



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 2, 2025
Communion Sunday

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

A nursery for children age 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 *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Chris Tomlin
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Harvey

One: Are you lost and alone? God is looking for you. Come to the Shepherd of love!

All: **We come to the Shepherd of love!**

One: Are you afraid and far from home? God is looking for you. Come to the Shepherd of love!

All: **We praise the Shepherd of love!**

*** Hymn** *All Who Hunger* The Faith We Sing #2126

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

Anthem *Shades of "Forest Green"* traditional English melody, arr. Tim Waugh
Cast in Bronze; Christine Winkler Johnson, director

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer: Lord, we have all lost things: car keys, important papers, coins. Sometimes we have lost faith, lost hope, lost peace. Sometimes we ourselves have gotten lost: lost in material things, lost in addictions, lost in status, lost in our judgment of others. Jesus came with love and with compassion. He came to seek and save the lost. What good news this is, for it means Jesus came to save us! Let us never believe that anyone is too lost, too far from You, that Your grace cannot break through. You are a God for whom there are no limits, no boundaries. We thank you, Lord. We praise you, Shepherd. We magnify you, Seeker of lost souls. O God, who exists beyond time and space, beyond race or color or creed or nationality, hear our prayer for ourselves and for your children. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

One: God who seeks us.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

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 Harvey

Luke 15:1-10

One: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

All: **Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'**

One: "I tell you that, in the same way, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

All: **"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'**

One: "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

* Hymn *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UM Hymnal #340, v. 1-2

Sermon *Looking at the Prodigal #1: Everyone Welcome* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UM Hymnal #340, v. 3-4

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem/Communion Music *You are Mine* arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director
Dawn Silvestrini, flute

* Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UM Hymnal #140

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him* Jan Bender
Velda Graham Bell, organ



Announcements



*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.*

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

The Church's Annual Meeting to elect leadership, take action on membership, hear the financial report, and have a time of connection will be held **Sunday, February 9** at 11:15am, following worship. All church members and friends are invited to participate. If you cannot attend and would like the information emailed or mailed to you, please let the church office know.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **February 9**, guest speaker Mark Holman will share his perspective on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

Please double-check that the coat you are leaving with is actually your coat. Last Sunday a purple L.L. Bean down coat with a repaired small tear in the right sleeve was taken by someone. At least two other people have had coats taken over the last year. Please double-check your closets to be sure you haven't picked up someone else's coat by mistake.

The next "Explore FUMC" class will be held after worship on **Sunday, February 23**. This is the only session needed to join the church. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you're interested in joining the church or just finding out more about FUMC.

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, March 7**, the silent movie comedy "Safety Last" will be shown at 7pm in our Sanctuary. Renowned theater organist Jelani Eddington will provide a live musical soundtrack. Suggested donation is \$20.

Conversation with Church Friends: A group is meeting over Zoom every second and fourth Tuesday at 10am to catch up with each other and talk about what comes up that day. If you're interested in joining the group, contact Pamela Brown at pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us

Fundraisers

The inaugural Miles for the Mission 5K will take place on **Saturday, February 22** at 11am, beginning at Leif Erickson Park and ending with a celebratory gathering at Bent Paddle Brewing. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to run or walk individually or as part of a team, raising critical funds that directly support Union Gospel Mission's essential programs. To register, visit duluth-ugm.org.

NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner will be held **Saturday, February 22** at the DECC Harborside Ballroom. Local legend Carl Crawford will emcee and the keynote speaker will be Taifa Butler of Demos. This event will bring the community together to celebrate each other and to recognize social justice advocates. Funds raised will support the Economic Empowerment Center and Duluth NAACP operating expenses.

CHUM's Expansion Extravaganza will be held **Thursday, February 27**, at 5pm at Clyde Iron Works (2920 W. Michigan St., Duluth). This mid-winter night of fun and celebration will feature hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and silent and live auctions to raise funds for CHUM's operating budget and shelter expansion. For reservations or to volunteer, contact Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com) or Sarah Maddy (shmaddy@outlook.com).

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