



May 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.



✠ 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. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.

ENTRANCE

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *A Whiter Shade of Pale* – arr. Paul Ayres

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Worship

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God,
the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

**We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems,
and sustains all creation!**

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to
marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

**We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who
creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems,
and sustains all creation!**

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 64 | *Holy, Holy, Holy* – NICEA

✠ 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 | *Be Thou My Vision* – arr. Cynthia Dobrinski Hand Bells
Johnathan Ancell, *Director*

Ministry Moment | *Worship Committee* Verena Lucía Anders
Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *On Eagle's Wings* – Michael Joncas Hand Bells

✠ 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!



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



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

Children's Message

Jackie Grube

✘ Scripture | Romans 8:18-28

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Benevolent Omnipotence*

Hymn 475 | *Come Down, O Love Divine* – DOWN AMPNEY

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

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

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

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:
Eleanor Fuino
Genevieve Taylor

Audio/Visual Team:
Lee Castleberry
Charlie Greene,
Frank Loose

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Susan Johnson

✠ Hymn 79 | *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (V. 1 - 4) – GROSSER GOTT

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.

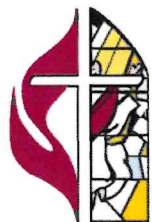
✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude



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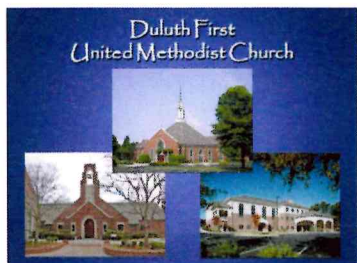
The Sunday Supplement



MAY 31, 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 • Fran Ball
- Hayden Brackett • Jack Brannon • Ann Fleming
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin
- Pat Pepper • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward
- Dianne Gilbreath & family in the death of her niece.



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.



Youth at Gwinnett Stripers Baseball Game on Sunday, June 7th:

Order Your Tickets by Today, May 31st

We invite everyone to join us as we go to Coolray Field to 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 today - 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!



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 31st: Adult Volunteer Appreciation Night** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

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

- **Sunday, June 7th: Gwinnett Stripers Game** at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field. Additional information and registration is located on the front page.
- **Sunday, June 14th: No Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Gainesville Aid Project);
- **Sunday, June 21st: No Sunday Night Gathering** (Father's Day);
- **Sunday, June 28th: Sunday Night Gathering** 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@duluthmc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



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

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.

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>.



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!

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.

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.



Library Book Club to Discuss "The Personal Librarian": Monday, June 22nd

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, June 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict (writing as Heather Terrell) and Victoria Christopher Murray.

The Personal Librarian is a historical novel about Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, who was a Black woman passing as white to succeed in the early 20th-century art world. The book explores her secret identity, her rise as a powerful figure in the art and book world, and the constant struggle to protect her family and legacy in a racist society. It's a story of ambition, identity, and the lengths one must go to for success and survival.

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.



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