

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 25, 2024
Outdoor Worship

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 in 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 *Washed by the Water* Bear Rinehart and Bo Rinehart
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Aaron Boyson

One: Through the waters of baptism, we are claimed by God and given new life.

All: As we come to worship, we renew our baptismal vows, to resist evil and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

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All: We accept the power God gives us to create a community of love and forgiveness, and promise to proclaim the good news to people of all ages, nations, and races.

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All: We give thanks to God for choosing us, for adopting us, for bringing us into God's family.

*** Hymn** *Wade in the Water* The Faith We Sing #2107
Tapestry will sing the verses; congregation sings the refrain.

*(Refrain) Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

*1. See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

Refrain

*4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

*2. See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

Refrain

*3. Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

Refrain

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Children's Message

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Larry Ehresman

Morning Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

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 past days of renewal, we have received 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

Jesus' Prayer - by Parker Palmer, adapted

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, heavenly One, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — come swiftly, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen!

* Hymn *Water Has Held Us*

1. Water has held us, moved by creation.
Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.
Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,
Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

2. Water has saved us, as the sea parted
for Israel's children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,
on far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

3. Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,
has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.
Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing,
made a beginning, baptismal day.

4. Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
showing an inward, spiritual grace.
Into God's family we have been welcomed,
as sons and daughters, we take our place.

Reflections on Summer Renewal *Lessons from the Leave*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander
and Larry Ehresman

Offering Our Gifts

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Anthem *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

* Hymn *Blue Boat Home*

Peter Mayer

1. Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.

The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,

*casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens
in our beautiful blue boat home.*

3. I give thanks to the waves upholding me,

*hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born upon the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.*

Benediction and Prayer for the Meal

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors
Congregation please sing along

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
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Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
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Announcements

Please remember to fill out the Connect Cards each week. ***This week the completed Connect Cards will be your entry into a drawing for special prizes from Pastor Jeanine and Larry!*** 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.

Please stay for a picnic and a concert by Tapestry following the worship service.

Teachers may begin selecting school supplies following the service today. The donated school supplies are in the Narthex.

The Sanctuary Choir will begin their season this Wednesday, August 28, with a potluck supper at 5:10 followed by a short rehearsal. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share and then we'll sing!

The Duluth-Superior Pride Festival is Saturday, August 31. Don't miss this free celebration for kids and adults at Bayfront Park, 11am to 7pm. Stop by the Duluth Community People of Faith booth and help spread the message of God's love with smiles and warm greetings to festival-goers. Sign up with Sarah Maddy (218-260-9851 or shmaddy@outlook.com) to volunteer at the booth or help with setup and take down. Full event schedule at duluthsuperiorpride.com

Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion. On these Sundays, we ask you to remember our hungry neighbors with financial gifts and/or food donations for the CHUM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations; if you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" on the check memo or envelope and make your check out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

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 sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall

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Ways You Can Help Your Church



VOLUNTEER

Union Gospel Mission needs volunteers to pack weekend food bags for kids on Wednesday, August 28 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet. Contact Jana Picotte with questions: jana@duluth-ugm-org

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.

