

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday † Confirmation 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 *Fanfare for a New Day* J. Wayne Kerr
Velda Graham Bell, organ
A Hymn of Joyful Praise Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director; Emily Wetzell, flute

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading George Bateman and Delaney Nielsen

Luke 19:28-40

- One: As Jesus approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,
All: "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell that person, 'The Lord needs it.'"
One: Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
All: **They replied, "The Lord needs it."**
One: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, saying,
All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Processional Hymn with Palms and Lighting the Candles *We are Marching* The Faith We Sing #2235b

Children's Anthem *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* arr. Aaron David Miller
JAM and the Peanut Butter Band, and JAM Jr.; Beth Brophy, director

Children in kindergarten and younger may leave for the nursery following JAM's Anthem. Elementary-aged children will stay in worship to see the Confirmation service. Activity bags are in the back.

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

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 Readings

Charlie Vidovic, Atley Collins, George Bateman

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Peter 4:7-11

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Behold! The King Comes!*

Bill Ingram

Class Ring; Christine Winkler Johnson, director

Sermon *Kindness Going Virtual*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

The Faith We Sing #2051

Service of Confirmation

Introduction

Presentation of Confirmands

Declaration of Faith and Vows by Those Being Confirmed

Declaration of Faith and Promise of Support by the Congregation

Reminder of Baptism and Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Gift

Membership Reception

Pastor: Friends, I commend to your love and care these persons, whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church, and we welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. We promise to uphold you by our prayers and our presence. Together we will share our gifts, and serve each other and the world. May God be glorified in the way we live and worship.

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
This Little Light of Mine

The Faith We Sing #2153; v. 1 and 3
UM Hymnal #585, repeat v. 1 at end

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine*

traditional spiritual

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

* please stand as you are comfortable



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.*

***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. Please note that next week, Easter Sunday, fellowship time will be **between the church services**, from 9-9:45.*

***Congratulations** to those confirming their faith this morning:*

Keira Elise Ball

George Conrad Bateman

August Boberg

Atley Robert Collins

Renz Nolte Fairchild

Cooper Allan Lawrey

Victoria Lynn Moses

Delaney Mae Nielsen

Aiden Paul Schlangen

Charles Thomas Vidovic

***Faith Forum** is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. There will be no Faith Forum next week, Easter Sunday. The following week, **April 27**, Debbi King will talk about her memoir, "Gravediffer's Daughter: Growing Up Rural," a collection of essays recalling her family's mid-century experiences in west central Wisconsin.*

***Lenten/Easter Offering:** half of our gifts will go to the ministries and mission of our church. Half will be divided between the Bob Tavani House for Medical Respite (where people who are homeless can heal after being discharged from the hospital) and the NAACP Duluth's Economic Empowerment Center (which offers financial literacy training and other services to BIPOC people). How to give: put your gifts in the offering plates at the front or back of the Sanctuary; write "Lent/Easter" on the envelope or in the check memo, OR mail your gift to the church or drop it off in the church office; write "Lent/Easter" on the envelope or in the check memo, OR give online at www.fumcduluth.com; click on eGiving and choose "Lent-Easter in the dropdown menu.*

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday Last Supper and Service of the Shadows, Thursday, April 17, at 7pm, will include Holy Communion and journeying all the way to Jesus' death.

Good Friday Service, Friday, April 18 at noon in the Three Brothers Chapel, will walk us through Jesus' death and the events of the last hours of his life.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 20 at 7:30am, will be a short service in the Sanctuary featuring Tapestry.

Easter Morning Coffee Hour will take place between the two services, from 9-9:45 in Lakeview Social Hall.

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 20 at 10am, will be our traditional worship service with Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, brass and organ. There will be an Easter egg hunt and activities for children.

Each spring we like to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. If you or a family member are graduating (high school and beyond), please be sure that Pastor Jeanine or the church office has your name, school and degree information.

Yogadevotion, led by Carla Egge, is beginning a new series of classes on April 21 that runs through May 19. The class is held on Mondays in Three Brothers Chapel, and is a mat-based gentle somatic yoga practice. The cost is \$44 for the four-week session; sign up at www.yogadevotion.com/classes or by emailing Lori@yogadevotion.com.

The Rhubarb Festival is not far away! We will again be making pies to donate. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, May 7, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!



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Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed to bring muffins for Easter morning coffee hour. Please bring plated muffins to Lakeview Social Hall by 9am Easter morning.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, May 7, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough for the Rhubarb Festival. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!

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.

