

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 3, 2025
Outdoor Worship

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.

Prelude Let It Start With Me
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, Directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that God has made!

All: We rejoice and are glad in it!

One: This is the earth that God has made!

All: We rejoice and care for it!

One: We all are the people God has made!

All: We will honor and cherish each other, always working for justice and peace.

*** Hymn** Blessed Assurance UM Hymnal #369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my
song, praising my Savior all the day
long; this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my
song, praising my Savior all the day
long; this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love

Refrain: This is my story, this is my
song, praising my Savior all the day
long; this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander & Larry Ehresman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Special music by Haven and Chase Anderson

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer (by Parker Palmer - adapted)

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, heavenly One, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen!

Anthem Crowded Table The Highwomen
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, Directors

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Sermon *The Cookie Gospel* Pastor Jeanine Alexander & Larry Ehresman

*** Hymn** *Sanctuary* The Faith We Sing # 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude Special music by Haven and Chase Anderson

** 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 a picnic lunch following the worship service.

Pastor Jeanine Alexander will be out of the office Monday-Friday this week. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. MaryAnne Korsch or Parish Nurse Linda Wiig, or call the church office (218-727-5021) for help contacting them.

Strikepoint Summer Concert 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.

Mary Wright will be performing at Forbes UMC on **August 10 @ 10:00am**

Richard Gurske will be lighting the church in celebration of his 93rd birthday, and in honor of his brother Ray's 99th birthday on August 11th. His gift will go to support the church's donut fund.

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!

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