



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 8, 2024
Kickoff Sunday

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 *Let 'Em In* Paul McCartney
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: For everyone born, a place at the table.

All: ALL are welcome in God's family of faith.

One: For everyone born, a place at the table.

All: In our churches, we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

One: For everyone born, a place at the table.

All: And God delights! Yes! God delights!

*** Hymn** *A Place at the Table* attachment; v. 1, 3, 5, 6

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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*** Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191, v. 1

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Derek Hakes
Sanctuary Choir and Handbells
Derek Bromme, director; Erin Wiig, oboe

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Unison Affirmation of Faith: We believe in a CREATING GOD, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the RISEN CHRIST, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life. We believe in the LIVING SPIRIT, the hidden presence behind every act of love, who beckons us to live in the life power of Christ. We believe in resurrection, in love, and in new life!

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.

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

Revelation 3:15-22

One: I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot – far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, "I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone," oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless. Here's what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that's been through the refiner's fire. Then you'll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You've gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, *really* see. The people I love, I call to account – prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!

All: Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you.

One: Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*

attachment; v. 1, 2

Sermon *Somebody's Knocking at Our Door*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UM Hymnal #89

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Procesión Alegre (Joyous Procession)*

Garry Cornell

Stacy Carolan, trumpet; 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.

Teachers! We still have lots of great school supplies for your classrooms. Any supplies not picked up today will be donated to "Companies to Classrooms."

The Friends of the Felgemaker are hosting a benefit concert, Felgemaker and Friends, at 3:00pm this afternoon 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. Student tickets for \$5 are available at the door with a current student ID.

Volunteer at Union Gospel Mission! FUMC serves lunch once a month; this is a great opportunity to serve our community and help provide food, shelter, and hope for people in need. The volunteer shift goes from **11:30am-1:30pm** on the **second Monday** of every month. The next meal is **Monday, September 9**, and volunteers are still needed! Volunteers of all shapes and sizes, and all capacities are welcome. To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact Jana Picotte at jana@duluth-ugm.org or (218) 722-1196.

Hillside UMC's fall Swedish Meatball Dinner is **Monday, September 9** from 4:30-6pm. Take out only, at Hillside United Methodist Church (1801 Piedmont Ave.). Enjoy Swedish meatballs with gravy over mashed potatoes, and all the extras. All tickets are \$15.

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



Find your voice with music! Rehearsals are Wednesdays for the Sanctuary Choir (5:10pm) and Tapestry (6:30pm). Children's and youth groups and all handbell groups begin **Wednesday, September 11**. See the September **First Family** for a list of all groups and when they rehearse, or contact Director of Music Ministries Velda Graham Bell, music@fumcduluth.com or 218-393-4006.

This Wednesday, September 11, is Kickoff Wednesday, as we start up our children's music groups and activities, and adult music groups continue. Celebrate the start of our fall season with a free Smashburger dinner (eat in, not take out); come any time between 5:30 and 6:45pm. The food truck will be outside but you can eat in Lakeview Social Hall. All are welcome!

The Sustainability Team will meet **Sunday, September 15**, in the Library, 10 minutes after the service. This is a welcoming group actively exploring how we might best care for creation: in our church, in our homes, in our community. As we continue the huge project of replacing old light bulbs with LEDs in our building, we are exploring new directions. Future meeting times will be determined at the meeting. Come with enthusiasm and ideas.

Volunteers are needed to lift the geraniums to overwinter. Meet on **Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00am** on the east side of the church and plan for a couple hours. Bring pruning shears, gloves, and digging tools, if possible. No experience required; we will train you. Rain date is **September 18 at 9:00am**.

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 pipe organ will be featured at the fall meeting of the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on **Sunday, September 22** at 4:00pm. Velda Bell will be demonstrating our newly renovated and expanded pipe organ, and local organists will also be playing. A meal catered by Paul Sapyta and Room at the Table follows. All are welcome to attend, but if you'd like to join the group for the meal, please RSVP by **September 18** to Velda at 218-393-4006 or music@fumcduluth.com

Seniors' Lunch and Fellowship will be held **Tuesday, September 24** at 11am in Lakeview Social Hall. 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, "Discover FUMC," will be held **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 in order to join the church.*

*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*

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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.



A Place at the Table

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first system includes six numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a 'Refrain' section. The fourth system continues the lyrics. The fifth system continues the lyrics. The sixth system concludes with a final chord and a fermata.

1. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery-one
 2. For all who share life, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the
 3. For those we ne - glect, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be
 4. For all who have breath, a place at the ta - ble, a cov - en - ant
 5. For you and for me, a place at the ta - ble, though wound - ed and
 6. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with-out

horn, clean wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
 roles, de - cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for
 heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for
 shared, a wel - com - ing space, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or, for
 sore, with need to for - give, in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for
 fear, and sim - ply to be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for

ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver - head,
 all who share life, a sys - tem that's fair,
 those we ne - glect, the right to be - long, And God will de - light
 all who have breath, the cha - lice of grace,
 you and for me, a new way to live,
 ev - ery-one born, the right to be free,

when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de -

light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and

joy!

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Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

Refrain

Some bod - y's knock-in' at your door; some bod - y's knock-in' at your door; O

sin - ner, why don't you an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Leader

All

1. Knocks like Je - sus.
2. Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock - in' at your door.
3. Je - sus calls you.
4. Can't you trust him?

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