



*First United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, May 25, 2025*  
*Memorial Day Weekend*

*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 is available for children Kindergarten and under; the nursery is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available for children to use during worship. Please return the activity bags following the service.*

*Sunday School will resume in the fall.*

**Prelude** *Elegy* James Biery

Velda Graham Bell, organ

*In memory of the military personnel who have served our country.*

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: To God be the glory, great things God has done and continues to do!

**All: God sent Jesus to the world to show us love's power.**

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**All: In Jesus, God showed us what forgiveness looks like, giving us the opportunity for right relationship with God, each other, and ourselves.**

One: To God be the glory, great things God has done and continues to do!

**All: Let the earth hear God's voice and may all people rejoice!**

\* Hymn      *To God be the Glory*      attachment

**Children's Message** Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Jeanine Alexander  
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – retranslation from the Aramaic

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every Vision, Power, and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!**

**Special Music**     *This is My Father's World*

Mark Shepperd

Brandon Veale, tenor

**Offering Our Gifts**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Scripture Reading**

Mark Whitlock

**Genesis 28: 10-17**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth. And you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."

**\* Hymn**     *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

UM Hymnal #328

**Sermon**     *How Awesome is This Place*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Hymn**     *This is My Song*

UM Hymnal #437

**Benediction**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Postlude**     *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

David Johnson

Velda Graham 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.

**The church office** will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. Summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9am-noon. If you need staff support or access to the building at other times, please talk to a staff member.

**Garden dates:** We'll be planting geraniums on **Thursday, May 29** (rain date May 30) beginning at 9am, and planting annuals the following week, on **Wednesday, June 4** (rain date June 5) also beginning at 9am. New volunteers are always welcome!

**Next Sunday**, (June 1) is Communion Sunday, when we encourage you to bring donations for the CHUM Food Shelf. Geoff Bell has volunteered to check with the Food Shelf each month to find out what they are needing most. This month they are especially in need of tuna – in both canned and pouch format - so please think about picking some up and bringing it with you on June 1. Of course, any and all non-perishable food donations are welcome!

**The CHUM Rhubarb Festival is coming!** We will be making strawberry/rhubarb pies, coffee cakes, and large pans of rhubarb crisp for the Festival on Saturday, June 28 at Asbury UMC. Volunteers are needed to pick and chop rhubarb, clean and slice strawberries, assemble pies, run the dishwasher, mind the ovens, box, label and transport baked goods. See First Family for the full volunteer schedule. Drop off rhubarb Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays **beginning June 1**. If you need someone to pick it for you, let us know and we'll send a rhubarb wrangler to your home.



**Summer activities for children:** Pick up a flyer of events at the signup table, and share it with friends.

**Concert: Sunday, June 8, 2pm** at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2310 E. 4th St., Duluth). "Serenity Mass: Be still and know" was composed by Duluth musician David Packa "to help carry the faithful through difficult and tumultuous times" and performed for the first time in February. A reception will follow the performance. Freewill donation will benefit CHUM.

**Thank you** to the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.

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## **Ways You Can Help Your Church**

**Volunteers are needed to help with preparation for the Rhubarb Festival.** See the information above and email [anitazager@gmail.com](mailto:anitazager@gmail.com) or look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with planting geraniums on Thursday, May 29, at 9am (raindate is May 30). Contact Marlene Bowen, [mbowen73@gmail.com](mailto:mbowen73@gmail.com)

**Ways to give to support your church:** give online at [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) OR use the QR code OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.



# To God Be the Glory

To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
O per - fect re - demp - tion, for - give - ness of sins, to ev - ery be -  
Great things he hath taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for  
liev - er the pro - mise of God; the great - est of sin - ners who tru - ly be -  
joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will

sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
lives, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the  
be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re - joice! O come to the

Fa - ther thru Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!