



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, October 20, 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**      *You Say*      Lauren Daigle  
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**\* Call to Worship**      Karen Alseth  
One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.  
**All: We come to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.**  
One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.  
**All: Where everyone is invited to come and know God's grace.**  
One: We come to walk together on this journey of faith.  
**All: All are welcome to join in the walk.**

**\* Hymn**      *Welcome*      attachment

**Children's Message**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

*Children ages 5 and under may leave for the nursery following the Children's Message.  
Older children will remain in worship today.*

**Anthem**      *The Servant Song*      arr. Tom Fettke  
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

**Morning Prayer**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**All: God, you asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard and we were easily distracted. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper that we might not be judged. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty and exclusion. We closed them, for we did not want to see. Lord, forgive our efforts to serve you only when it is convenient, safe, popular, and easy. Renew us, send us out to share your love in all we do.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. We are God's beloved. May we live as such, sharing life-giving love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. 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, 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.

## Scripture Readings

Karen Alseth

### Luke 22:25-27

So Jesus told them, "Foreign kings order their people around, and powerful rulers call themselves everyone's friends. But don't be like them. The most important one of you should be like the least important and your leader should be like a servant. Who do people think is the greatest, a person who is served or one who serves? Isn't it the one who is served? But I have been with you as a servant."

### Matthew 20:27-28

And if you want to be first, you must be the servant of the rest. The Son of Man did not come to be a master, but a servant who will give his life to rescue many people.

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| * Hymn             | <i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>                           | UM Hymnal #581           |
| Offering Our Gifts | <i>Stewardship 2025</i>  | Pastor Jeanine Alexander |
| Sermon             | <i>Jesus' Way #5: Understanding Power</i>                                | Pastor Jeanine Alexander |
| * Hymn             | <i>Together We Serve</i>   | The Faith We Sing #2175  |
| Benediction        |  | Rev. MaryAnne Korsch     |
| Postlude           | <i>Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 533</i><br>Velda Graham Bell, organ | J.S. Bach                |



## *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.*

*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 this evening. Through the miracle of modern technology, however, Pastor Jeanine was still able to preach today.*

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

**Faith Forum** is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **October 27**, Sarah Walker-Davis will talk about a "Circle of Secure Parenting," a research-based framework around secure attachments.

**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.



**We're Hiring a Congregational Ministries Coordinator.** Duties include supervising and delivering children and youth programming on Sundays and Wednesdays; coordination of the kitchen area for member and non-member groups to ensure the equipment is handled properly; and repairing broken equipment as needed. This is a paid position. Send a cover letter and resumé to the church office by November 5, 2024. More detailed information will be in the November First Family.

**Pipe Organ Rededication Concert:** after a substantial renovation and expansion of our Austin pipe organ, we will celebrate with a rededication concert on **Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm**. Our guest organist, Dr. Isabelle Demers, is one of the premier concert organists in North America. She is from Montreal, Canada, and has played all over the world. Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering to be taken. A reception will follow the concert.

**The 2024 Coppertop Bazaar**, on **Saturday, November 9** from 9am-2:30pm, is a church-sponsored event to benefit the ministries of FUMC. Many volunteers and donations are needed to make this a successful event. Sign up at church or call the church at 218-727-5021 to volunteer.

**Traffic Control Volunteers:** The job includes directing traffic and finding available parking spots. Times needed are between 8:30 and 1:00. Sign up for one or two hours and indicate your available time. Training provided.

**East and West Entrance Volunteer Greeters:** Twelve volunteers are needed for one- or two-hour shifts, between 8:30 and 1:30. The job includes welcoming customers at the door and providing information on locations (a floor map and instruction will be provided).

**Dining Room Volunteers:** Hosts are needed to direct people to the dining areas, supervise the setup of the two dining rooms, and reset the areas between diners. Two volunteers from 10:30 to 1:30 and one volunteer from 12:30 to 1:30 are needed.

**Baked Goods Needed, for the Bakery and for Lunch:** Please bring uncut bars or cake, or cookies for the lunch to the church kitchen on Friday, November 8 before 7pm. Bars for the Bakery should be cut and packaged for sale. Small trays are being provided to use in packaging; you may pick them up in the church kitchen beginning Wednesday, October 23. Please label your baked items with the name, whether it contains nuts, if it is gluten-free, and any other helpful information. Thank you for helping the bakery!

**Donations of Canned Pop Needed:** please bring canned pop donations to the church kitchen between Sunday, November 3, and Thursday, November 7, and label them for the Bazaar. These brands/flavors are not available in the pop machine on the lower level: Sierra Mist, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke Zero, Orange Crush, Mug, or A&W Root Beer. Please check that the cans have not expired.

**The Friends of the Felgemaker** are hosting the silent film "Phantom of the Opera" at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth) on Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm. World-renowned St. Paul organist Aaron David Miller will improvise a live accompaniment on the historic 1898 Felgemaker pipe organ. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

**Guest WIFI Network:** FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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## Ways You Can Help Your Church



*Volunteer to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30.*

*Donate candy for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30. Candy donations may be brought to the church office.*

*Volunteer to help at the Bazaar on Saturday, November 9. See the list of needed volunteers above. Call the church office (218-727-5021) or sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.*

*Provide baked goods and/or canned pop for the Bazaar on Saturday, November 9. See the information above.*

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



