

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 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

Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

☒ Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

☒ Hymn 303 | *The Day of Resurrection* – LANCASHIRE



WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Luke 24:13-25

Karen Valduga

Common
English Bible

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" ¹⁹ He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him." ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Wrestling with Easter: Astounded Us; Joy and Disruption*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Volunteer Appreciation*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Ave Maria* - arr. Algirdas Matonis

Tim Near, *Trombonist*, Chase Parrish, *Euphoniumist*

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

✠ 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



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✠ 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

SENDING

✠ Hymn 312 | *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* V. 1 & 2 – LLANFAIR

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.

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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Audio/Visual Team:

James Lee
Johnathan Ancell
Ian Toole

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Debbie Bush

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given today to the glory of God
in memory of Don Lee, by Sara Lee and all his family.

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The Sunday Supplement



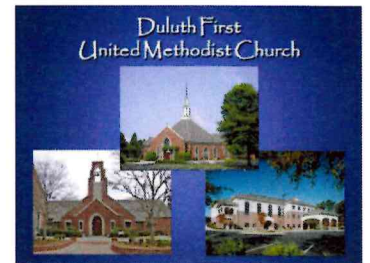
APRIL 19, 2026

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

- Sara Adams • 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 • Sharon Swisher • Dale VanPelt



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.



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:

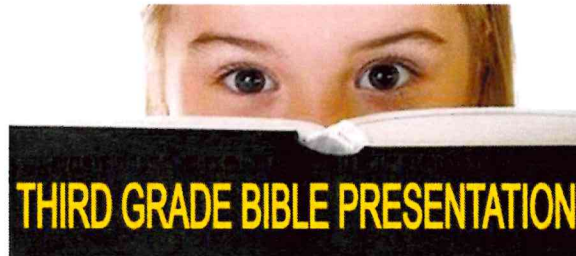
- the graduate's name;
- the name of the school they are graduating from;
- their next step plans (i.e. college, military, trade school, graduate school, job).

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



3rd Grade Bible Sunday: Today

Today our 3rd graders are receiving their Bibles in the Contemporary Worship Service. It's such a time of joy for our 3rd graders - John Marvin Klayman, John Smith, and Gus Wolfe - as they receive a special Bible from the church. If you see our 3rd graders in the coming weeks let them know what your favorite scriptures are, as they begin diving in and discovering the words for themselves!



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 19th:** *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* at AMC Sugarloaf Mills 18 (5900 Sugarloaf Pkwy #415, Lawrenceville) at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per ticket, plus money for food and drinks. Please contact Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org or call 818-903-0054 to reserve your ticket(s).
- **Sunday, April 26th:** *Kickball Night with Level Creek UMC Youth Group*, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please meet at the following address for this event - 5160 Gladstone Parkway, Suwanee, 30024.



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.

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.



New Titles in Our Church Library: Spring Is Here!

Spring is here! Step into Spring with your next great read from The Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library, located across from Hinton Hall on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center!

The Gift of Forgiveness by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt is a perfect blend of personal insights, powerful quotations, and hard-won wisdom for those seeking a way to live with greater acceptance, grace, and peace. The book features experiences from those well-known and unknown, including Elizabeth Smart, who learned to forgive her captors; Sue Klebold, whose son, Dylan, was one of the Columbine shooters, learning empathy and how to forgive herself; Chris Williams, who forgave the drunken teenager who killed his wife and child; and of course Schwarzenegger Pratt's own challenges and path to forgiveness in her own life.

All provide different journeys to forgiveness and the process--sometimes slow and thorny, sometimes almost instantaneous--by which they learned to forgive and let go. (Source: amazon.com)

The Other Emma by Sharon Gloger Friedman (Winner 2025 Fall PenCraft Award, Fiction - Historical Genre). In 1880, Rose Litkin, a nine-year-old orphan from the tenements of the Lower East Side, is adopted by Lucien Boyesten, a widowed banker seeking a companion for his spoiled ten-year-old daughter, Emma. Rose is whisked away to Boston—to a sister who resents and torments her—and struggles to find her place in a family where secrets abound.

Eight years later, impoverished and fleeing the disgrace of Lucien's fraudulent business practices and tragic death, Rose and Emma board a train bound for New York to live with Lucien's estranged sister, Frances. But a raging blizzard strands their train in the path of a runaway railway coach, and Emma perishes in the collision. Alone and frightened, Rose makes a desperate decision... Rose is warmly welcomed into Frances's home as "Emma" and quickly becomes a part of her aunt's extended family.

But the happiness that has always eluded her is still out of reach—clouded by the unbearable weight of her deception and the fear of losing everyone she holds dear. Set against the glitter and greed of the Gilded Age and rich in historic detail, *The Other Emma* chronicles Rose's journey from the despair of the tenements to the mansions of Fifth Avenue. (Source: amazon.com)



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.

Thank You from Your Daily Bread Co.

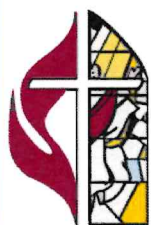
Dear Friends and Supporters,

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.**



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