



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 1, 2024
Holy Communion and Labor Day Weekend



A special welcome to Pride Festival participants joining us today.

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 is available for children in Kindergarten and under; the nursery is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags 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 next week.

Prelude *Praise to the Lord
Peace*

Paul Manz
Dan Locklair

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship**

Mark Harvey

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: A place of hopes and dreams and visions. A place of welcome, a place of grace!

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: A place where all are named, treasured, taught, and claimed.

One: Let us be a church where love dwells and all can safely be.

All: Let us proclaim from floor to rafter: ALL are welcome in this place!

*** Hymn** *All are Welcome*

attachment; v. 1, 3-5

Morning Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music *Over the Rainbow*

Harold Arlen

Derek Bromme, vocalist

Sermon and Scripture *A Sack of Spiritual Blessings*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander
and Mark Harvey

Ephesians 4:32 – "Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Romans 8:28 – "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose."

Colossians 3:12-14 – “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience ... bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you have a grievance against someone ... and over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Psalm 147:3 – “Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our Lord ... The Lord builds up the people and gathers in the exiles. God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through God, who gives me strength.”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that God gave the one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Acts 20:35 – “In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Psalm 37:4 – “Take delight in the Lord, who will give you the desires of your heart.”

Proverbs 11:25 – “The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin are death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Ephesians 1:3 – “Blessed be the God and parent of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

* Hymn *Spirit, Open My Heart* attachment

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander
and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Communion Music *True Colors* Thomas Kelly and Billy Steinberg
Derek Bromme, vocalist

Note: If you are walking in the Pride Parade, please feel free to leave after Holy Communion

* Hymn *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* The Faith We Sing #2237

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Pavanne on “Salley Gardens”* traditional Irish tune; arr. Hans-André Stamm
Velda Graham Bell, organ



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.

The Duluth-Superior Pride Parade is this afternoon between noon and 1pm. If you’d like to walk in the parade, feel free to leave after Communion. Meet about 11:30 at 1217 Tower Ave. in Superior; look for the faith communities group and we’ll all walk together.

Teachers! We have lots of great school supplies for your classrooms. Many have picked up supplies already and are so thankful. Others still need to. Please don't be shy; take all you need. Our church wants to bless and help you in your incredible ministry to children. Also, please invite your teacher friends. Any supplies not picked up by Sunday, September 8 will be donated to "Companies to Classrooms."



Find your voice with music! Find your music at FUMC! Our music groups are starting soon. Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir and Tapestry are Wednesday, September 4, and the children's and youth groups and all handbell groups begin Wednesday, September 11. See the September [First Family](#) for a list of groups and when they rehearse, or contact Director of Music Ministries Velda Graham Bell, music@fumcduluth.com or 218-393-4006.

Sunday, September 8 is Kickoff Sunday! We'll welcome a new season and a new year of church activities, with a blessing for the new school year and the beginning of Sunday School.

The Friends of the Felgemaker are hosting a benefit concert, *Felgemaker and Friends*, on Sunday, September 8 at 3:00pm at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 West 4th St., Duluth). The concert will feature music spanning more than three centuries written for organ plus trumpet, horn, saxophone, violin, flute, and voice. All proceeds will support the Felgemaker Organ Fund, which is used to maintain the historic Felgemaker pipe organ at Sacred Heart Music Center. \$20 tickets are available at the door or at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Student tickets for \$5 are available at the door with a current student ID.

Yogadevotion begins another series of classes on Monday, September 9 at 5:30pm in Three Brothers Chapel. Sign up at yogadevotion.com.

Seniors' Lunch and Fellowship will be held on **Tuesday, September 24**. Everyone 65 or older, or anyone who considers themselves a senior, is invited to enjoy a meal and conversation together. **Please RSVP by September 17** so we have enough food! Sign up in the church office, call the office (218-727-5021), or email Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com). Let us know if you need a ride.

The next new member class will be held on **Sunday, September 29 at 11:15am**. Please let Pastor Jeanine or Director of Welcome Greg Leiviska know if you are interested; this is the only session needed in order to join the church.

Faith Forum begins its fall session on Sunday, September 22, from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Everyone is invited to join in lively discussions, listen to someone share their faith journey, or learn something new from special guests – a different topic each week. On **September 22**, Minnesota naturalist Sue Henke will share a presentation on the fascinating geology of our region. Bring a favorite locally-found rock!

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



Sign up to help with the Roast Beef Dinner on Thursday, October 3.
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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.

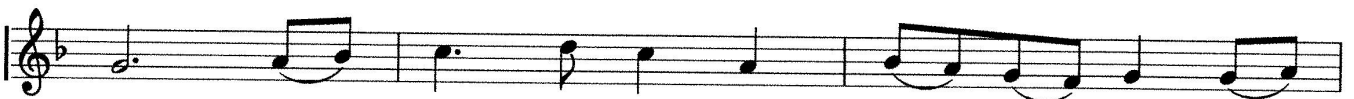


All Are Welcome

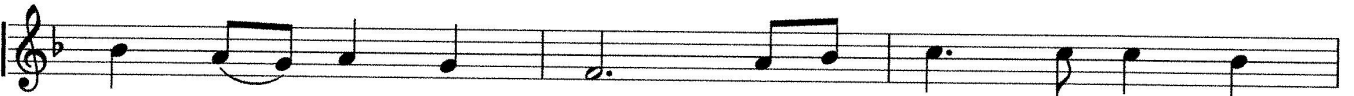
Let us build a house where love can dwell



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5. Let us build a house where all are named their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's child - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Jes - sus:
 feast that frees us: All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raf - ter:

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

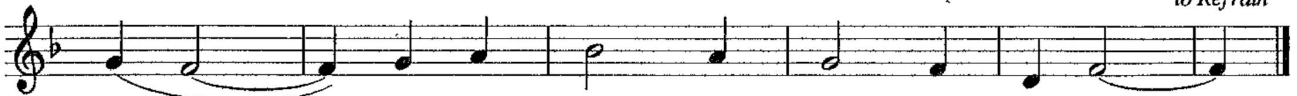
Fine



1. God, re - place my stony - y heart with a heart that's
 2. Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3. May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain

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WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Irregular