

First United Methodist Church Sunday, May 26, 2024 Memorial Weekend

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

Prelude	Shall We Gather at the River	arr. Dale Wood
	Be Thou My Vision	arr. Dale Wood
	Velda Graham Bell, organ	

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- One: We gather today at the river, remembering our baptism.
- All: We give thanks for the gift of water and its power to renew us.
- One: We gather today at the river, remembering our baptism,
- All: And we pray for the courage to live into our baptismal vows.
- One: We gather today at the river, remembering our baptism.
- All: We ask for God's blessing and strength as we seek to be God's people in the world.

* Hymn Shall We Gather at the River

Children's Message

Children may return to their parents or go downstairs to the nursery following the Children's Message, while the congregation sings verse one of "Jesus Loves Me" (UM Hymnal #191).

Morning Prayer

Prayer Song This is My Song

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch UM Hymnal #437

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

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

UM Hymnal #723

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Geoff Bell

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Andrea Flinner, vocalist

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

Geoff Bell

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

<u>Mark 1: 4-11</u>

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

The Faith We Sing #2248

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

* Hymn Baptized in Water

Belonging

Offering Our Gifts

Sermon

Renewal of Baptism Vows Congregational response: All praise to you, eternal God – through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

* Hymn	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters	UM Hymnal #605
Benediction/Blessing for Nancy		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Postlude	"Allegro Maestoso" from Water Music	G.F. Handel

* *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 weekly 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.

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.

Sign up for summer Day Camp, held July 1-3 from 9am-4pm. The camp is for kids completing kindergarten through 5th grade. 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, <u>mbowen73@gmail.com</u>

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