

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 3, 2026  
11:00 AM

## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

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

☒ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles  
*Associate Pastor*

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Eternal Source of Light Divine* - G.F. Handel

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*



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

☒ Call to Worship

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth,  
and our life.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**



Children of all ages are  
welcome in worship.

Children's activity sheets  
& crayons are available at  
the main entrance to the  
sanctuary 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. Please see an  
usher or greeter for  
assistance.

## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

☒ Hymn 308 | *Thine Be the Glory* – JUDAS MACCABEUS

☒ Invitation, Confession, Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal, pg. 12

Ministry Moment | *Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering*



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For online giving, go to [duluthumc.org/online-giving](http://duluthumc.org/online-giving), or scan the QR code.



## Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *With A Voice of Singing* – Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir  
Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Doxology 94 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spi - rit, Ho-ly  
Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

New Revised  
Standard Version,  
Updated Edition

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far

above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sermon | *The Power is Yours!*

Anthem | *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* – Harold Friedell                      Chancel Choir  
Seouyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ The Great Thanksgiving    Hymnal, pgs. 17-18

✠ 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 327 | *Crown Him with Many Crowns* – DIADEMATA

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.**

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

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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

## ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### *Acolyte & Cross Bearer:*

John Smith  
Sarah Johnson

### *Audio/Visual Team:*

Charlie Greene  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

### *Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

### *Communion Servers:*

Donna Clark  
Vicki McLemore  
Jeanelle Jordon  
Joel McLemore  
Lynnette Hermanski  
Sally Southerland  
Elizabeth Marcus  
Jenny Masterson  
Lorraine Day

### *Flower Team:*

James Dykes

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# The Sunday Supplement



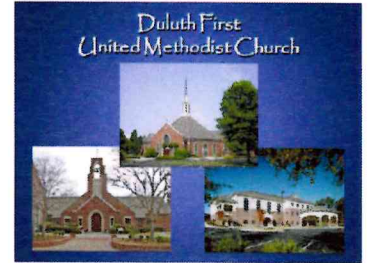
MAY 3, 2026

## 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

- Sara Adams • Kathy Anderson • Jack Brannon
- David Cook • Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Linda Kepler
- Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Dottie Moor
- Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher
- Dale VanPelt • ShiQuita Ward



## **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).*



## **This Morning's Communion Offering: Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward today's communion offering, the **Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**, which helps provide charitable financial assistance, pastoral care, and wellness programming to older adults living in **Wesley Woods** communities. Support is provided to residents in need of financial assistance to remain in their **Wesley Woods** homes. A robust wellness program includes fitness classes and on-site nurses to enhance the well-being of residents, enabling them to live independently longer. **Wesley Woods** chaplains provide ministry through personal visits, pastoral support, Bible study, and worship. Help create hope and spread joy with a gift to **Wesley Woods**. Thank you for helping to ensure seniors living at **Wesley Woods** continue to thrive.



The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

Remember and express appreciation for the special women in our lives by supporting the **Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**. For more information about **Wesley Woods**, please visit their website at [wesleywoods.org](http://wesleywoods.org).

**Snack Items Needed for Duluth High School and Coleman Middle School**  
**Teacher and Staff Appreciation: Through This Afternoon - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

If you would like to show your support and appreciation for the teachers and staff at Duluth High School and Coleman Middle School, we can use your help. We will be delivering large snack baskets for the staff lounges at both schools during Teacher Appreciation Week, beginning Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your donations of snack items will help make this possible. **We need individually wrapped candies, breakfast bars, peanut butter crackers, etc.** Collection spots for your donations will be located in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center **until 3:00 p.m. this afternoon - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Burchett, Assistant Pastor, by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org).

**Thank you for your help to ensure our local teachers and school staff feel seen and appreciated!**

**Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for May**

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.

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

- **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Senior Recognition Night** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday Night Gathering** (Mother's Day);
- **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>: Adult Volunteer Appreciation Night** 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.



**Register Now for This Summer's Vacation Bible School: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

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 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 and 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.



**Item Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School**

Please consider making a donation of items on our Amazon wish list for this summer's Vacation Bible School - "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." The wish list includes items needed for crafts, as well as snacks.

If you would like to donate an item or items, please use your smartphone or tablet to scan the QR code located to the right. Thank you for your support of "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God."



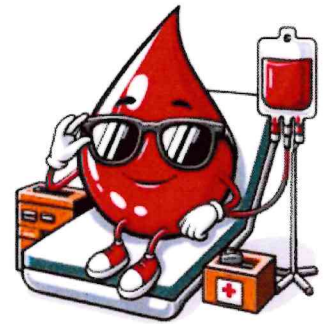
## **Library Book Club to Discuss “The Book Club of Troublesome Women”: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in room F 145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Book Club of Troublesome Women** by Marie Bostwick. **The Book Club for Troublesome Women** is a historical fiction novel about four suburban housewives in 1960s Virginia who form a secret book club, inspired by Betty Friedan’s **The Feminine Mystique**, to discuss their dissatisfaction with the “American dream” and find empowerment through friendship and shared experiences.

Nicknamed “The Bettys,” the women—Margaret, Charlotte, Viv, and Bitsy—navigate personal crises and societal expectations, discovering their own strength and the power of sisterhood during a pivotal year. (Source: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com))

## **Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Giving blood is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to make a direct, life-saving impact in someone else’s life. A single donation can help multiple patients—People undergoing surgery, trauma victims, cancer patients and those with chronic illness who depend on regular transfusions to survive. **Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from donors, which means every contribution matters.** It’s a small act that takes little time but offers immeasurable value—turning an ordinary day into an opportunity to be someone’s lifeline.



An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating blood as the Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. To schedule an appointment:

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a “walk-in” on Blood Drive Day.

Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! Please go to [rcblood.org/Amazon](http://rcblood.org/Amazon) for additional information.

## **Youth-Led Worship Sunday and Recognition of Graduates: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for youth-led worship in all three worship services (8:30 a.m. Traditional, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:00 a.m. Traditional). It will be a great morning as we get to hear messages from our students and as they lead us in various aspects of our worship services.

We will also be recognizing our graduates of 2026 at all three worship services on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!

## **A Big “Thank You” for Encouraging and Supporting Our College Students**

Thank you so much for your generosity in providing gift cards for our college student care packages! Because of your support, we were able to send out 37 care packages.

We are also grateful to Laura Cox for helping lead this ministry, and to the Tuesday evening Women’s Bible Study Group for writing encouraging notes, helping assemble the packages, and praying together for the students.

Thank you for the many ways you love and care for our college students!



**Women’s Bible Study Group**



## **Miracle Sunday: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

In 2025 The United Methodist Church launched a new vision statement - **“To love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.”** As a result we, as United Methodists, are recommitting ourselves to supporting clergy and United Methodists around the world. John Wesley made education a core commitment of his Methodist movement going back to its earliest days. In 1748, just a decade after his heart-warming spiritual awakening, Wesley established the still-thriving Kingswood School to provide high-quality education to the children of coal miners, as well as adults.



So it makes sense that as the people called Methodist “spread scriptural holiness over the land,” they planted not only churches but also schools for all ages. Those campuses eventually came to include United Methodist seminaries and theological schools to educate clergy around the globe. But ensuring would-be pastors can pay for their education has long been a challenge — especially in Africa, the Philippines

and parts of Europe. While 71% of United Methodist clergy in the U.S. have a master’s degree or higher in theology, less than 5% of clergy in Africa, Europe and the Philippines can say the same.

That’s where **Miracle Sunday** comes in. The one-time offering is scheduled to take place in the denomination’s more than 30,000 congregations on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the final Sunday of this year’s Easter season. The offering will raise funds for the **Endowment for Theological Education in Africa, Europe and the Philippines**. We will take this offering during all three worship services on May 17<sup>th</sup> and invite you to participate in this important mission of The United Methodist Church. This offering is in addition to your giving to the general fund.



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