

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2026
8:30 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

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Terrie Adkins, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

And God pays attention to us.

As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.
May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

✠ Hymn 175 | *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (verses 1 & 2) – ST. AGNES

WORD & RESPONSE

Common
English Bible

✠ Scripture | Genesis 21:8-21

Rich Rawls

⁸ The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. ⁹ Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

¹¹ This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. ¹² God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. ¹³ But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." ¹⁴ Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. ¹⁶ She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

¹⁷ God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. ¹⁸ Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. ²¹ He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

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

Sermon | *Hear 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

Ministry Moment | *Youth Mission Trip*

Jacob Downey

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *How Firm a Foundation* - arr. Mark Mitchell

Katie Jones & Stephen McLemore, *Vocalists*
Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*



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✠ 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.

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 664 | *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* – THE ASH GROVE

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:

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Pam Logan
James Dykes

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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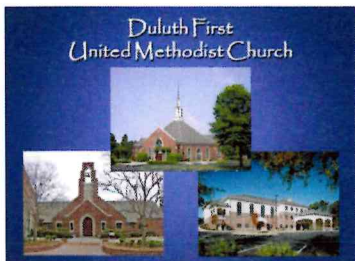
The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 21, 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 • Donna Bowman
- Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Beth Intondi
- Cheryl Jackson • Jan Jones • Linton Jones
- Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin
- Tom Martin • Bette Pickin • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward



• All of our children, youth, adult leaders and volunteers at this week's Vacation Bible School, *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

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.



250th Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, June 28th

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



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

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:** Select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. School supply cards will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. 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. Backpacks will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. 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.

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 June is:

- **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”).

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

- **Sunday, July 5th:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, July 12th:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, July 19th:** **2026 FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party**. Time TBA in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, July 26th:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”).

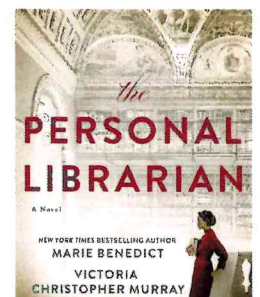
Please visit the **Youth Ministry’s** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



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

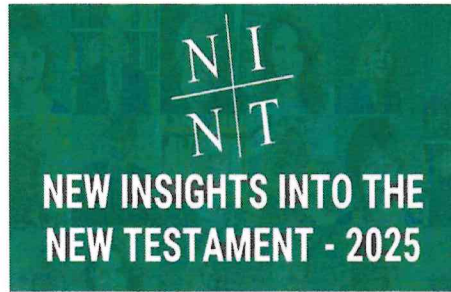
The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, June 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict (writing as Heather Terrell) and Victoria Christopher Murray.

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.



A New Small Group Class, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*, Begins July 7th and 8th

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 7th and 8th. This class, led by Pete Fleming, features videos of ten New Testament scholars' lectures on various aspects of the **Historical Jesus Quest**.



2025 Theme:
THE HISTORICAL JESUS

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 or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.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.

Popsicles on the Playground: Monday, 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 Monday, 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, July 15th, and August 12th

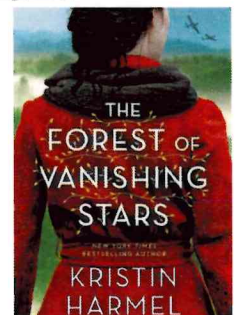
Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, 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!

Library Book Club to Discuss "*The Forest of Vanishing Stars*": Monday, July 20th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristin Harmel.

The **Forest of Vanishing Stars** is a World War II historical fiction novel about a young woman, Yona, who was kidnapped as a child and raised in the forests of Eastern Europe, learning to survive off the land. After her kidnapper dies, she encounters Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis and uses her wilderness skills to help them survive, while they teach her about love and community, all while she grapples with her past and identity. The story is inspired by true accounts of Jewish partisans and survival groups during the war.



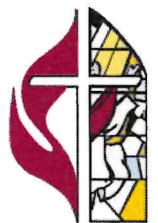
Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op Food Drive Update

Thank you to the congregation of Duluth First United Methodist Church, as the results of the Food Drive held on Sunday, June 7th, were a great success! **You contributed all the key groceries that were urgently needed, providing 572 pounds of food for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op.** Thank you so very much! Based upon this success, another Food Drive is being planned for in early July.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich at by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.



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