

The background of the entire poster is a stylized landscape. The top half features a light pink sky with several black silhouettes of birds in flight. Below the sky are layers of rolling hills in shades of pink and purple. The bottom third of the image is a dark purple area containing silhouettes of raised fists and protest signs. One sign on the left features a white cross.

# “The Price of Freedom”

June 15, 2025

9:30am

First United  
Methodist Church

DOWNTOWN FOR GOOD



## ***Welcome To First Church, a place where all are truly welcome!***

We are glad you are here today. Please fill out a **connect card** using the QR code or find one in the back of the seat in front of you. You can put them in the offering plate, signifying that your presence in worship is one of your gifts to God. Newcomers receive a gift when they bring their completed cards to the Welcome Center.



*Connect*

**To learn more** about the life of the church, if you have a special need, or wish to have someone be in touch with you, please note it on your connect card or email [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org).

### **Guest Preacher Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays**

Pastor Afi is an ordained Elder of the WI Annual Conference currently serving as the Assistant to the Bishop for Authentic Diversity and Leadership with the ELCA. She is the proud mother of three children, Sulaiman (29), Najiha (27), and Aqil (25), and grandmother of 7. Her hobbies include painting, making jewelry and body-care products, and taking nature walks. Pastor Afi's life's work has led to several humanitarian interests and pursuits, with a focus on healing and liberation from racial oppression. Her passions and gifts center around creative expression such as singing music, creative writing and social justice pursuits – youth, young adult, and adult leadership training, enrichment programming, community building, teaching/training diversity with compassion, and spiritual guidance. Her belief is that by empowering others to see the Divine Spark of God within themselves and their environment – together people can create a life and community that are healthy, strong and in alignment with God's Divine call and purpose for all.



**Kids are welcome and wanted in worship.** We love their voices, their joy, and their wiggles. But, if you need a break, the nursery is available during worship for infants and toddlers. Kids ages 2 - 5th grade are welcome to be in Sunday School after Children's Time. They are also welcome to stay with you. Activity bags are available in the back of the worship space.

**Stick around after worship for snacks and drinks in Fellowship Hall. It is a great time to get to know people and get connected in the life of First Church.**



Find us online at **fumc.org** for events, announcements, and other information. We're also on **Facebook** at First United Methodist Church - Madison, WI.



*Give*

**Online Giving** is available through a link on our website at **fumc.org/give**. If you need help, contact the church office: [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org).

The sanctuary is equipped with a **hearing loop**. Switch your hearing aid to T.



**Restrooms** are located down the hall and to your left, across from the nursery. A single stall, non-gendered restroom is available on the lower level. Take the elevator down, go right, and it is the second door on the left.

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*First United Methodist Church is located on Ho-Chunk land.*

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

*This Little Light of Mine*  
American Spiritual  
setting by Calvin Taylor\*

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ran Yoo

## Passing the Peace

## Opening Hymn

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
#454

## Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Nancy Childress



**Lillian Ellen Eldridge**  
Kyle & Jennifer Eldridge, parents

*God Claims You*  
#2249

## Children's Time

Rev. Ran Yoo

## Sending Out Our Youth in Mission

Rev. Ran Yoo

## Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cathy Weigand

**Holy God/Our Father/Creator/Loving God,  
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.**

**Anthem**

*Give Me Jesus*  
Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Moses Hogan  
Sachie Ueshima, soloist

**Scripture**

Romans 6:12-23  
Donalea Dinsmore

Here ends the reading from Romans.

**May it be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.**

**Sermon**

“The Price of Freedom”  
Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays

**Anthem**

*Ella's Song*  
by Bernice Johnson Reagon

**Offering Invitation**

Rev. Nancy Childress

**Offertory**    *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free*  
music by Billy Taylor  
words by Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas  
Carrie Backman, piano  
Ken Sosinski, piano

**Hymn**

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*  
#557

**Blessing**

Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays

**Postlude**

*Soon I Will Be Done*  
American Spiritual  
setting by Calvin Taylor\*

*All are invited to Coffee Fellowship in  
the Fellowship Hall following worship.*

\*Calvin Taylor is a contemporary African American composer

## **Volunteers Needed for RMN Convo, June 24-27**

Save the dates. Sign-ups coming soon.

## **Reconciling Ministries Convocation 2025, Jul. 24-27**

Registration is now open. We are hosting it and expecting hundreds of guests



## **Summer Sunday School, After Children's Time**

Children are invited to the "Octagon Campground"

## **No Sharing Our Journeys Today**

Will resume next Sunday, June 22

## **Emergent Theology, Today, 11:15am, Zoom**

Contact George ([fumc.org/george](https://fumc.org/george))



## **Summer Choir: June 29 & August 3**

Rehearsal is at 8:45am on Sundays. All are invited.

## **Audit Committee Members Needed**

Help us be good stewards. Finance expertise *not* required. Contact Rev. Cathy ([fumc.org/cathy](https://fumc.org/cathy))

## **New First Church Water Bottles**

If you'd like one for yourself, they're available in the Welcome Center for \$15.



## **Habitat for Humanity Build Day, Sat., July 19, 8:15am**

Contact Rev. Nancy ([fumc.org/nancy](https://fumc.org/nancy)) if interested

## **Memory Book Submissions Due by July 6**

Please send your words of thanks, specific memories, and best wishes for inclusion in a "book of memories and thanks" that is being compiled to recognize Ross Cowing. The book will include your letters, drawings, photos and cards.

**Items to be included in the book will be held in 8 1/2 x 11" plastic sleeves or mounted onto scrapbook pages.**

Letters on paper or cards may be sent to either of these people:

Krista Tweed ([krista.tweed@gmail.com](mailto:krista.tweed@gmail.com), 719 Sunnyview Ln, Marshall, WI 53559)

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