



Easter 5

May 3, 2026

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*Cultivating a community for all to belong,
rooted in Jesus' way of love and justice.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*SONG

“Don’t Be Afraid”

Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, my love is strong-er

The first line of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment of eighth notes.

than your fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er

The second line of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line, ending with a double bar line.

and I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The third line of musical notation, concluding the song with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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*GOSPEL READING

John 14:1–14

*HYMN 241

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Music: Traditional American, arr. Dare to Breathe

SERMON

“God’s Mutuality”

*HYMN

“When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides” (song sheet)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

BLESSING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A commonly used form is printed here. You are welcome to use any version meaningful to you.

Our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING

In addition to financial offerings, we invite you to offer your response to this question on the small piece of paper: Amid the groanings of this time, how do you show up to embody hope?

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. May's special offering supports Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. [Give Online](#)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia"

Words: St. Augustine of Hippo; Music: Paul M. Vasile

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Never Ending Joy" (song sheet)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Way of life, truth, and love, we will dwell in you, even as you dwell in us. We will join your holy work of tending relationships of mutuality and belonging. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give God thanks and praise.

All: This is a good and joyful thing to do.

RETELLING THE STORY

***SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

You are invited to come and make a large circle around the communion table for the sharing of communion. If you prefer to remain seated, an usher will come and offer you the bread and cup.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN 347**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee, food, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall following the postlude.

Thanks to those who are taking part in worship today.

Valet..... Mary Jean Korsmo
Usher.....Linda Lincoln
Reader..... Linda Valerian
Tech Support.....Tim Danz, Scott Williams
Coffee Hour.....175th Anniversary Task Force

After Worship Today

Democracy Support Group—Topic: Staying Centered Amidst Chaos and Uncertainty. Come share all the feelings, plan for the future, mourn what we've lost, celebrate wins for democracy and, most importantly, be in community. All are welcome; we meet monthly on the first Sunday in the library and on Zoom. This month we're going to try starting after 11:30 a.m. so that the bridge brigaders can join us as well.

If you want to participate online, stay on the Zoom call after worship, or reconnect around 11:30—[Join on Zoom](#)

Worship Team. The worship team will gather at 1:00 p.m on Zoom.

Coming Up

Daytime Crafting Group. A group of crafters meets monthly at First Church to make progress on projects and enjoy one another's company. Whether you're looking for inspiration, need advice, or just want to spend time with other creators, anyone with a portable project is welcome to join them. Their next gathering is on Wednesday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Day Camp Volunteers Needed. Due to tremendous growth, the Building Beloved Community Day Camp needs LOTS of adult volunteers. If you love kids and have a heart for volunteering, there's a place for you—as an adult shepherd, registration volunteer, lunch supervisor, kid companion, snack helper, tie dye washer, or in a myriad of other roles.

Day Camp takes place June 15–19 at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. We'd love to have you whenever you are available... all day every day or for just a few hours on a single day. Come and play with us! [Fill out the volunteer form](#) to get plugged in.

Rev. Doug Donley Retiring from UBC. If you would like to celebrate with Doug and UBC, you are invited to two events—a potluck dinner and "marshmallow" roast on Saturday, May 30, at 5:00 p.m. and a celebratory worship service followed by an extended coffee hour and cake buffet on Sunday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m.

You are also invited to contribute to a farewell gift, either financially or by providing a card, note, or story with a memory of Doug's time at UBC. See the weekly email for details.

Doug knows about the events but not the gifts; please help keep them a secret!

Save the Date

Election Defense Training—Wednesday, June 3

Twin Cities Pride Tabling—Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28

All-Church Camp Weekend—August 28–30 (registration coming soon)

Regular Gatherings

Bible Study—Tuesday, May 5 (noon—Zoom option)

Craft Group—Wednesday, May 6 (11:00 a.m.)

Indigenous Book Group—Wednesday, May 6 (3:00 p.m.—Zoom option)

Elder Gathering—Monday, May 11 (noon on Zoom)

Evening Handcraft Group—Monday, May 18 (7:00 p.m. @ Cynthia Hobbie's Home)

Spanish Conversation Group—Saturday, May 23 (10:00 a.m. @ HarMar Mall Barnes & Noble (Roseville))

Family Gathering—Sunday, May 24 (11:30 a.m.)

Week of May 4-10

You can find links for Zoom meetings on our website: firstchurchmn.org

MON (5/4)	9:30 AM	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	7:00 PM	Congregational Care Team	Zoom
TUE (5/5)	noon	Bible Study	Library / Zoom
	7:00 PM	Justice League	Zoom
WED (5/6)	11:00 AM	Crafting Group	Library
	3:00 PM	Indigenous Study Group	Library / Zoom
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THU (5/7)	9:30 AM	Southeast Play Group	Basement
SUN (5/10)	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary / Zoom
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	11:15 AM	Democracy in Action: Bridge Brigade	I-35W Ped. Bridge

Get Connected

Weekly Email. You can [sign up to receive all the news](#) on Thursday afternoons, as well as other important updates.

Online & Text Giving. [Give Online](#) You can also give by texting 612-999-1236: text **\$10** to give \$10 to the general offering or **\$10 special** to give \$10 to the monthly special offering (you can text any amount).

Democracy in Action Signal Group. Join our Democracy In Action group on Signal if you would like to connect with others in the church about opportunities to show up to protest and resist. [Join Signal Group](#)

Worship Volunteers. Can you lend a hand in worship as a reader or usher? Are you a coffee hour virtuoso? [Sign Up to Help in Worship](#)

Helping for the first time? [Joy Gullikson](#) can help you get oriented.

Wherever you are on life's journey, let us walk with you . . .

Pastor Jane's typical work week is Sunday through Thursday. Please call or email her to set up appointments as she is in and out of the office. She hopes you will contact her for support and prayer in times of illness, hospitalization, or crisis. If your need is urgent, you may call or text her cell phone at any time of the week.

To aid in worship, assistive listening devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

We welcome you to visit the remembrance area at any time during worship. At the back of the sanctuary there is table with journals that can be utilized to write or draw your remembrances in memory of a loved one. You can also light a candle on the columbarium.

Children are most welcome in worship at First Church. Families are invited to use the kids' corner in the front of the Sanctuary during worship. We are working to become an inclusive community that welcomes people of all abilities within all church spaces. If you have questions or comments about sharing our worship service with those of differing abilities, please speak to Jane McBride.

Valet parking is available every Sunday for those who find it difficult to navigate the walk from a parking spot to the church. Valets will meet you at the 8th Ave. entrance, assist you in getting inside and park your car for you (and get it for you after the service). If the valet sign is posted and you don't see a parker, please wait for them to return.

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