

First United Methodist Church Sunday, November 10, 2024 Consecration 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 Prelude on "Old Hundredth"

Prelude on "Kremser"

Velda Graham Bell, organ

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Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship Mark Harvey

One: We worship the God immortal, invisible, wise!

All: God's light is so bright sometimes our eyes can't see, but still we praise.

One: God is unresting, unhasting, silent and mighty!
All: God's justice soars with goodness and love.

One: God gives life to all and lives in all!

All: When we blossom and flourish, or wither and perish, God is with us.

One: God reigns in glory and dwells in light!

All: All praise we render to God.

* Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UM Hymnal #103

Children's Message/Our Year in Ministry Slideshow

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

<u>Unison Prayer of Confession:</u> God of tender mercies, we come to you confessing our sin. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but sometimes forget others. Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. Amen.

<u>Assurance of Pardon:</u> Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; never forget God's surpassing grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for new life. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Iesus' Prayer – contemporary version by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, heavenly One, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and

earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Scripture Reading Mark Harvey

Portions of Matthew 25:31-46

One: When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,

All: "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

One: Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer,

All: "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Anthem Ubi Caritas Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

Sung in Latin. English translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult and in God be joyful. Let us fear and let us love the living God.

And from a sincere heart, let us love each other.

Sermon Jesus' Way #8: Following Jesus' Way/Discipleship Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn Christ for the World We Sing UM Hymnal #568

Offering and Stewardship Moment

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Please place your estimates of giving in the offering plates during the hymn.

* Hymn When the Poor Ones UM Hymnal #434

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Crowded Table Highwomen

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors



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.

Faith Forum is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 17**, Mark Harvey will lead a discussion on a fascinating podcast about Hubert Humphrey's early years.

Today is Consecration Sunday, where we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2025. Please be prayerfully thinking about what God is calling you to give. **If you can't come to church today,** please bring your estimate of giving cards to church Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or mail them to the church office (FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811). You may also fill out an estimate of giving online at funcduluth.com.

Following worship today, **to celebrate our giving**, we can enjoy a soup and bread meal together, prepared by Chef Paul Sapyta, in Lakeview Social Hall. For those worshipping online, you are invited to come to the east parking lot door between 11:15 and 11:30am to drop off your estimate of giving and pick up soup to take home.

Volunteers are needed to set up for and help at the Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 16. Volunteers are needed Monday, November 11, and Thursday, November 14 between 9am and noon; Tuesday, November 12, and Wednesday, November 13 between 1 and 4pm; Friday, November 15 between 9am and 4pm; and on Saturday, November 16 for two-hour shifts beginning at 8:30am. To volunteer, contact Jean Walsh (jmbwalsh@gmail.com) or Anita Zager (anitazager@gmail.com).

The Lennon–Berini Scholarship application forms are available on the church website (fumcduluth.com). 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 <u>First Family</u>.

Have you moved? Dropped your landline? Please be sure to let the church office know your updated contact information!

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Ways You Can Help Your Church

Volunteer to help with the Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 16. See the detailed information above. Sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or email <u>anitazager@gmail.com</u>.

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

