First United Methodist Church Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday Caring for Creation 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 | This Land is Your Land | Woody Guthrie |
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| | Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors | - |

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- One: Morning has broken!
- All: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.
- One: God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.
- All: Let us honor these relationships today and every day.
- One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world and for God's good Creation.
- All: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.
- One: May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,
- All: and let us seek God's grace, justice, and mercy for all. Amen.

* Hymn Blue Boat Home

Children may leave for Sunday School following the hymn.

Morning Prayer

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – Solstice Prayer by Chuck Dayton

All: Our Creator, throughout the heavens, hallowed be thy flame. In a trillion suns, thy will be done. In the tiniest cell, thy kingdom comes. Give us each day – a bird in flight, a flower's perfume, a bright star's light. And lead us not on the path of greed, but teach us to tread lightly, taking only what we need. For ours is the journey from ignorance to understanding, from separateness to oneness. Together with you, the universe, the energy and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Litany for Earth Day (based on Genesis 1:12, 26-28 and Psalm 96:11-12)

- One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!
- All: Let the sea roar, and let the fields exclaim!

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Geoff Bell

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Naomi Yaeger

| One: | The trees of the forest will sing | for joy! |
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All: God cares for all of God's creation.

One: When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was without shape, and it was dark over the deep sea while God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters.

All: God created everything and called it "good."

- One: God created humanity in God's own image to take charge and take care of the earth, the plants, and the animals.
- All: From the smallest seed to the largest tree, from the smallest atom to the largest continent, God calls upon us to care for our good world.
- One: It is our responsibility and great joy to care for our world.

Scripture Readings

<u>John 13:34</u>

Liz Taylor, Jean Walsh, Diane Fortney

I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.

Colossians 3:14

Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

<u>Psalm 96:11-12</u>

Tell the heavens and the earth to be glad and celebrate! Command the ocean to roar with all its creatures and the fields to rejoice with all their crops. Then every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs.

| * Hymn | God of the Sparrow | w, God of the Whale | UM Hymnal #122 | | |
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| Sermon | Living in Old Turt | le's World | Douglas Wood | | |
| Song | In Our Hands | | Douglas Wood | | |
| Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexa | | | Pastor Jeanine Alexander | | |
| | The Sacrament of Holy | Communion | Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch | | |
| | Communion Music | Restored | Sandra Eithun | | |
| Cast in Bronze; Christine Winkler Johnson, director | | | | | |
| * Hymn | Restless Weaver | | insert | | |
| Benediction | | | Pastor Jeanine Alexander | | |
| Benediction Response God Be in My Head Sanctuary Choir; Dere | | | G. Alex Kevan G. Alex Kevan | | |
| Postlude All Creatures of Our God and King Velda Graham Bell, organ | | | m Bell, organ | | |

* 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.

Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, *April 13*, Michael Valentini will discuss the 2007 Ham Lake fire surrounding the upper Gunflint Trail and his role in helping fight the fire alongside first responders and other community members. Hear about it from someone who was there.

Fridays at Noon: If the chaos in our world is upsetting you, or if you're not sure where to go or what to do next, you are not alone! You are invited to join others for a short time of prayer, Scripture, reflection, and communion in the Three Brothers Chapel. Geoff Bell and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch will lead this time designed to soothe your soul in a quiet setting. All are welcome - bring friends if you'd like. We will gather on Fridays throughout Lent, until Good Friday on April 18.

Join the choir for Holy Week and Easter! Have you ever considered singing with the Sanctuary Choir? They have some beautiful music planned for upcoming services. Next Wednesday, they will be rehearsing the music for Maundy Thursday (April 17) and Easter Sunday (April 20). This would be a great time to give the choir "a try." Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:10 in the East Lounge. Please contact Choir Director Derek Bromme (dbromme@css.edu) with any questions, or just show up! We welcome you!

Holy Week Services.

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 13, will feature a palm processional.

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 choir, bells, orchestra and organ. There will be an Easter egg hunt and activities for children.

Yogadevotions, 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.

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

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

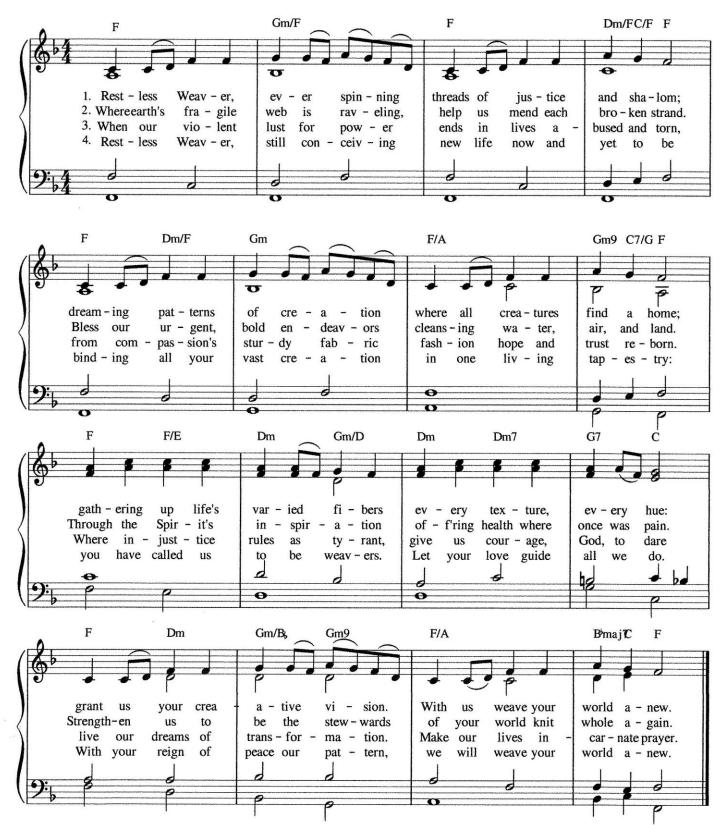


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