



Youth Sunday

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 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

Sarah Johnson, *Liturgist*

Recognition of 2026 Graduates

Rev. Min Lee
*Director of Youth Ministries &
Contemporary Worship Music Director*

Prayer for the Graduates

☒ Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good!

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord – the one who holds us through change and chaos!

For his steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship the Lord whose love is our foundation.

☒ Hymn 154 | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* V. 1 & 2 – CORONATION

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Ecclesiastes 1:8-11, 15, Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

Caroline Atkinson

New Revised
Standard
Edition

All things are wearisome, more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing or the ear filled with hearing.⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in the ages before us. ¹¹ The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them. ¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

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

Sermon | *Changes and Challenges*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Vacation Bible School*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory – *I Believe in Love* – Mark Miller

Genesis Youth Choir
Sara Burns, *Pianist*



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First UMC. For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

✠ 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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, *Associate Pastor*

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

SENDING

✘ Hymn 188 | *Christ Is the World's Light* – CHRIST SANCTORUM

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.

✘ Benediction

Caroline Atkinson

✘ Postlude

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**ALSO SERVING
IN
WORSHIP
TODAY**

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Usher/Greeter:

Josie Fuino

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James Dykes



The Sunday Supplement



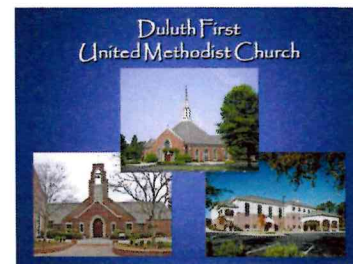
MAY 17, 2026

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 • Tracy Balkcom • Jack Brannon
- Ann Fleming • Margaret Gaskins • Linton Jones
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin
- Dottie Moor • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward
- Aleta Marlowe & family in the death of her husband, Ernie.
- Melanie Mayfield & family in the death of her father.
- Clara Truesdell & family in the death of her mother.



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.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in May

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 May is:

- **Sunday, May 17th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 24th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 31st: 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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



Miracle Sunday: Today

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 today, Sunday, May 17th, 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 this morning 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.

Butterflies Are Coming Down on Tuesday, May 26th

We will be taking down the butterflies in front of the church on Tuesday, May 26th, at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.

Youth at Gwinnett Stripers Baseball: Sunday, June 7th

We invite everyone to join us as we watch the **Gwinnett Stripers** play at home against the **Norfolk Tides** on Sunday, June 7th! This will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends. Students, we encourage you to invite your friends to this event!

The game will begin at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Dr. in Lawrenceville. The cost is \$15 per ticket, plus personal spending money for food, merchandise, etc. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will meet at Coolray Field, and pick-up will also take place there. We will keep you updated on the pick-up time.

Please sign up for this event by Sunday, May 31st, so that we can purchase enough tickets for everyone. You can sign up by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Rev. Min Lee by email at mlee@duluthumc.org, or at 818-903-0054. We look forward to a great afternoon together!



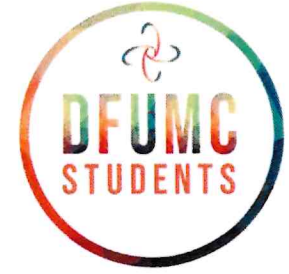
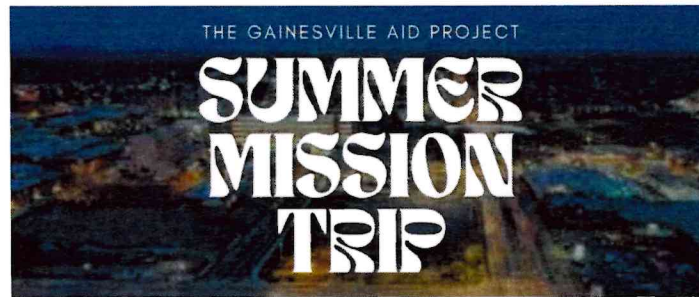
Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesdays, June 10th, July 15th, and August 12th

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, June 10th, July 15th, and August 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Summer Mission Trip: The Gainesville Aid Project

Students from our Youth Ministry are excited to partner with The Gainesville Aid Project (GAP) from Wednesday, June 10th, through Sunday, June 14th, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the day and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evening. **We ask for your prayers for this mission trip!**



Register Now for This Summer's Vacation Bible School: June 22nd - 26th

Register now for "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" 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 next Sunday, 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.



Popsicles on the Playground: Mondays, June 8th and July 13th

The summer is too long to go without seeing our friends! Preschool-aged children, their siblings, and their grown-ups are invited to come play at the church on **Mondays, June 8th and July 13th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will have popsicles for the kids and iced coffee for the grownups!

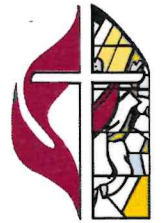
Join us on the playground if the weather is nice, and if it is raining or way too hot, we will be in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.

Be on the look out for other meet up opportunities this summer by following us on:

- Our church's website – www.duluthumc.org;
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC>;
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc>.



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