

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025



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 **Two settings of Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** Michael Burkhardt & Paul Manz
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Note: Our opening hymn talks about raising an Ebenezer. An Ebenezer is a "stone of help." The prophet Samuel called on the people of Israel to repent of their sins. The Philistines heard about the gathering and took the opportunity to attack, but God defended the Israelites. In response, Samuel erected a monument: he set up a stone "and called its name Ebenezer, saying 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'"

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: We come to worship the Giver of every blessing.
All: God's grace and mercy are never ceasing.
One: We raise our Ebenezer, our stone of hope, knowing that God is our help.
All: When we are lost or in trouble, God finds us and returns us to the fold.
One: God of grace and goodness, we come to you.
All: God whom we love, we offer our hearts in worship!

*** Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UM Hymnal #400

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *Bethena* Scott Joplin
Benjamin Hintzman, piano

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayer Song *Make Me a Servant* The Faith We Sing #2176

*Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak
and may the prayer of my heart ever be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.*

Prayers of Joy and Concern
One: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

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.

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Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

Mark 14:32-42

- One: They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
- All: **He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."**
- One: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."
- All: **He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."**
- One: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.
- All: **He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."**

* Hymn *Seek Ye First*

UM Hymnal #405

Sermon *Why Pray?*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *He Giveth More Grace*

Hubert Mitchell, arr. Dick Bolks

Michael Hintzman, saxophone; Benjamin Hintzman, piano

* Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UM Hymnal #526

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *God of Grace*

Paul Manz

Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Announcements



*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.*

***Family Summer Carnival!** Monday, July 14 from 4-7pm. Enjoy games, bouncy houses, face painting, animals, food, and more! Connect with neighbors, explore our children's ministries, and enjoy a joyful evening overlooking Lake Superior. This is not only an event for children! There will be fun things for adults, too.*

***The next Youth Mission and Play day** is Monday, July 21, 10am-5pm. Teens entering grades 7-12 will be serving a meal at Union Gospel Mission and then having fun water activities. Sign up with Pastor Jeanine or the church office.*



Strikepoint Summer Concerts

***Thursday, July 24, 7pm** – Strikepoint will be performing with the Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra as their featured guest artists for the final concert of the LSCO's season. The concert takes place at UMD's Weber Music Hall; tickets are available at the door or online at www.lakesuperiorchamberorchestra.com*

***Friday, August 1, 7pm** – Join Strikepoint at the Cathedral of Christ the King (1111 Belknap St.) in Superior for the opening concert of their 2025 summer tour. Admission is free, but an \$18 donation is suggested; 20% of the donation will be returned to the Cathedral's organ fund.*

***Sunday, August 10, 7pm** – Welcome Strikepoint home from tour at a concert in our own Sanctuary. Admission is free, but an \$18 donation is suggested. This year's tour takes them to Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills.*

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Ways You Can Help Your Church



*Volunteers are needed on to help with the Family Summer Carnival on Monday, July 14.
Sign up on the back of the Connect Card or in the church office.*

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.

