

Anthem *Come to the Water*

John Foley, arr. Schrader

Andrea Flinner, vocalist

Scripture Readings

Geoff Bell

Isaiah 42:1-9

"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."

Mark 1: 4-11

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."

Sermon *Belonging*

Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

* Hymn *Baptized in Water*

The Faith We Sing #2248

Offering Our Gifts

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

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.*

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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.