



March 22, 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
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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

Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

✘ Call to Worship

We come to this moment where wilderness begins to loosen its hold.

The barren places soften, and hints of new life appear.

Jesus was met by angels and strengthened for what lay ahead.

We come seeking that same renewing presence.

In leaving the wilderness, we carry its wisdom with us.

And we open ourselves to the purpose God is revealing.

Let us worship the God who prepares us, strengthens us, and sends us forth.

✘ Hymn 269 | *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days V.1&2* – LAND OF REST

WORD & RESPONSE

✘ Scripture | Matthew 4:11

The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

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

Sermon | *Preparing to Leave the Wilderness*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Holy One, we confess that we cling to the wilderness we know
rather than trust the future You are preparing.

We hesitate to step forward,
unsure of our strength, unsure of the way.
We sometimes resist the clarity You offer,
because clarity calls us to change.

Forgive us when fear keeps us rooted in what has been
instead of ready for what could be.

Forgive us when we forget that You walk with us,
in the wilderness,

in transition,
and in every new beginning.

Meet us again with Your mercy,
that we may rise with courage and follow where You lead.

(Silent Prayer)

Hear the good news:
Just as the angels tended Jesus,
God tends us with compassion and steady grace.
You are not only forgiven, you are strengthened.
You are not only restored, you are prepared for the road ahead.
In Christ, your wilderness is not wasted.
In the Spirit, your future is held in love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Blood Drives*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Gen Butterworth

Offertory | *Lamb of God* – arr. Lloyd Larson

One Accord
Jan Batson, *Pianist*

✠ 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.



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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.

...

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

James Lee
Ian Toole
Johnathan Ancell

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich



SENDING

✠ Hymn 292 | *What Wondrous Love Is This V. 1&2* – WHAT WONDROUS LOVE

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

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 new sense of purpose, calling, or clarity is beginning to take shape as your wilderness season begins to shift?

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given today by Chris, Beth, and Rachel Patterson
in honor of Rebekah Patterson's birthday.

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The Sunday Supplement



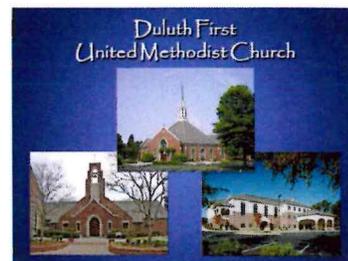
MARCH 22, 2026

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.

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, 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 • John Hammons • Glenda King • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin
- Stephanie Minschwaner • Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Cooper Trepanier-Rawles • Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier



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 or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



Donations of Supplies Needed for Our Easter Egg Hunt: Through Sunday, March 22nd

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

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 25th

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 25th, is pork loin, creamed corn, Brussels sprouts, carrots, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs 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 22nd and 29th: 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 22nd and 29th, 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.

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for March

Students in the 6th through 12th 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 1st 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 22nd:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 29th:** *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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: March 25th

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 25th we ask you to bring canned fruit.** 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.



Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28th

On Saturday, March 28th, 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. Thank you for your support!



Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages: Saturday, March 28th

Children of all ages are invited to join a special Easter Egg Hunt event being held at the church on **Saturday, March 28th, 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.

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 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center by **Sunday, March 29th**.

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.

We appreciate your generosity!

Good Friday Service: April 3rd

Make plans to join us for a **Good Friday service** on Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our **Good Friday service** will include a Passion narrative with musical reflections. It will be a contemplative service offering an opportunity for deep and personal prayer.

It is a wonderful service to bring your family, a neighbor or a friend. Childcare, for ages newborn through pre-Kindergarten, will be available in **Childcare Corner** during the worship service. The service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

Celebrating Easter: Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service with Communion: 7:00 a.m.

Join us Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. in front of the main entrance to the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunrise Service with Communion. This service includes singing, prayers, devotion, and Holy Communion. The 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be holding our 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship service on Easter morning. Please make plans to join us at the 7:00 Sunrise Service and/or at either of the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship or Traditional Worship services.

Easter Morning Fellowship: 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Join us on Easter morning for a time of fellowship from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! Pastries and coffee will be available.

Contemporary Worship Service with Communion: 11:00 a.m.

The worship band, technical team, prayer team and pastor will be energized and ready to join with you in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship service in Hinton Hall, located in the Sheldon Family Life Center, will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Contemporary Worship** page on **Facebook**.

Traditional Worship Service with Communion: 11:00 a.m.

At the Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary, the music will be as glorious as the day deserves with the choir lifting praises to God, ending with our annual Easter acclamation, Handel's *Hallelujah!* The 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: Childcare, for ages newborn through Pre-Kindergarten, will be available in **Childcare Corner** for all worship services, and during the 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday School hour.

Opportunities to Serve in the Flowers Ministry

We are actively recruiting new members to the **Flowers Ministry**, a fun ministry which creates beautiful floral arrangements used to adorn the worship spaces in the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall for Sunday morning worship services. A training workshop will be held in April where you will have the opportunity learn how to make beautiful arrangements that will be placed in the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall to add beauty to our worship spaces. If you are interested in being part of our **Flowers Ministry**, please contact Verena Lucía Anders by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org or speak with James Dykes.

Register Now for This Summer's Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC

Mark your calendars and save the date for "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" Vacation Bible School. Registration is underway for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, 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 1st) through rising 6th 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 24th 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, by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to vbspro.events/p/42cb8a.

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



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Order Your Easter Lilies: Now Through Sunday, March 29th

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 5th. **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 - 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 - 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 29th, at 5:00 p.m.