# First United Methodist Church Sunday, August 18, 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 is available for children Kindergarten and under; the nursery is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found 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

Fantasia in C Major

Velda Graham Bell, organ

#### Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

- One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.
- All: We do not need to be afraid, for God is with us, God strengthens, helps, and upholds us.
- One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.
- All: When we face challenging times, God comes to us, keeps us from going under.
- One: We worship this morning to establish a firm foundation for life.
- All: Our souls lean on Jesus and so our foundation is firm!
- \* Hymn How Firm a Foundation
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Children may return to their parents or go downstairs to the nursery following the Children's Message.

## Morning Prayer

Children's Message

## Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

- One: For our slowness to recognize your gifts in other people and their calling to be children of God: Lord, have mercy.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- One: For our reluctance to accept your free gifts and your gracious call to play our part in your ministry: Christ, have mercy.
- All: Christ, have mercy.
- One: For any cause of division in your body for which we are responsible: Lord, have mercy.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- One: The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. As you hold this faith, we declare that we are set free from all our sins in the name of God, our Creator; Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer. Thanks be to God.

Jeanne Carroll

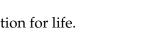
I.S. Bach

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

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UM Hymnal #529

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Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - solstice prayer by Chuck Dayton Our Creator, throughout the heavens, hallowed be thy flame. In a trillion suns, thy will be done. In the tiniest cell, thy kingdom comes. Give us each day – a bird in flight, a flower's perfume, a bright star's light. And lead us not on the path of greed, but teach us to tread lightly, taking only what we need. For ours is the journey from ignorance to understanding, from separateness to oneness. Together with you, the universe, the energy and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem Be Thou My Vision

Young Kim, vocalist

traditional Irish melody

Jeanne Carroll

#### Scripture Reading

#### Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

* Hymn	Stand By Me	Verses 1-3	UM Hymnal #512
Sermon	Are We Going Into Battle?		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Special Music	<b>Rondo <i>"La Tyrolienne"</i></b> Shelley Grusk	in, soprano recorder	Ernst Krähmer
Offering Our G	ifts		Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
* Hymn	In the Midst of New Dimensions	Verses 1-3, 5	The Faith We Sing #2238
Benediction			Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Postlude	<i>Toccata in E Minor</i> Velda Gra	ham Bell, organ	Johann Pachelbel

\* 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. *Please join us for coffee and doughnuts* in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Pastor Jeanine is on renewal leave and will return next Sunday.

**Outdoor Worship Service and a Tapestry Concert** will take place on Sunday, August 25 in our parking lot overlooking our glorious lake. Following the service, 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 <u>First Family</u> 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.

United Gospel Mission needs you to help feed kids! Looking for an exciting new volunteer opportunity? Union Gospel Mission is packing weekend food bags for kids this summer. Volunteers from FUMC are needed on Wednesday, August 28. Volunteers will meet Jana Picotte from 10am-1pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet. All are welcome! FUMC high schoolers are strongly encouraged to sign up, as this is a great way to connect with people, both from FUMC and the community. Please sign up at church or email Jana: jana@duluth-ugm.org

*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 here: <u>signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall</u>

*Church music groups* will be resuming rehearsals soon. New members are always welcome! Add these dates to your calendar:

*Wed., August 28 – The Sanctuary Choir begins their season with a potluck followed by a short rehearsal.* 

Wed., Sept. 4 – Tapestry begins their fall season.

Wed., Sept. 11 – All handbell groups (Cast in Bronze, Class Ring, Ringtones) begin. JAM and JAM Jr. begin.

Rehearsal times are the same as last year:

5:00 Ringtones 5:00 JAM Jr. 5:10 Sanctuary Choir 5:40 JAM 6:30 Cast in Bronze 6:30 Tapestry 7:45 Class Ring

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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: <u>jana@duluth-ugm-org</u>

**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: <u>susanwkurth@gmail.com</u>

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

