

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 27, 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 *Choral Song* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: God of grace and God of glory, pour out your power upon us!

All: We come seeking the wisdom and courage you offer your people.

One: There is much in our world that causes us to have fear and doubts.

All: Free our hearts so that we can live our lives in joy and praise.

One: Keep us from all that leads us to be poor in soul. Call us to find the joy that comes in serving you.

All: God of grace and God of glory, pour out your power upon us!

*** Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UM Hymnal #577

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – Celtic version by John Philip Newell

Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring, may love rise again in us today with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love and free us from all falseness, that the light of our souls may shine and the strength of our spirits endure for Earth and all its people, this day, tonight, and forever. Amen.

Prayer Meditation *Valse les adieux (Remembrance)* Karen Buckwalter
Strikepoint; Derek Bromme, director

Message *God's Word in Song*

During this message, we will reflect on four hymns with Scripture and story, and then sing or hear them.

Introduction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Congregational hymn

Mark Whitlock
UM Hymnal #57, v. 1-4

Be Thou My Vision

Handbell duet: Libby Gaalaas and Derek Bromme

Mark Harvey
Irish melody, arr. Larry Sue

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Congregational hymn

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
UM Hymnal #474

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Strikepoint

Rhonda Montavon
Joel Raney, arr. Arnold Sherman

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Derek Bromme

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.*

Commissioning Strikepoint

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Bumble Boogie

Strikepoint; Derek Bromme, director

Jack Fina, arr. Hart Morris

** 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.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday, when we are encouraged to bring a donation of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. While anything is welcome, this month CHUM is particularly in need of peanut butter. The next time you're shopping, please put a couple extra jars of peanut butter in your cart and bring them to church next week, **August 3**, when we celebrate communion.



Strikepoint Summer Concerts

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.

This summer's Outdoor Worship and All-Church Picnic will be **Sunday, August 3 at 10am**. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather so we can be outside in the east parking lot. Otherwise, the service will be held as usual in the Sanctuary and the picnic fun will be in Lakeview Social Hall. What to expect: music by Tapestry; Pastor Jeanine and Larry will be preaching a "Cookie Gospel" sermon (!); a bouncy house and fun activities for kids; coffee and doughnuts before worship; and lunch and ice cream floats after worship. Plan to come and bring your friends! **Please let Pastor Jeanine and/or Larry Ehresman know if you can help with setup, cleanup or serving food.**

Echoes of the Lake, a women's ensemble comprised of members of the Arrowhead Chorale, will be performing a concert on **Tuesday, August 19** at 7pm in Lakeview Social Hall. Our own Mary Whitlock is a member of this group. In addition to the concert, there will be free ice cream sundaes and a bake sale (treats provided by members of our Sanctuary Choir) to benefit the Choral Scholar fund. Mark your calendars for this fun summer evening event!

School supplies collection: we will again be collecting school supplies for the teachers in our congregation. As we help the teachers, we also help the students. Teachers (of all ages): please send Pastor Jeanine a list of classroom supplies that would help you and your students. Congregation: please bring new school supplies to church. We will be inviting teachers to come to church and pick out their supplies, beginning August 24. This will be fun!

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 setup, cleanup, and serving food at the Outdoor Worship and All-Church Picnic on **Sunday, August 3**. Talk to Pastor Jeanine and/or Larry Ehresman if you can help.*

We're collecting new school supplies for our teachers and students. See the announcement above.

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.

