



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

*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 for children ages 5 and under is on the lower level and will include a Bible lesson. Older children will remain in worship today. Activity bags are available in the Narthex.*

**Prelude**      *Elegy*      Velda Graham Bell, organ      James Biery

**Welcome and Announcements**      Mark Harvey

**\* Call to Worship**      Mark Harvey

One: We gather to sing praise to God!

**All: We sing to the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

One: We gather to sing praise to God!

**All: We sing to the one who is our peace and joy and blessing.**

We: We gather to sing praise to God!

**All: To God all praise and glory!**

**\* Hymn**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*      UM Hymnal #126

**Children's Message**      Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

**Anthem**      *Dona Nobis Pacem*      arr. Karen L. Buckwalter  
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

*Children age 5 and under may leave for the nursery following the anthem by Class Ring.  
Older children will remain in worship today.*

**Morning Prayer**      Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of grace, in your presence we confess our sinfulness. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, offering love to others in all you do and say. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Anthem      *Everlasting Arms*      Reba Snyder Miller  
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Scripture Readings      Mark Harvey

**John 6:16-21**

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Offering Our Gifts      Mark Harvey

\* Hymn      *Be Not Afraid*      attachment  
Mary Lee, soloist

Sermon      *Jesus' Way #4: Responding to Fear*      Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

\* Hymn      *For the Healing of the Nations*      UM Hymnal #428

Benediction      Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

Benediction Response      *The Lord is With Us*      Oliver Houx  
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

*Dedicated to the memory of Ollie Houx, a former member of the Sanctuary Choir*

Postlude      *Chaconne in E Minor*      Louis Couperin  
Velda Graham Bell, organ



*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.*

*Join us for coffee and doughnuts* in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

*Pastor Jeanine Alexander* and Larry Ehresman are on vacation through October 20. Through the miracle of modern technology, however, Pastor Jeanine will still be preaching next Sunday.

*Today we welcome* the Reverend Dr. Karen Schuder to our worship while Pastor Jeanine is gone. Karen, a speaker and best-selling author, has extensive experience helping people in times of trauma, promoting resilience, and leading organizations. Additional areas of expertise include countering compassion fatigue, recovering from loss, and shaping organizational culture. She was ordained in the Presbyterian Church and has helped churches in several denominations. Karen and her husband Steve enjoy and appreciate worshipping with our congregation when they have the opportunity.

*The boiler* is scheduled to be turned on October 22. In the meantime, please dress in layers as the weather becomes cooler.

*Next Sunday* there will be no regular Sunday School since it is MEA weekend. The nursery will still be available for children ages 5 and under.

*On Wednesday, October 16* there will not be programming or music rehearsals for children or youth, and dinner will not be served. All adult music groups will rehearse.

*Faith Forum* is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **October 20**, Duluth Huskies team owner Michael Rosenzweig will talk about baseball in Duluth.

*Trunk or Treat* this year will be held on **Wednesday, October 30**, from 6:30-7:15pm. Families are invited to bring children in (non-violent) costumes and have dinner in Lakeview Social Hall from 6-6:30 before heading outside for some Halloween fun! Help is needed: donate candy to be handed out and/or sign up to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy at the event. Candy donations can be brought to the church office.



*Mark your calendars!* On **Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm**, there will be a pipe organ rededication concert featuring special guest organist Dr. Isabelle Demers. The following **Saturday, November 9**, the Coppertop Bazaar will be held from 9:00-2:30. More than 40 area crafters will have booths. Hot cinnamon rolls will be available at 9:30, and lunch begins at 11:00.

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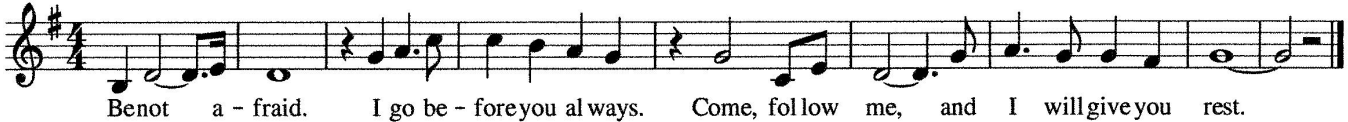
# Be Not Afraid

## *Verse 1 - Soloist*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

## *Refrain - Congregation*

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Be not a - afraid. I go be - fore you al ways. Come, fol low me, and I will give you rest.

## *Verse 2 - Soloist*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

## *Refrain - Congregation*

## *Verse 3 - Soloist*

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

## *Refrain - Congregation*

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