



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
*Holy 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**      *Dialogue and Trumpet Tune*      Alfred Fedak  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Call to Worship**      Mike Donahue

One: We come to worship, weighed down with worry:

**All: worry about money, worry about work, worry about the future.**

One: We come to worship hoping to hear a word: a word of hope, a word of assurance, a word of peace.

**All: Jesus reminds us that we do not need to worry. If God cares for the birds of the air and the grass of the field, won't God care for each one of us?**

One: We come to remember that God knows our every need, and God is faithful. Let us worship God together.

**\* Hymn**      *In the Midst of New Dimensions*      The Faith We Sing #2238

*Children may leave for the nursery and Sunday School following the hymn.*

**Morning Prayer**      Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Unison Prayer:** Gracious God, as the sun rises and a new day unfolds with all of its promise and hope, we recommit ourselves to join your divine mission: to advocate for justice, to exercise compassion, to love without reserve, to work toward peace, to extend understanding, to afford second chances, to offer our generous best, to witness blessing, to seize opportunities for gratitude, to change and be changed, to regard ourselves with grace, to embody Jesus, in whose Spirit we live, move, and have our being, in whose love we are made whole, in whose compassion we rise, to greet this day and every day, for all our days.

(United Church of Canada's Morning Prayer)

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.**

**Scripture Readings**

Mike Donahue

**Isaiah 41:10, 13**

Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

**Matthew 6:25-34**

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

**Offering Our Gifts**

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**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.*

**Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Lisa Hoekstra

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

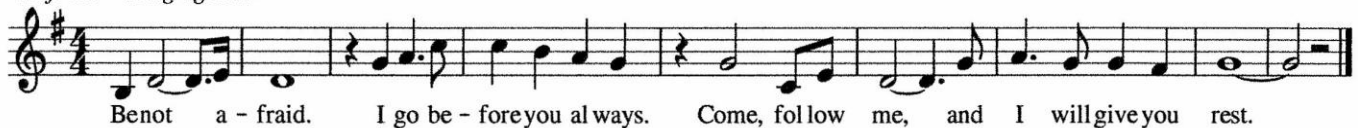
**Sermon *Living with Courage and Hope***

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Hymn *Be Not Afraid***

soloists sing verses; congregation sings refrain

*Refrain - Congregation*



*Soloists: Emily Wetzel and Henry Mattson*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

**Communion Music *The Peace May Be Exchanged***

Dan Locklair

Velda Graham Bell, organ

**\* Hymn *Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God***

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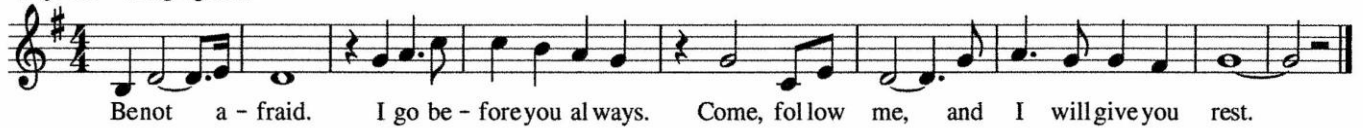
## Benediction

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

## Benediction Response *Be Not Afraid*

congregation, please join in singing

*Refrain - Congregation*



## Postlude *Revival*

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Third Day

*\* 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.*

*Thank you to Rev. MaryAnne Korsch for preaching this morning. Pastor Jeanine and Larry Ehresman are on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday, May 8. For pastoral needs, please contact Rev. MaryAnne or Faith Community Nurse Linda Wiig. The church office can provide their contact information.*

*Faith Forum is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **May 11**, representatives from Chapter 80 of Veterans for Peace will talk about the militarization of our society. Veterans for Peace is a national organization dedicated to finding alternatives to war for global problem solving.*

*Rhubarb Pie Season is coming, and 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!*



*Roadside Cleanup will be **Saturday, May 10** from noon-2pm. FUMC sponsors one of the St. Louis Co. Roadside Cleanup locations, and twice a year schedules a time to make our community a little nicer. This was a passion project of our own Bill Alexander. Our cleanup area is a two-mile stretch of Maple Grove Road, from Lindahl Road to Solway Road. Meet in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads. Trash bags and stylish yellow safety vests will be supplied. Bring gloves, wear boots for potentially wet ditches, and dress for the weather. Contact the church office at 218-727-5021*

or contact Pamela Brown ([pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us](mailto:pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us)) if you are interested. Let's put caring for creation into action!

**Next Sunday** is Garden Sunday. Our garden group will be selling Dahlia plants to raise money for the Memorial Gardens, and the sustainability group will be selling small kitchen compost bags. Garden cleanup will be **Thursday, May 15** (rain date May 16), beginning at 9am, and new volunteers are always welcome!



**Graduate Recognition Sunday** will be **May 18**. We'll be celebrating the achievements of all our high school and post-secondary graduates. If you or a family member are graduating, please be sure that Pastor Jeanine or the church office has your name, school and degree information.

**U.S. Bank** is sponsoring a blood drive here on **Thursday, May 22** from 10am-4pm in Lakeview Social Hall.

**New Sound Technician:** Noah Bovy will be our new Sound Technician, replacing Tommy Kishida. Noah is a student at UMD and is looking forward to learning our sound system and gaining more experience running live audio, as he continues his studies. Stop by the tech booth and welcome Noah to FUMC!

Join **LGBTQ neighbors and allies** for a Northland community conversation on **Tuesday, May 27** from 4-7pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (219 N. 6th Ave. E., Duluth). Organized by the multifaith and multiracial statewide network Prism, this is to help connect and empower LGBTQ people in the Northland. Find out more and RSVP at [actionnetwork.org/events/northland-lgbtq-community-conversations-duluth](http://actionnetwork.org/events/northland-lgbtq-community-conversations-duluth)

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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!

**Volunteers are needed** to help with garden cleanup on Thursday, May 15, at 9am (rain date is May 16). 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.

