marla Yoho 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.

Anthem *A Festive Fanfare* Michael Keller
Ringtones; Bill Alexander, director

Call to Worship Rev. MaryAnne
Korsch

One: We continue our journey of courage.
All: We have the courage that comes with clarity, conviction, candor, and fortitude.
One: Today we pick up the courage of love.
All: The light of Christ guides us as we learn love.
One: We continue our journey of courage
All: To restore a world divided and to bring Christ's love to everyone!

* **Hymn** *Welcome* attachment

Anthem *Exultate Deo* Jill Fedon
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *May There Always be Sunshine* Raffi
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band; Beth Brophy, director

Children may leave for Sunday School following JAM's song, while the congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me."

* **Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191
Scripture Readings Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country, and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

Morning Prayer

Prayer Song *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
The Faith We Sing #2157; sing twice

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power, and its beauty are yours forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *How Can We Name a Love*

UM Hymnal #111

Sermon *Brave Faith: Courage for Love*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Father, We Have Heard You Calling*

attachment

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Procesión Alegre*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Garry Cornell

* 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.

This week we are celebrating the music ministry of our children's groups. Next week is Celebration Sunday, where we will be celebrating the ministry of our adult music groups. Thank you to all the musicians who contribute so much to our worship services!

Next Sunday, in addition to our musicians, we are celebrating our graduates – high school and post-secondary – and commissioning Pastor Jeanine as she goes on renewal leave until the end of August. It is also **Pentecost**; you are encouraged to wear red.

The Sustainability Team will be meeting in the library following the service today.

A gift to light the church for the week of May 12 has been given by Mary Giese in honor of what would have been Mary's and Kent's 60th anniversary on May 17. The gift will also benefit the Memorial Gardens.

Roadside Cleanup will be **Saturday, May 18** from noon-2pm. Meet in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads. Trash bags and beautiful yellow safety vests will be supplied. Bring gloves, wear boots for potentially wet ditches, and dress for the weather. Contact Bill Alexander, bill@strikepoint.com.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **May 19**, the Faith Forum season concludes with Dan Schutte from Shore View Natives talking about replacing lawns with native plants.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be **May 19** at the 10am worship service. We'll be honoring all high school and post-secondary graduates. **Please let Pastor Jeanine or the church office know** if you or a family member is graduating. Tell us where you are graduating from and what your future plans are. **High School Graduates:** you are invited for lunch that day at Buffalo Wild Wings, hosted by Pastor Jeanine and Larry Ehresman.

Sponsorships for the Youth Mission Trip: Our youth will be traveling to the Twin Cities June 17-19 where they will serve at Feed My Starving Children, The Dignity Center, and The Ronald McDonald House, and have other adventures as well. There is a table in the Narthex where you can give a donation to sponsor them; you will then receive a postcard from their trip. Thank you for supporting our youth as they seek to make the world better.

Annual Conference Love Offering: each year churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions, in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session (May 29-30). Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites us to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. This year the Offering will help our neighbors in Minnesota and around the world heal from trauma and find safety.

On Sunday, May 26, we will thank Grace Abbott and Kiki Langdon-Larson for their three years of staff ministry working with our children. Cards thanking them may be dropped off or sent to the church office or brought to church on May 26.

New Director of Nursery Care: is Abbi Adamec. Abbi will begin on June 1 but has already been working in the nursery this spring, getting to know the children. Abbi grew up in our church and is currently working in childcare for the YMCA. We are blessed to have her joining our staff!

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

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Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to help with garden cleanup on Thursday, May 16, at 9am (raindate is May 17). Contact Marlene Bowen, mbowen73@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to help with Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, May 18, from noon-2pm. Contact Bill Alexander, bill@strikepoint.com.

Volunteers are needed for the lawn mowing team. Contact Director of Operations Sandy Smith: 218-727-5021 or admin@fumcduluth.com.

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

1. Fa - ther, we have heard you call - ing to your church in ev - ery age;
 2. Je - sus Christ, our faith's per - fec - ter, priest and ad - vo - cate a - bove.
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, fire of heav - en, fall up - on us here to day.
 4. Praise we bring to God the Fa - ther, praise we bring to God the Son,

for a sign of true de - vo - tion for a sac - ri - fice of
 We would reach our bro - ken na - tion with the truth of your great
 Bring re - lease, bring tears, bring pas - sion, then trans - form your church, we
 praise to God the Ho - ly Spir - it, praise to you, the three in

praise. In this place where you have brought us, may we al - ways seek to be
 love. So trans - form our fee - ble wit - ness, may we al - ways live to be
 pray. As you pour your grace up - on us, may we al - ways thirst to be
 one. Tri - ni - ty of love in spire us, may we al - ways strive to be

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