



**March 17, 2024**

*Psalm 119: 9-16; Matthew 18: 15-22*

Gathering Music

Opening Music

Call to Worship

Opening Music

Welcome

Story for All Ages

Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Response

Music

Scripture Reading

Special Music

Gospel Reading

Message

Meditative Time of Prayer

Invitation to Give

Music

Blessing

Postlude

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# Welcome

We are  
**LOVE**  
**FIRST**

***We are glad you are here!***

### OUR STATEMENT OF INCLUSION:

As people who follow Jesus by putting love first, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We honor and affirm the sacred worth of persons of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental capacity, education, economic means, marital status, and faith story.

### OUR MISSION:

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The further mission of First United Methodist Church is to create and build inclusive Christian community through INVITING, FORMING and SENDING faithful, active disciples of Jesus Christ.

***Each Sunday there is a fellowship time with coffee, lemonade and treats after worship. Turn left as you leave the sanctuary!***



### Welcome Baskets for New Emma Norton Residents

**Between now and March 31 United Women in Faith will be collecting items for Welcome Baskets. There are two ways you can donate to this project:**

1. **Send a monetary donation.** We will do the shopping for you! Each basket costs about \$100 to assemble. Make checks payable to First UMW and mail to our Treasurer, Jackie Ankenman, at 2608 14th St. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301.

2. **Do your own shopping.** Purchase as many items as you like! Drop them off at the UWF table in the fellowship hall. **Items included in the Welcome Basket are:** flat and fitted twin sheets, 1 pillow and pillow case, 1 blanket (comforter, quilt, winter blankets), hand & bath towels, toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, coffee mug. **Optional but appreciated:** lint roller, shower caddy, small picture frame (4x6), lotion & a journal.

# New with us?

***We hope the following information will be helpful to you!***

**Accessibility:** Portable amplification/listening devices are available in the lefthand (southeast) back corner of the Sanctuary at the Sound Booth. The entire building is on one level, and all areas are accessible. If you have accessibility needs, we want to make sure you feel welcome and safe! Please contact [fumc@fumcscr.org](mailto:fumc@fumcscr.org) and one of our staff members will work with you.

**Single-stall Restrooms:** Are available through the double doors at the end of the hall on either side of the hallway in the Education Wing.

**Offering:** During this time we encourage everyone, member and guest, to return their Connect Card with as much contact information and prayer requests filled in as you are comfortable with providing. Members may also take this time to give of their tithes and offerings if they haven't taken advantage of online options.

**Communion:** In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month at an open table. This means that everyone who wants to come and receive communion is welcome to do so. You do not have to be a member of the church or a United Methodist. All are welcome to receive God's grace through the bread and juice. If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements, please inform an usher. Home visitation Communion is available.

***Learn more at***  
***[www.lovefirstumc.org](http://www.lovefirstumc.org)***



Children will gather in the Ed Wing at 9:15am to lead us in a Palm Processional.

# Children & Youth

**Ages 6 weeks - 5 years:** Nursery is available Sunday mornings until 11:30am

**Grades Kindergarten - Grade 2:** Sunday School after worship until 11:30am

**Grade 3 -Grade 6:** Quest after worship until 11:30am

***Additional Adults needed to teach Faith formation on Sunday Mornings***

***or support current teachers as an extra set of hands in one of our two classrooms.***

**Grade 6 -Grade 8:** Middle School Youth Group on Wednesdays from 6-7pm

# Get Involved:

***Please feel welcome to join in any opportunity you see that feels comfortable to you!***

## ***THIS WEEK:***

### ***Art Crawl***

***Wednesday, March 20 (corrected date) from 5-7pm***

Don't run, but WANDER through our Wandering Heart Art Display on Wednesday March 20th from 5-7PM. This installation will consist of art from many mediums, created by all ages and experience levels. Come see your collective church family's interpretation of our lenten theme "Wandering Heart" as well as the pieces of art you have seen as part of our Sunday Worship Series. Plan to spend some time in fellowship with one another with punch and charcuterie .

**The Cost of admission** is a non-perishable donation to the food shelf or a cash donation to FACT.

## ***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:***

### ***Want to Put LOVE FIRST into Welcome?***

**Would you like to usher or greet on Sundays?**

Connect with Jan Fruth: [fruity191@q.com](mailto:fruity191@q.com) or  
**320 - 380 - 3372**

### ***Liturgical Arts Group***

#### ***Looking for Volunteers***

We would LOVE to have a few people to help with seasonal decorations in the sanctuary. We work hard, laugh a lot and have fun.

We are also looking for someone who can help doing a small calligraphy project.

if you are interested and have more questions just email Jill at: [jillhaak@gmail.com](mailto:jillhaak@gmail.com)

# Holy Week 2024



**Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:30am** in the sanctuary with palm processional led by our children. *(livestream available)*



**Holy Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00pm** beginning the sanctuary with stations throughout the building and ending in the sanctuary.



**Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary *(livestream available)*



**Easter Sunday, March 31**  
**Sunrise Hike at 6:30am** at Rockville County Park  
RSVP needed at [lovefirstumc.org/hike](http://lovefirstumc.org/hike)  
**Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am** in the sanctuary *(livestream available)*