



*First United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 27, 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. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper-level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.*

**Prelude**      *Majesty*      J. Hanford, arr. M. Hayes  
MaryAnne Korsch, piano

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Maks Vidovic  
One: We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!  
**All: When our minds are focused on Jesus, we love everybody!**  
One: We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!  
**All: When our minds are focused on Jesus, praise and joy fills our hearts! We gather for worship this morning with our minds focused on Jesus!**

**\* Hymn**      *Woke Up This Morning*      The Faith We Sing #2082

**Children's Message**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Anthem**      *This Little Light of Mine*  
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band, and JAM Jr.; Beth Brophy, director

*Children 5th grade and under may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the anthem.*

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us, direct us along the path so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

**Jesus' Prayer** - paraphrase by Mark Berry

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through**

us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Special Music *When We are Living*

traditional Spanish melody

Mary Whitlock, soprano; MaryAnne Korsch, piano

Scripture Readings

Maks Vidovic

**Matthew 22:17-21**

Those trying to trick Jesus said, "Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?" Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs! Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes." They brought a silver coin, and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?" "The Emperor's," they answered. Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."

**Mark 11:15-18**

After Jesus and his disciples reached Jerusalem, he went into the temple and began chasing out everyone who was selling and buying. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and the benches of those who were selling doves. Jesus would not let anyone carry things through the temple. Then he taught the people and said, "The Scriptures say, 'My house should be called a place of worship for all nations.' But you have made it a place where robbers hide!" The chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses heard what Jesus said, and they started looking for a way to kill him. They were afraid of him, because the crowds were completely amazed at his teaching.

Offering Our Gifts

*Organ Concert Invitation*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Tom Wiig

\* Hymn

*Lord, Be Glorified*

The Faith we Sing #2150

Sermon

*Jesus' Way #6: Where Does Our Loyalty Belong?*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn

*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

The Faith We Sing #2184

Benediction and Stewardship Moment

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

*Gotta Serve Somebody*

Bob Dylan

Tapestry; Corey and Leah Hulst, directors



## ***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.

*Next Sunday* Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back!

*Faith Forum* is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 3**, we will continue watching the documentary "Common Ground," about transforming the agricultural system.

*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; coordinating 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 Lennon-Berini Scholarship* application forms will be available on the church website ([fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com)) beginning November 1. The criteria for the scholarship are: 1) be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church; 2) have completed at least two years of college; and 3) be pursuing a people-centered career. Applications must be fully completed and submitted by 4pm on Friday, November 22, and scholarships will be awarded in December. Look for more information in the November First Family.

*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.

**Sunday, November 10 is Consecration Sunday** where we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2025. Please be prayerfully thinking about your commitment. Following worship that day, we will celebrate our giving by having soup together, prepared by Chef Paul, in Lakeview Social Hall. There will also be an option to drive by, drop off your pledge, and pick up soup.

**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.

