

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

8:30 AM



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



For information about the
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

Keenan Klayman, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions
bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection
real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's
resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are
welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific
work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the
resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen**

✠ Hymn 158 | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* – SPANISH HYMN

WORD & RESPONSE

Common
English Bible

✠ Scripture | Acts 2:22-32

Ethel Sales

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this. ²³ In accordance with God’s established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. ²⁴ God raised him up! God freed him from death’s dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. ²⁵ David says about him,

I foresaw that the Lord was always with me; because he is at my right hand I won’t be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my body will live in hope, ²⁷ because you won’t abandon me to the grave, nor permit your holy one to experience decay. ²⁸ You have shown me the paths of life, your presence will fill me with happiness.

²⁹ “Brothers and sisters, I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day. ³⁰ Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that *he wasn’t abandoned to the grave, nor did his body experience decay.* ³² This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



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Sermon | *Wrestling with Easter: Unless I See*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Murphy-Harpst Children’s Center*

Receiving God’s Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – Arr. Roland Martin

Members of the Chancel Choir

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

✠ 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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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@duluthmc.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.

SENDING

✠ Hymn 152 | *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* – FOREST GREEN

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Daniel Lee
Johnathan Ancell
Joel McLemore

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Pamela Logan

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

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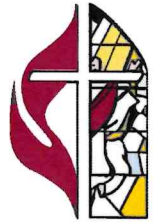
Chancel Flowers

are given today by Dennis and Debbie Patterson
in loving memory of their son, Scott.

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The Sunday Supplement



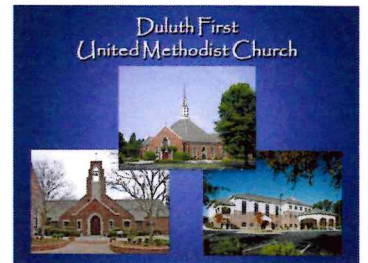
APRIL 12, 2026

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.

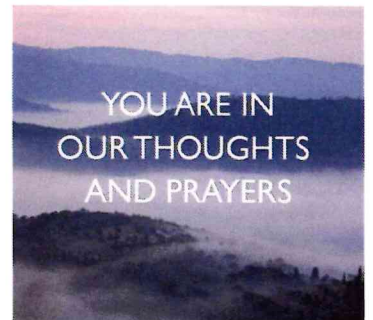
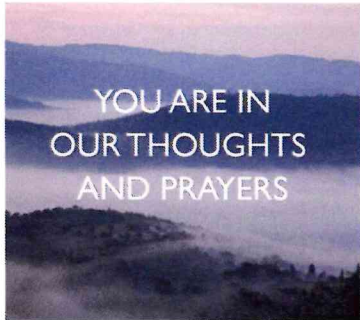
To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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

- Kathy Anderson • Jack Brannon • David Cook
- Karen Cook • Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Luke Livingston
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Dottie Moor
- Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt
- The family of Lillian Jean Lowry in her death.
- Jenny Masterson & family in the death of her step-father.



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.



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: April 19th

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday will be on April 19th. We will celebrate our volunteers, and all our wonderful congregation members, with sweet treats in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for 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.



The **Sunday Night Gathering** schedule for April is:

- **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.

Recognizing Our Graduates of 2026: Photos and Information Needed by Sunday, April 26th

If you have a student (or if you are the student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC and is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send a picture of your student by e-mail to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, at kwilli@duluthumc.org AND Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, at mlee@duluthumc.org. Please put **Graduate Recognition 2026** in the subject field of your e-mail.

Please be sure to include:

- the graduate’s name;
- the name of the school they are graduating from;
- their next step plans (i.e. college, military, trade school, graduate school, job).

All pictures and information need to be received by the end of the day, **Sunday, April 26th**.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth-led Worship and Graduate Recognition Sunday in all three services is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th.

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.

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.

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!

Interactive Seminar on Brain Health and the Power of Gratitude: Saturday, April 18th

All are invited to attend an interactive seminar on brain health and the power of gratitude, being held at Duluth First UMC on Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Join us, and our friends at **Senior Provisions**, as we explore how to keep our minds sharp.

The main topics of discussion will include:

- **Brain Health: Warning Signs of Cognitive Decline and Prevention.** We will discuss the top 10 warning signs of memory loss or cognitive decline, and learn to recognize when it might be time to get a baseline. There are real things you can do daily to help reduce brain aging and maximize your thinking capacity.
- **Power of Gratitude: The Impact of Gratitude on Aging.** God created us with an internal system that works in beautiful balance. When we endure increases in stress due to change and circumstances, our bodies get out of balance. We will look at depression in aging and the physical impact on body and mind. We will explore how God defines gratitude and how putting it into practice not only is a biblical precedent, but serves to improve our overall health and well-being. You will learn practical ways to implement thankfulness in your community.



Snacks will be provided, and we invite you to make a donation to offset supply costs. **To register and request childcare if needed, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128, by Friday, April 10th.**

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 of the names of the friends in your group. **Please submit your Easter picture no later than Friday, April 17th.**

Thank You from Your Daily Bread Co.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of everyone at **Your Daily Bread Co.**, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person who supported our **Sunday Morning Grab-and-Go Breakfast**. Your presence, encouragement, and patronage meant more to us than words can fully express.

As we move into the summer months, **Your Daily Bread Co.** will temporarily discontinue the **Sunday Grab-and-Go Breakfast** service. We will resume the Grab and Go Breakfast in August.

Thank you again for helping Your Daily Bread Co. carry out our mission of feeding and uplifting the community.

Chef Kenneth Lewis,
Founder and Executive Director, **Your Daily Bread Co.**

Atlanta Botanical Garden Trip: Tuesday, May 12th

Join **The RoadRunners** on **Tuesday, May 12th** (please note new date), for a flower-filled day with a guided tour at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with lunch to follow. The group will leave the church's back parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes entry into the gardens, tour, and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.

PLEASE NOTE:

- In order to attend you must be able to get in and out of a 15-passenger van and be healthy enough to travel several hours by car.
- We must have a minimum of 12 people to sign up in order to rent a van, otherwise travel will be via caravan.

To register please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. All registrations must be received by **Tuesday, April 21st**.

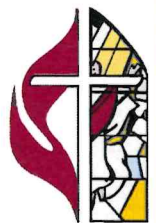


Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten 2026-2027 School Year

Registration for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2026-2027 school year is open and spots will go fast! We are an award-winning program that nurtures students learning in a loving, Christian environment. If you are interested in registering your little one or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at pszathmary@duluthumc.org or call 770-497-1743.



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