



# Youth Sunday

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026  
11:00 AM

✠ 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  
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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.

## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Charlie Greene, *Liturgist*

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Offertoire II* – Françoise Couperin

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
**And all these things will be added to you.**

Let us leave behind our worries about money, work, and the future,

**We come to seek God's righteousness and live in his kingdom.**

Ask for God's help and it will be given to you.

**Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.**

## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 154 | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* – CORONATION

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ Response 70 | *Glory Be to the Father* – MEINEKE

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *I Believe in Love* – Mark Miller


Genesis Youth Choir, Sara Burns, *Pianist*

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 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**

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



This, this is where chil - dren be - long, wel - comed as part of the  
 wor - ship - ping throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and  
 cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil - dren be - long.



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



Children's Message

Eva Mayfield

✠ Scripture | Matthew 6:33-34

Jacob Downey

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

New International  
Version

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

Sermon | *Not Letting Worry Be in Control*

Hymn 405 | *Seek Ye First* – SEEK YE FIRST

Prayers of the People

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.**

Recognition of 2026 Graduates

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

Prayer for the Graduates

Anthem | *Irish Blessing* – Bob Chilcott

Genesis Youth Choir  
Sara Burns, *Pianist*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, may God hold you ever in the palm of his hand.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
& Church Membership

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

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.

## ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Acolyte & Cross Bearer:*

Jasmine Gordon  
Sydney Downey

*Audio/Visual Team:*

Joel McLemore  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

*Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

*Ushers:*

Connor Fulford  
Hudson Phillips

*Flower Team:*

James Dykes

# SENDING

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

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

Jacob Downey

✠ Postlude

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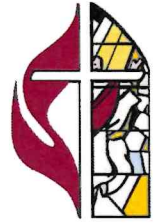
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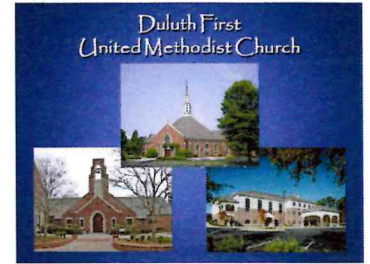
MAY 17, 2026

## 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](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



- 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](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org).*



## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in 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 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.



## **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 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 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

We will be taking down the butterflies in front of the church on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).

## **Youth at Gwinnett Stripers Baseball: Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

We invite everyone to join us as we watch the **Gwinnett Stripers** play at home against the **Norfolk Tides** on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or at 818-903-0054. We look forward to a great afternoon together!



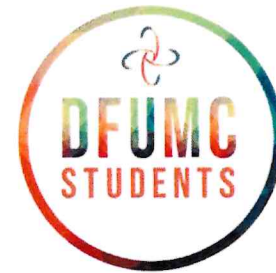
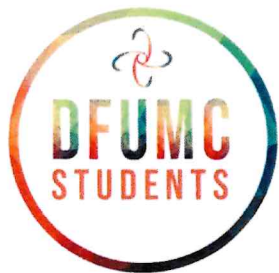
## **Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

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



## **Popsicles on the Playground: Mondays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>**

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 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.duluthumc.org);
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC>;
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc>.



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