



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or 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**      *Truth Be Told*      Matthew West  
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship**      Mark Harvey

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

**All: A place of hopes and dreams and visions. A place of welcome, a place of grace!**

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

**All: A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet!**

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

**All: A place where all are named, treasured, taught and claimed.**

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

**All: Let us proclaim from floor to rafter: ALL are welcome in this place!**

**\* Hymn**      *All are Welcome*      attachment

**Children's Message**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*Children may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.*

**Morning Prayer**

Prayer Song      *Come and Fill Our Hearts*      The Faith We Sing #2157; sing twice  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.*  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

Prayers of Joy and Concern

**Jesus' Prayer** - contemporary paraphrase from *Human Rites* by Ward and Wild

**Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

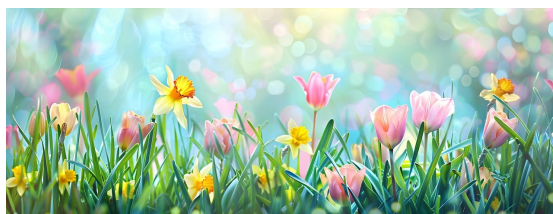
**Anthem**      *Come By Here*      Kyle Pederson  
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

**Luke 7:36-50**

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is: that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- \* Hymn      *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*      UM Hymnal #390
- Sermon      *Brave Faith: Courage for Candor*      Pastor Jeanine Alexander
- Special Music    Excerpt from *Eight Trios for Three Bassoons*      J.S. Bach, arr. Alan Hawkins  
   **II. Minuet III. Polonaise IV. Minuet**  
   Bassoon Trio : Adair Ballavance, Beth Brophy, Jacob Ginocchio
- Offering Our Gifts      Pastor Jeanine Alexander  
   Sustainability Moment      Mark Harvey
- \* Hymn      *Go Forth for God*      UM Hymnal #670; v. 1, 2, 4
- Benediction      Pastor Jeanine Alexander
- Postlude      Chorale prelude on *Whatever God Ordains is Good*      J.G. Walther  
   Velda Graham Bell, organ

\* Please stand as you are comfortable



## Announcements

*Please remember to 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.*

***Let's Brighten Up the Coppertop!** We are raising money to replace all 620 of our old fluorescent lightbulbs with new LED bulbs. LED bulbs use approximately 75% less electricity and last 25 times longer than traditional bulbs. Stop at the Trustees/Sustainability table in the Narthex to see how you can help.*

***A New Member/Information Class**, will be held Sunday, April 28, following worship. Meet in the Fireside Lounge for coffee, doughnuts and conversation before the 11:15 start time. Childcare will be provided for those who register ahead of time. Sign up at the Welcome Table or call the church office (218-727-5021).*

***Faith Forum** is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **April 28**, John Wolforth, from the local chapter of Braver Angels, will talk about how to have civil political discussions. The following week, **May 5**, Pastor Jeanine and Rev. MaryAnne will update us on the latest from Annual Conference.*

***Rhubarb Pie Season** is coming! On **Monday, May 6**, starting at 9:30am, we will be making, rolling, and freezing pie crusts to fulfill our pledge of 200 strawberry rhubarb pies for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival on June 29. 6-15 volunteers are needed to help any time between 9:30 and 2:00pm that day. We need to make 400 crusts! Rolling pins will be provided or you can bring your own. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Contact Anita Zager at [anitazager@gmail.com](mailto:anitazager@gmail.com).*

***A watch was found** in Lakeview Social Hall on Thursday, April 11. Please stop in the church office to see if it's yours.*

***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 make pie crusts on Monday, May 6, any time between 9:30am and 2pm. Contact Anita Zager: [anitazager@gmail.com](mailto:anitazager@gmail.com)*

***The church is looking for people to read the Call to Worship and Scripture this summer.** Fill out the back of the Connect Card or contact the church office (218-727-5021).*

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

# All Are Welcome

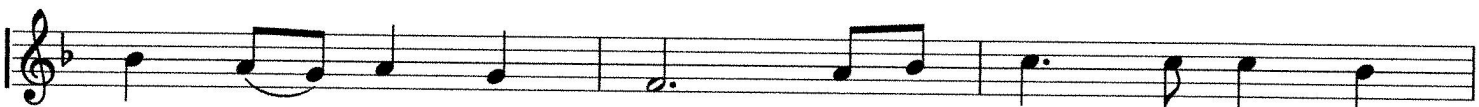
Let us build a house where love can dwell



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and  
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5. Let us build a house where all are named their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's child - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:  
faith of Jes - sus:  
feast that frees us: All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.  
fear and dan - ger:  
floor to raf - ter: