

There is no Sunday School today; children will remain in worship with their families. Activity bags are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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.

Prelude Rainbow Connection

Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Bailey Fazzio

One: Once there was sadness -

All: Now we are clothed with Easter joy!

One: Once there was mourning –

All: Now there is the possibility of rejoicing!
One: Once there were tears and silence –

All: Now laughter has returned and praise abounds!

One: Once there was hunger and longing -

All: Now we are gathered together in Christ and fed with God's love!

One: For Christ has risen – All: He has risen indeed!

\* Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UM Hymnal #302, v. 1-4

## Children's Message

Children may leave for an Easter egg hunt and Easter activities.

Parents, please pick up your children after worship in the nursery or Lakeview Social Hall.

#### Easter Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

### Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in an EASTER 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 resurrection, who beckons us to leave the tomb and live in the life power of Christ. We are an Easter People. We believe in resurrection and 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.

Anthem To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

\* Hymn Now the Green Blade Riseth

UM Hymnal #311

Scripture Reading

Bailey Fazzio

#### Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Anthem Easter Rondo Michael Helman

Strikepoint; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Hope...in the Maze of Life

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn Thine be the Glory

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If you would like to join the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus, please come up to the choir risers during this hymn. Music will be available.

Benediction

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed!

One: Christ is Risen!

All: So we have hope and healing!

One: Go forth knowing and sharing resurrection life.

Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Postlude Carillon Louis Vierne

Velda Graham Bell, organ

<sup>\*</sup> please stand as you are comfortable

# Easter musicians

Earl Salemink and Joe Kasperak, trumpet Ellen Hill, French horn Hunter Hamby and David Leslie, trombone David Christiansen, timpani



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.

This morning's offering will help the ministries and missions of our church, the Bob Tavani House for Medical Respite (where people who are homeless can heal after being discharged from the hospital), and the NAACP Economic Empowerment Center (which offers financial literacy training and other services to BIPOC people).

Faith Forum will resume next Sunday morning from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. 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.

**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 \$55 for the five-week session; sign up at <a href="www.yogadevotion.com/classes">www.yogadevotion.com/classes</a> or by emailing <a href="Lori@yogadevotion.com">Lori@yogadevotion.com</a>.

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza. Families with children in 2nd-6th grades are invited for an interactive day exploring the largest and oldest keyboard instrument: the pipe organ. Held at First Lutheran Church (1100 E. Superior St., Duluth) on Saturday, April 26 from 10am-noon. A free pizza lunch follows. This event is hosted by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Please register by emailing info@arrowheadago.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** 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.