

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2026  
8:30 A.M.



✠ 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](http://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.

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Keenan Klayman, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

**God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**

God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

**God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**

God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

**God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**

Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

**God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.**

✠ Hymn 545 | *The Church's One Foundation* – AURELIA

# WORD & RESPONSE

Common  
English Bible

✠ Scripture | Genesis 18:1-14, 21:1-3

Gen Butterworth

<sup>18:1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant." They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?" And he said, "Right here in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!" Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, 'I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old. <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

<sup>21:1</sup> The Lord was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the Lord carried out just what he had promised her. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac.

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



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



Sermon | *Notice All the People*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal pg. 12

✠ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Missions Moment | *Backpacks for Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY*

Charlie Doerlich

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

✠ 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.**

...

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.**

...

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

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.**

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

## SENDING

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

⌘ Hymn 110 | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – EIN' FEST BURG

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.**

### ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Audio/Visual Team:*

James Lee  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

*Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

*Flower Team:*

Cheryl Greene  
James Dykes

⌘ Benediction

⌘ Postlude

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God  
in honor of Rebekah Patterson's birthday  
by Chris, Beth, and Rachel Patterson.

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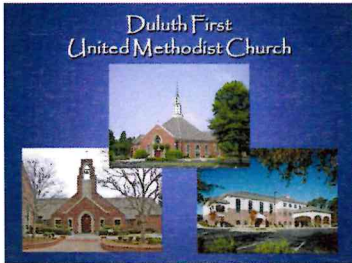
# The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 14, 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 • Donna Bowman • Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Beth Intondi
- Jan Jones • Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin • Pat Pepper • Bette Pickin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward
- Our Youth Ministry students and adult leaders on their Summer Mission Trip, the Gainesville Aid Project (GAP), June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Lori Allen & family in the death of her mother.
  - Pat Brannon & family in the death of her husband, Jack.
  - Marc Downey & family in the death of his father.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



## **WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION.**

Duluth First UMC Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one emotional care and support to those in our church and community who are hurting.

Contact Rev. Dr. C.Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) for additional information.

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## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 June is:

- Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Gainesville Aid Project);
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (Father's Day);
- Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: **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@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



## **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. School supply cards will be available for pickup in Hinton Hall before and after the 11:00 worship services.
- **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.

## **Vacation Bible School Is Next Week: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

Register now for **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God** Vacation Bible School, being held next week, 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 still need some 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](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.

## **Vacation Bible School Decorations Request for Loaner Flora and Fauna**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Amazon wish list for decorations and other supplies! As we prepare to create an exciting rainforest environment around the theme of our upcoming Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**, we are also requesting donations or loans of:

- **Green, leafy potted plants (preferably artificial, but all welcomed);**
- **Tropical- and jungle-themed stuffed animals (monkeys, tigers, sloths, birds, reptiles, etc.).**

We'll be glad to care for, label, and return any loaned items after Vacation Bible School. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at [bryantaylor44@gmail.com](mailto:bryantaylor44@gmail.com).



## **Vacation Bible School Decoration Day: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

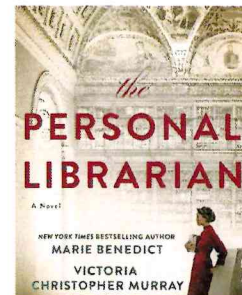
It's time to build our lush rainforest adventure setting throughout the church for this year's Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. **Volunteers are needed to help decorate on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.** No sign-up required – just show up when you can for as long as you can and be ready to help create an exciting environment for our Vacations Bible School kids!

If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at [bryantaylor44@gmail.com](mailto:bryantaylor44@gmail.com). Childcare will be available for children ages pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be helping with their own special decorations for Vacation Bible School. If you will be needing childcare, Please contact Linda Wettlaufer by e-mail at [lwettlaufer@duluthmc.org](mailto:lwettlaufer@duluthmc.org).

## **Library Book Club to Discuss "The Personal Librarian": Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, in Hinton Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship services as we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of the United States. A meal will be provided by the church and the choir will lead patriotic music.



## **A New Small Group Class, The Quest for the Historical Jesus, Begins July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

A new small group class, utilizing Bart Ehrman's **New Insights into the New Testament Seminar for 2025**, will be offered at the church on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This class, led by Pete Fleming, features videos of ten New Testament scholars' lectures on various aspects of the **Historical Jesus Quest**.

Classes will meet twice weekly for ten weeks:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.;
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

**Participants may attend either class.**

Video presenters include Amy-Jill Levine, Dale Allison, Elaine Pagels, Paula Fredriksen and others. Each class will view one 40-minute lecture, followed by a time of discussion. Participants are encouraged to read E.P. Sanders's book, **The Historical Figure of Jesus**, which presents the basic outlines of the Historical Jesus scholarship. The book can be purchased for under \$10.

Please contact Pete Fleming by e-mail at [lfleming3832@att.net](mailto:lfleming3832@att.net) or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthmc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthmc.org) to register and also letting them know

which day you will attend. Once the size of each class has been determined, participants will be notified of the classroom location.

## Thank You From Happy Sacks

With the end of the 2025-26 school year, **Happy Sacks** has completed our fourteenth year of providing nutritious weekend snacks for children in need. This past school year, we packed and delivered 4,133 sacks to children at five local schools. Since the program began in 2012, we have delivered over 44,000 sacks!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Happy Sacks** ministry this school year! Thank you to those who have donated food items and money, to those who have helped pack sacks on Wednesday night, and to those who have delivered the sacks to the schools! We hear over and over from the counselors at the schools how much the children appreciate the sacks. This ministry would not be possible without your support.

We look forward to starting back when school resumes in August. Thank you again for all of your support!

**Big**  
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