



March 15, 2026  
8:30am

☒ Rise in body or  
in spirit.  
The congregation  
speaks / sings the text in  
**bold type**



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ministries, mission, and  
activities of Duluth First  
UMC, please visit  
[duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org).



Children are welcome in  
worship!

Children's activity sheets  
& crayons are available at  
the main entrance to help  
guide them in active  
participation of worship.

Children newborn through  
Pre-K are invited to go to  
Childcare Corner, near the  
Gathering Room.



Listening devices are  
available during all worship  
services. See an usher or  
greeter for assistance.

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

Welcome & Announcements

Terrie Adkins, *Liturgist*

☒ Call to Worship

Rejoice, O People! Take view of God's holy mountain!  
But watch out! Don't be fooled by lesser promises than Zion.  
**For God's mountain is built upon compassion and justice;  
God's glory arises from deeds of mercy and acts of love.**  
True splendor isn't found in kings or kingdoms,  
nor comes righteousness from the ways of the world.  
**God's reigns in charity, empathy, humility, and generosity.**  
God spreads a table before us in the wilderness; we rest secure.  
**Renewed for the journey, let us lay down what holds us back  
and by faith take up the journey to new life.**  
**To God alone be praise and glory!**

☒ Hymn 145 | *Morning Has Broken* – BUNESSAN

## WORD & RESPONSE

☒ Scripture | Matthew 14:13-21

Elaine Norton

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. <sup>15</sup> That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish." <sup>18</sup> He said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. <sup>21</sup> About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have prepared themselves for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection by observing a season of reflection and repentance, and being honest with ourselves and with God about who and how we are. Just as an arrow sins from its target, so too, we sin from the path God intends for us. If we are to return to this path and follow the Way that leads to eternal life, let us humble ourselves, go to God in prayer, confess our sin and ask for God's help, confident that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, and discover afresh the love and grace of our Lord who ever has mercy upon us...

**Holy God, you've walked with your people for generations, through wilderness and struggle and into new life. While you have remained faithful to our salvation, too often we chose lesser kingdoms than your beloved kin-dom. Rather than your pilgrim path of transformation and service, we choose convenience and expediency of means and take shortcuts in our process of discipleship, selling short your glory and emptying the cross of all its power.**

**Forgive us, O God, for the idols we worship and to which we cling.**

**Help us reject avenues of injustice and walk in your Way; for you always provide a table for us in the wilderness to remind us of our true calling and our reason to rejoice. Keep us faithful to the gospel, for the life of the world to come.**

Hear these words of assurance: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities; but as far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us. The Lord has declared in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven.

Therefore, let us walk in the way that leads to life and live as people reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

## Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Simple Gifts* –arr. Kevin McChesney

Hand Bell Ensemble  
Johnathan Ancell, *Director*



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✠ Doxology | *Praise God Throughout These Forty Days* – HAMBURG

Praise God through - out these for - ty\_\_ days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did\_\_ raise.  
And praise the Spir - it\_\_ who im - parts  
God's love in Christ in - to our\_\_ hearts.



## THANKSGIVING

✠ Invitation to Communion

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Receiving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – arawles@duluthumc.org or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

## SENDING

✠ Hymn 140 | *Great is Thy Faithfulness V.1* – FAITHFULNESS

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

## ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Audio/Visual Team:*

Joel McLemore  
Ian Toole  
Johnathan Ancell

*Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

**What are you being invited to take up as you journey through the wilderness toward Easter morning? What gives you cause to rejoice in your Lenten journey?**

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# The Sunday Supplement



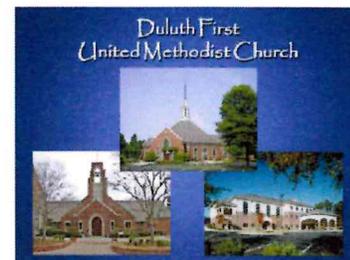
MARCH 15, 2026

## Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org).

To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



## Prayer Concerns

- Jack Brannon • Amy Burk • David Cook • Karen Cook • Lorraine Day • Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle
- Allison Eldridge • Ann Fleming • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons • Glenda King
- Jean Lowry • Barbara Martin • Stephanie Minschwaner • Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier
- Youth Ministry students and adult leaders at the *Spiritual Life Retreat* Spring Retreat at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.
- Jessica Parrish & family in the death of her mother.



### **Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.**

*For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.*



## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 18<sup>th</sup>



Our Food Ministry staff, along with our amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, mushrooms, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – hamburgers and French fries.** Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

### **The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are:**

- \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up);
- \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger;
- \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, and their children under 18 years);
- \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.

Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted. Menus are subject to change.

## **New Food Opportunity on Sundays, March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Grab & Go Breakfast**

Chef Kenny Lewis and Your Daily Bread Co. are offering a Grab & Go Breakfast as a new food opportunity on Sunday mornings, March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Your Daily Bread Co. will offer fresh, hot, and ready-to-go choices of 3 different breakfast sandwiches, 3 different sides, and apple juice, orange juice, and bottled water. Popular combos will also be available. Prices range from \$1 to \$9. Cash and credit/debit card payments will be accepted.

## **Registration Begins Today for This Summer's Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC**

Mark your calendars and save the date for "Rain Forest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" Vacation Bible School. Registration is underway for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will participate in Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks.

In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds, who are adult volunteers in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need substitute shepherds. Also, the Childcare Corner is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

Everyone who registers by May 24<sup>th</sup> is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and copy of the music. All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church's website – [duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org), by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to [vbspro.events/p/42cb8a](http://vbspro.events/p/42cb8a).

For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at [lyokeley@duluthumc.org](mailto:lyokeley@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



## **Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for March**

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us on Sunday nights for **Sunday Night Gatherings** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.

Our schedule for the month of March is:

- **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** No *Sunday Night Gathering* this evening;
- **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

Please visit the **Youth Ministry's** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

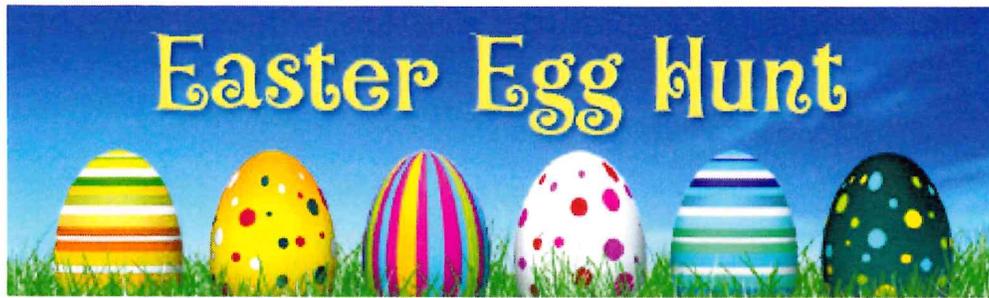


## **Wednesday Night Food Drive: March 18<sup>th</sup>**

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On March 18<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring cans of mixed vegetables.** A table for donated items will be located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support.





### **Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Children of all ages are invited to join a special Easter Egg Hunt event being held at the church on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, promptly at 11:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to bring your own Easter basket.

### **Donations of Supplies Needed for Our Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations of small prizes individually wrapped candy for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 28<sup>th</sup> will be collected **through Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please leave your donated items in the wagons located in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Thank you for your support!

### **Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our church's **Missions Ministry** and **Children's Ministry** will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter lunch** for families of Rainbow Village and families served by the Duluth Care Team of Duluth High School, Collins Hill Care Team of Collins Hill High School, and Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. **The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch.** We need your help in creating a special, memory-filled day for these families.



#### **Help is needed for the Easter lunch in the following areas:**

- Setting up, cleaning and resetting Hinton Hall;
- Serving food and drinks;
- Bringing in foods, deserts, and drinks;
- Greeters and hospitality folks.

Scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign-up to volunteer for the Easter lunch, or to sign up to bring food for the lunch. You can volunteer for however much time you can, or you can join us for the entire event. Additional information will be made available as we continue our preparations for an awesome day of celebration and fellowship with our community.



If you would like to volunteer, bring food, or have any questions or would like to head up a team, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org). Thank you for your support!

### **Care Packages for College Students**

We are collecting gift card donations for our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them gift cards to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students) or Starbucks – with the amount of \$25 per card, and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center by **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.



If you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you to scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet and fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.



Also, if you would like to volunteer to help lead this meaningful ministry, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org).

We appreciate your generosity!

## Youth Ministry's Summer Mission Trip: June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Our **Youth Ministry** is partnering with the **Gainesville Aid Project (GAP)** from Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the days and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evenings.

To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet. The cost is \$75 per student. **Please register by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We are also looking for some adult volunteers to accompany us on this trip. Please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org) if you would like more information or volunteer on this mission trip.



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### **Order Your Easter Lilies: Now Through Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

The **Worship Committee** invites you to remember or honor a loved one with a lily on Easter. The lilies will be used to adorn the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. **The cost per plant is \$20.** You may pick up your lily/lilies following the Easter services. Printed copies of the Easter Lily Remembrance/Honor listings will be available at all worship services on Easter morning.

All proceeds go to **Seeds of Hope**, whose funds are used to help meet the needs of God's people living in Duluth and Suwanee--often strangers, widows, orphans, homeless, those who are lost, and those who are without hope--who come to Duluth First United Methodist Church seeking assistance. **In 2025 the number of assistance requests through Seeds of Hope was much higher than in past years.** If you would like to contribute extra above/beyond the cost of your lily/lilies, we thank you for your additional support of **Seeds of Hope**.

**You can place your order for lilies online with a credit/debit card payment. Anyone wishing to pay by credit/debit card must complete their order form online.** For online lily/lilies orders, please go to the church's website - [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - and then click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage. **NOTE: Please do not use any of the church's other online giving forms to place your Easter lily order.**

If you wish to pay by check or cash, please complete the order form below.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please display my lily/lilies in the: \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary \_\_\_\_\_ Hinton Hall.

**(PLEASE CHECK ONE)**

**One "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" per form, one form per plant.** Additional order forms are available at the Welcome Centers and online on the church's website - [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage. Please place your form/forms, along with a check made payable to **Duluth First United Methodist Church** and marked **Easter Lilies** in the memo section, in the Church Staff Drop Box located in the Atrium, or send to Duluth First United Methodist Church, Attn. Ken Willi, 3208 Duluth Hwy. 120, Duluth, GA 30096.

**NOTE: All Easter lily orders must be received by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.**