

PALM SUNDAY



March 29, 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.



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

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
From wilderness, we follow Jesus, carrying lessons, hope, and faith.

Hosanna! Christ leads us into the city, into new opportunities, into
God's purpose.

**We lift our hearts and voice and palms,
ready to receive God's guidance and to celebrate God's kin-dom.**

☒ Hymn 280 | *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* V. 1 & 2 – ST. THEODULPH

WORD & RESPONSE

☒ Scripture | Matthew 4:12-17

Joel McLemore

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee.¹³ He
left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in
the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴This fulfilled what Isaiah the
prophet said:

¹⁵ *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,*

alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶ *the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,*

*and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in
shadow of death.*

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and
lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *What We Carry from the Wilderness*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

God of wilderness and way, we confess that we shout “Hosanna!” one moment and turn away the next. We welcome you when it feels joyful, but resist you when the path leads toward sacrifice.

We wave our palms in praise but hesitate to lay down our pride.

We want peace without cost, forgiveness without transformation, salvation without surrender.

Forgive us, God of the Journey. Teach us to follow you through both celebration and challenge to walk the road that leads not to triumphalism, but to true transformation.

A period of silence

Hear the Good News:

Christ comes not to condemn, but to redeem. Even when our voices falter, God’s mercy sings over us with steadfast love.

You are forgiven, set free to follow the One who enters the city this day.

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us share the peace of Christ with those around us!

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

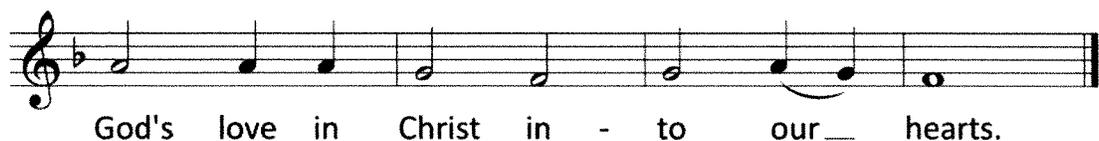
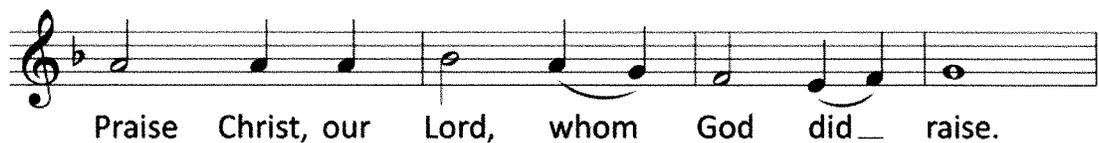
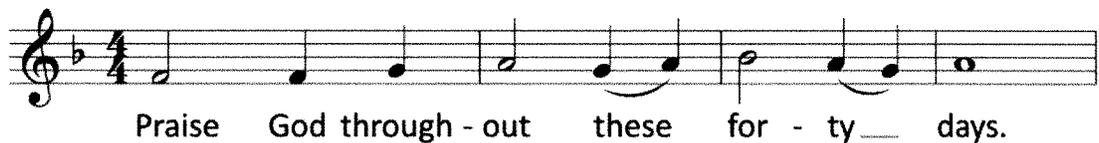
Ministry Moment | *United Women in Faith*

Receiving God’s Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *What Wondrous Love Is This* - arr. Eugene Oldham

Members of the Chancel Choir

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



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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

SENDING

✠ Hymn 278 | *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* – ELLACOMBE

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

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.

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

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Daniel Lee

Ian Toole

Joel McLemore

Usher Captains:

David Burleson

Charlie Doerlich

What lessons will you carry forward and live out?

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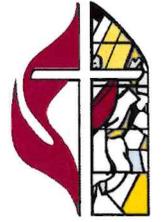
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The Sunday Supplement



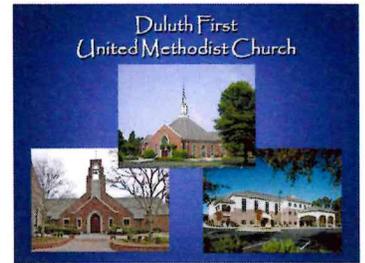
MARCH 29, 2026

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.

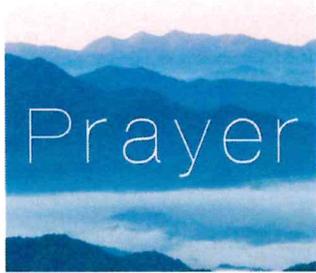
To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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 • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Pam Logan • Judy Lutz
- Barbara Martin • Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales
- Charlotte Schlubach • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher
- Cooper Trepanier-Rawles • Brynнан Taylor • Dale VanPelt
- Shaquita Ward • 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.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: April 1st

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, April 1st, is lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, asparagus, broccoli slaw, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Our dinner on April 1st will be the final Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall for the 2026 Winter/Spring season. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you back in Hinton Hall on Wednesday nights in August as we kick off our dinners for the 2026 Fall/Winter season.

New Food Opportunity on Sunday, March 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 morning, March 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 and April

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 29th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

The Sunday Night Gathering schedule for April is:

- **Sunday, April 5th:** No *Sunday Night Gathering*;
- **Sunday, April 12th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, April 19th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, April 26th:** Kickball Night with Level Creek UMC Youth Group. Location and time is TBD.

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.



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.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: April 1st

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 April 1st we ask you to bring spaghetti or pasta.** 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.

Church Offices Closed on Good Friday: April 3rd

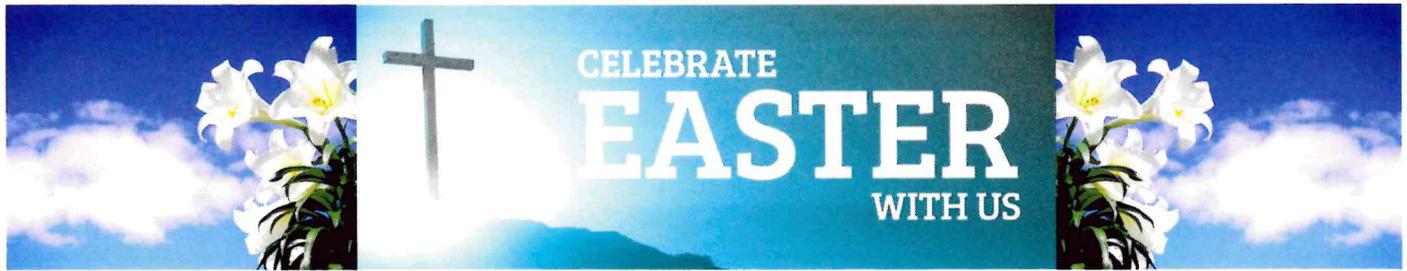
The church offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, in observance of Good Friday. Join us for a Good Friday service on Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The offices will re-open on Monday, April 6th.

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.

Bring Flowers for Easter Morning: Sunday, April 5th

The **Worship Committee** invites you to bring fresh flowers from your home to adorn the resurrection crosses that will be located outside of the Sanctuary and inside Hinton Hall on Easter morning, April 5th.

Share Your Easter Morning Family and Friends Photos with Us!

One of the Easter morning traditions at Duluth First UMC is when family and friends have their pictures taken in front of the resurrection crosses outside of the Sanctuary and in Hinton Hall to remember the joy of the day. We would like you to share your best picture with us, and they will be posted at a later date as a photo album on the church's Facebook and Instagram social media pages. Please select your best/favorite family and friends picture from the morning and please email it (**just one picture please**) to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org. Please put **EASTER PICTURE** in the subject line of your e-mail and include your family's name or the names of the friends in your group. **Please submit your Easter picture no later than Friday, April 17th.**

"Simply Something" Is Up to Something Beginning Tuesday, April 7th

Beginning on April 7th, our Tuesday morning **Simply Something** study group will begin a five to six—session study of the book of Esther. The Book of Esther, notable for being one of the two books in the Bible named after a woman (the other being Ruth), emphasizes the importance of standing up for one's community and faith, It is celebrated in Jewish tradition during Purim, which involves feasting and reading the book aloud.

No extra book is required, just your Bible. We will also be using the additional books of Esther found in the Apocrypha. **Simply Something** meets in room F147 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center), at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please let Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino know if you will attend so you can receive the class schedule of readings. For questions or to register please contact C. Kay by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org.

An Opportunity for You to Serve at the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Saturday, April 18th

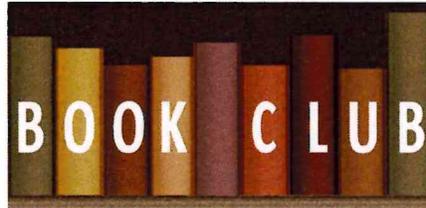
If you work during the day and would like to find an opportunity to serve in your community, the **Missions Ministry** has the day for you. If you would like a chance to serve in your community with your children, we've got just the day for you too! Join us on Saturday, April 18th, as we will be serving at the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** from 9 a.m. to noon. The **Duluth Co-Op** is located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth.



If you would like to be a part of this day, please scan the QR code located to the right and sign up. We can't wait to see you there!

Library Book Club to Discuss "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford: Monday, April 13th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss the book **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by Jamie Ford.



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Easter Lilies

Today Is the Final Day to Order Your Easter Lilies:
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.

NOTE: All Easter lily orders must be received by today, Sunday, March 29th, at 5:00 p.m.