



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 22, 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 *In Memoriam* based on the Scottish pipe tune *Balmoral*, arr. Alfred Fedak
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

One: We gather to praise God!

All: God is our health and our salvation. We join together in glad adoration.

One: We praise the God who enfolds and upholds us.

All: God's goodness and mercy daily attend us.

One: We praise the God who nourishes our life and restores us.

All: Praise to the Lord! We lift our song in praise!

*** Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UM Hymnal #139

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation* Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayer Song *Live in Charity* The Faith We Sing #2179; sing three times
Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Unison Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that in our own self-focus we don't always show love to you and others. Forgive us when we fail to live out love. Help us to always draw the circle wide, including all people. Give us open hearts that love in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Through God's love we are forgiven and given new opportunities. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, healed, and freed to be all that God has created you to be.

Prayers of Joy and Concern
Jesus' Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Reading

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Luke 10:25-37

- One: An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what he would say. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to have eternal life?"
- All: **Jesus answered, "What is written in the Scriptures? How do you understand them?"**
- One: The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.'"
- All: **Jesus said, "You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life."**
- One: But the man wanted to show that he knew what he was talking about. So he asked Jesus, "Who are my neighbors?" Jesus replied, "As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper came to the same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also went by on the other side. A man from Samaria then came traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, 'Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.'"
- All: **Then Jesus asked, "Which one of these three people was a real neighbor to the man who was beaten up by robbers?"**
- One: The teacher answered, "The one who showed pity."
- All: **Jesus said, "Go and do the same!"**

Anthem	<i>Let It Start With Me</i> Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	Laura and Sam Allen
Offering Our Gifts		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Jesu, Jesu</i>	UM Hymnal #432
Sermon	<i>Jesus' Way #1: Who is Our Neighbor?</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>When We are Living</i>	UM Hymnal #356
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Dialogue and Trumpet Tune</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	Alfred Fedak



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.

Our pipe organ will be featured at the fall meeting of the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists **this afternoon** at 4:00pm. Velda Bell will be demonstrating our newly renovated and expanded pipe organ, and local organists will also be playing.

Diane Bean's funeral will be next Saturday, September 28, at 1:00pm in our Sanctuary.

Faith Forum is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **September 29**, the beginning of the "Common Ground" documentary will be shown. This film shows a pathway to transform the industrial agriculture food system into an ecological way of growing food that can restore our health, communities, and climate. The following week, **October 6**, Jayson Young, Development Director at the Depot Foundation, will talk about the Depot's 45th anniversary and its plans for the future.

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

The Twin Ports Wind Orchestra, under the direction of our own Dr. Mark Whitlock, will open their 2024-2025 season with a "Classical Brass" concert in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, September 29 at 3:00pm**. The concert will feature Gustav Holst's popular seven-movement orchestral suite, "The Planets." Tickets will be available at the door.

Our very popular Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Thursday, October 3**, from 4:30-6:30pm. Lots of volunteers are needed! There are signup sheets in the Narthex, or you can sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8A82CA4FFC61-50318582-fall

Mark your calendars! **Tuesday, October 8**, at 1:00pm is the day for making our best-selling Cassia Bud Pickles for the Bazaar on November 9. Volunteers are needed – both men and women are eligible! A total of ten people are needed for a maximum of 2-3 hours: seven people to slice pickles and help fill pint jars (this is a sit-down job) and three people to add cassia buds and brine and to help clean up (this will be minimal). Please sign up in the church office (218-727-5021) or talk to Linda Wiig or Celeste Dallman.



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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.

