



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 4, 2024
Communion Sunday

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults or 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 *Prélude modal* Jean Langlais
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Call to Worship Karen Alseth

One: We lift our voices in unity, grateful for the gift of each other!

All: We hold each other, we help each other, we bless one another.

One: God, give us dreams and visions of a better world.

All: Revive our spirits and keep our dreams alive!

One: God, fill us with hope, even when hope seems gone.

All: Fill our hearts with hope beyond measure!

One: We lift our voices in unity, grateful for the gift of each other!

All: God, come strengthen and guide us, and we shall sing forever!

* Hymn *In Unity We Lift Our Song* The Faith We Sing #2221

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayer Song *Bind Us Together* The Faith We Sing #2226

Unison Covenant Prayer of 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.

Anthem *Sure on This Shining Night* Samuel Barber
Riley Hinnenkamp, baritone

Scripture Reading

Karen Alseth

Ephesians 4:1-6 and 11-16

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults – to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head.

* Hymn *Many Gifts, One Spirit* UM Hymnal #114

Sermon *Many Gifts* Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Offering Our Gifts Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal #95
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UM Hymnal p. 18, musical setting B
Riley Hinnenkamp, musical leader

* Hymn *One Bread, One Body* UM Hymnal #620

Benediction Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Postlude *Pasticcio*
Jean Langlais 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.

A gift to light the church for the week of July 28 was made by Pamela and Tom Brown in honor of the marriage of Dr. Judy Sage and Dr. Allen Anway. The gift will also benefit the LED project.

A gift to light the church for the week of August 4 was made by Richard Gurske in honor of his birthday on August 10 and his brother Ray's birthday on August 11. The gift will also benefit the doughnut fund.

Pastor Jeanine is on renewal leave and will return at the end of August.

August Concerts at FUMC:



Strikepoint Concert – TONIGHT! Sunday, August 4, 7:00pm

Let's enthusiastically send our own Strikepoint off to Japan! Admission is free, with an \$18 suggested donation. Not only will Strikepoint be attending the 21st International Handbell Symposium in Hamamatsu, Japan, but they have been selected as the sole ensemble to represent the U.S. at an international charity concert.

Tapestry Concert – Sunday, August 25, following outdoor worship service

Tapestry will begin by leading the 10am morning service in our parking lot overlooking our glorious lake. Then everyone is invited to stay for an all-church picnic, complete with a special concert of Tapestry's favorite songs – and ours, too!

We are again collecting school supplies requested by teachers in our congregation; lists of needed supplies are in the August First Family and are available in the Narthex. Please bring your donations to church by August 25 and leave them by the communion table in the Sanctuary. Teachers may begin selecting supplies on August 25.

Mark your calendars! Our very popular Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 3, from 4:30-6:30pm. Lots of volunteers are needed! There will be signup sheets in the Narthex beginning September 8, or you can see the signup link in the August First Family.

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



Union Gospel Mission needs volunteers to help serve a meal on Monday, August 12 between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Contact Jana Picotte with questions: jana@duluth-ugm.org

Ruby's Pantry needs volunteers on Thursday, August 15 between 4 and 7pm. August is one of the months that FUMC has "adopted" to provide volunteers. Contact Sue Kurth with questions: susanwkurth@gmail.com

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

