



May 24, 2026  
11:00 AM

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



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activities of Duluth First  
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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.



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services. Please see an  
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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles  
*Associate Pastor*

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Sarabande* from Suite No.4 – J.S. Bach

Jonathan Walton, *Cellist*

✠ 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.**

# PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 331 | *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us* – FOR THE BREAD

✠ 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

Anthem | *And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord* – Hubert Parry

Chancel Choir, Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

Ministry Moment | *Long Term Facilities Maintenance Fund*

Robert Gates  
*Chair, Trustees*

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

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

Chancel Choir

Susan Johnson, *Pianist*, Jonathan Walton, *Cellist*

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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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✠ Scripture | Genesis 18: 1-15

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*New Revised  
Standard Version,  
Updated Edition

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." <sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. <sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. <sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." <sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**Sermon | *Living with Unfulfilled Promises*

Hymn 393 | Spirit of the Living God

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.**

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:*  
Grace Saxelby  
Charlie Greene

*Audio/Visual Team:*  
Joel McLemore  
Lynn Ometer  
Bryan Johnson

*Usher Captains:*  
David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

*Flower Team:*  
Jenny Masterson

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

# SENDING

☒ Hymn 539 | *O Spirit of the Living God* – 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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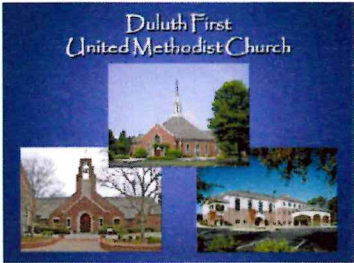
# The Sunday Supplement



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](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 • 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](mailto: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 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 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.



## **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!



## **Food Drive for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you for your outstanding **Food Drive** support during the Wednesday Night Dinners, as your weekly donations enabled **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com) or call 678-662-2115.

## **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!

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

### **Beginning on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 14<sup>th</sup>**, select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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 12<sup>th</sup>**.



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 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 today 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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