



May 24, 2026
8:30 AM



Pentecost Sunday

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

ENTRANCE



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.

Prelude

Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Keenan Klayman, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation.

Amen.

✠ Hymn 331 | *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us* V. 1 & 2 – FOR THE BREAD

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Acts 2: 1-21

Vicki McLemore

New Revised
Standard
Version,
Updated
Edition

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Sermon | *Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg.12

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Long Term Facilities Maintenance Fund*

Robert Gates
Chair, Trustees

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* – Timothy Powell

Members of the Chancel Choir, Susan Johnson, *Pianist*



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For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

✠ 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.

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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.

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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

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.

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

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Charlie Greene
Ian Toole
Joel McLemore

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Jenny Masterson

✠ Hymn 539 | *O Spirit of the Living God* V. 1 & 2 – FOREST GREEN

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.

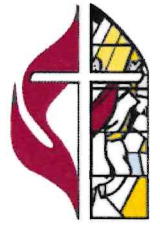
✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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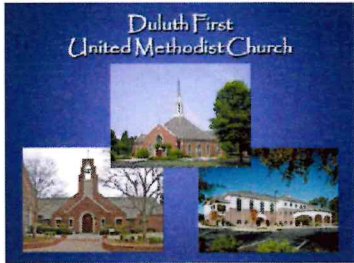
The Sunday Supplement



MAY 24, 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 • Hayden Brackett
- Jack Brannon • Ann Fleming • Margaret Gaskins
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher
- Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward



OVERWHELMED AND STRUGGLING?

There's Stephen Ministry.

Request a Stephen Minister to help you find hope and healing.

For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org.



Asphalt Repair and Resealing/Restriping Projects for Church Parking Lots

Over the next few weeks, the church's parking lots will be undergoing asphalt repair and resealing/restriping projects. These will not impact access to the church's parking lots on Sunday mornings, but may impact access to certain parts of the parking lots during the weekdays of the next few weeks.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but our parking lots will look fresh and amazing once these projects are completed. Please remember that we are able to do these types of necessary maintenance projects due to your generous and faithful giving to the church's **Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Fund**.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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 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.



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!



Food Drive for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Sunday, June 7th

Thank you for your outstanding **Food Drive** support during the Wednesday Night Dinners, as your weekly donations enabled **Hands of Christ Duluth Duluth-Op** to serve an increasing demand for food. However, during the Spring and Summer months, a slowdown in donations is experienced. **Hands of Christ's food inventory is at very low levels.** It's not a crisis but is something we need to be attentive of, as more individuals are being served than ever before.

Over 60% of the food distributed by **Hands of Christ** comes from donations. Their current need is based upon the increase in the number of clients served each week. On a typical week, over 125 clients are served, resulting in a weekly distribution of over 4000 pounds of canned and dry products.

Duluth First UMC will be holding a Food Drive for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op on Sunday, June 7th, during service hours for the donation of the following items: canned peas, canned fruit, canned tomatoes (diced, whole, stewed), spaghetti/pasta, and jelly (plastic squeeze bottles are preferred). There will be multiple locations around the Sanctuary and in the Sheldon Family Life Center to receive your food donations.

Thank you for your continued support of **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op.** If you have any questions, contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.

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!

Pack a Backpack with School Supplies for a Child at Seneca Street UMC:

Beginning on Sunday, June 14th

Over the last six years it has been a joy for our congregation to be part of the **Summer Reading Camp** at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, by packing backpacks here in Duluth with school supplies for the children in Buffalo. After being shipped to Buffalo, backpacks are distributed to children at the end of the two-week camp for use in the upcoming school year. A portion of the backpacks will be processed as we have done in the past, while for the rest of the backpacks we will buy and collect school supplies and have a packing party for filling them with collected school supplies.

If you would like to pack a backpack:

- **Grades 1 – 8: Beginning on Sunday, June 14th**, select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5th**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11th**, beginning at 10 a.m. in Hinton Hall, where you can come and fill backpacks with collected school supplies.
- **Kindergarten and grades 9 – 12: Beginning Sunday, June 21st**, select an empty backpack which will include a school supplies list and note on the return process. Shop for school supplies to fill it with and return completed backpacks **no later than Sunday, July 12th**.



This approach was very successful last year as it allowed a greater number of our members to participate in the ministry. Backpacks and school supplies can be left in the collection areas located on the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or 678-662-2215. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

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 today 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!

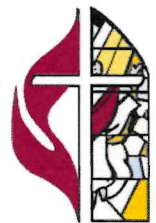
Join us on the playground if the weather is nice, and if it is raining or way too hot, we will be in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.

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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