



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost & Celebration Sunday



Please be aware that our services are live-streamed, 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 *Listen to the Music* Tom Johnston
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Mark Whitlock

One: We continue our journey of courage.

All: We have the courage that comes with clarity, conviction, candor, fortitude, and love.

One: Today we pick up the courage of hope.

All: The light of Christ guides us as we walk with hope.

One: We continue our journey of courage.

All: On this Pentecost Sunday, we invite God to guide us on our way.

* **Hymn** *Spirit of God* The Faith We Sing #2117; v. 1, 2, 4

Children's Message and Graduate Recognition Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message. They will return later in the service.

* **Hymn** *When Words Alone Cannot Express* attachment; v. 1, 3, 4

Anthem *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* Brian Doerksen, arr. Arnold Sherman
Sanctuary Choir, Tapestry, Strikepoint,
Beth Brophy, saxophone; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
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.

Anthem *Spirit Wind* John T. Bartsch, Jr.
Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Scripture Reading Mark Whitlock

Luke 5:17-26

One: One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

All: When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

One: The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

All: Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Sermon *Brave Faith: Courage for Hope*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *I'm Still Standing*

Elton John and Bernie Taupin; arr. McChesney
Strikepoint; Bill Alexander, director

Offering Our Gifts *Thank you to our musicians and directors*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children will return to the Sanctuary for the commissioning liturgy.

Commissioning Pastor Jeanine to her renewal leave

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Maryjane Burdge, Elizabeth Nelson

Congregational response I: We do so promise. For this time, we release Pastor Jeanine from the responsibilities of shepherding First United Methodist Church, that God may renew and direct her in her leadership and her own journey of faith. We send Pastor Jeanine with our blessings, our love, and our prayers as she journeys with Christ.

Maryjane Burdge, Pastor Jeanine, Elizabeth Nelson

Congregational response II: We commit to praying for Pastor Jeanine, for our church staff and volunteers, and for one another during this time of renewal, and we will joyfully serve God and our community in her absence.

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

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. Provide abundant blessings and deep rest to Pastor Jeanine during this renewal leave, as she revels in the beauty of your creation, especially the lakes and rivers that surround us. 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.

* Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

The Faith We Sing #2241

Commissioning Rev. MaryAnne for her ministry

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Postlude *Fantasia in C Major*

J.S. Bach

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, doughnuts, and other treats in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service, in honor of our musicians and graduates.

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.

Congratulations

to our graduates:



High School:

Grace Abbott is graduating from Proctor High School and plans to attend the College of St. Scholastica.

Abbi Adamec is graduating from Hermantown High School and plans to attend Northwood Technical College, studying architecture commercial design.

McKenzie Ball is graduating from Duluth East High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota Duluth, working toward veterinary school.

Jamie Ehresman is graduating from Proctor High School. She plans to study maintenance engineering and perhaps join the National Guard.

Izy Fairchild is graduating from Hermantown High School and plans to attend Bemidji State University, where she will play hockey and study sports management.

Marcus Gutman is graduating from Proctor High School and plans to attend Fond du Lac Tribal Community College, studying criminal justice.

Niklas Jeannette is graduating from Duluth East High School and plans to attend Lake Superior College. He is interested in learning more about property management, real estate, and business.

Kiki Langdon-Larson is graduating from Duluth East High School and will be an exchange student in Germany this summer. She plans to attend Hamline University this fall, where she will be studying criminology and forensic psychology.

Sofia Orman is graduating from Duluth East High School. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to study environmental science, with either a major in political science on a pre-environmental law track or biology on a wildlife veterinary track.

Ella Walker is graduating from Proctor High School. She plans to attend the University of Sioux Falls to major in business administration and sports marketing and management. She will also be playing volleyball.

Post Secondary:

Anna Abbott graduated from the College of St. Scholastica with an MBA.

Mitchell Boyson will graduate from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN with majors in physics and math.

Holly Brown graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a degree in studio art. She hopes to illustrate children's books.

Rachel Frost graduated magna cum laude from North Dakota with a master's degree in nursing. She will be working as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

Jacob Ginocchio graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a Bachelor of Arts in music and a Bachelor of Science with academic honors in computer science.

Riley Hinnenkamp graduated from the University of Wisconsin Superior with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance with an emphasis on classical art song and choral conducting. He plans to join local music ensembles and will explore options to open a private voice lesson studio.

Julie Hulst graduated from Lake Superior College, is working toward an RN license, and is planning to work in women's health.

Josephine Peterson graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is now studying to pass the board exam to become an RN.

Carrie Rossow graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master of Education in parent and family education.

Kelby Werner graduated with a Master of Divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.

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.

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.

Sign up for summer Day Camp, held July 1-3 from 9am-4pm. The camp is for kids completing kindergarten through 5th grades. There will be music, stories, science, and games in the mornings and swimming, parks, and service opportunities in the afternoons. The cost is \$30; there's a \$10 nonrefundable deposit to register. Stop in the church office to sign up. Let us know if daycare before or after camp hours is needed.

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 planting geraniums on Thursday, May 30, at 9am (rain date is May 31). Contact Marlene Bowen, mbowen73@gmail.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.

When Words Alone Cannot Express

Unison

1. When words a - lone can - not ex - press all that our heartsache to con -
 2. When speech e - rodes and tem - pers flare, when peace gives way to i - dle
 3. When bread is bro - ken, wine is poured, when we en - coun - ter Christ the
 4. With - in each sea - son of our lives, when ev - ery pas - sage - way ar -

Harmony *Unison*

fess, bring mu - sic! Al - le - lu - ia! Bring mel - o - dy and rhyth - mic
 dare, bring mu - sic! Al - le - lu - ia! Let psalms re - stores our mem - o -
 Lord, bring mu - sic! Al - le - lu - ia! When chil - dren teach us how to
 rives, bring mu - sic! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing when the in - fant draws a

Harmony

fire! Bring in - stru - ments, bring bells and choir! Bring mu - sic! Al - le -
 ry that God has made us to be free! Bring mu - sic! Al - le -
 pray, when sim - ple he - roes show the way, Bring mu - sic! Al - le -
 breath; sing when the el - der yields to death. Bring mu - sic! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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