



3rd Sunday After Pentecost June 14, 2026

Join Us on Zoom!



[Click to Join Online](#)

Meeting ID: 839 2872 7469 Password: 890967



1. Call **1-312-626-6799**.
2. When prompted, enter **839 2872 7469 #**.
3. When prompted to enter your participant ID, just press **#**.

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

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH** of Minnesota
United Church of Christ



GATHERING

PRELUDE “Der Neugierige” and “Das Fischermädchen”
by Franz Schubert

WELCOME

GATHERING WORDS from *Holy the Firm* by Annie Dillard

***HYMN 89** “Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

SCRIPTURE Exodus 19:2–8a
Matthew 9:35–38; 10:1–8

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON “No One But Us”

***HYMN** “Let Us Enter In” (song sheet)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Now as our prayer time begins (or anytime in the service) you are invited to tie a ribbon to our prayer tree in the back of the sanctuary. Through this simple act, we can bring our deepest fears, hopes, joys, griefs, and longings, to God, in the safety and support of community.

MUSIC DURING PRAYER “Suite No. 1, Sarabande”
by Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

MUTUALITY STORY & OFFERING INVITATION

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. June’s special offering supports Strengthen the Church, one of the UCC’s four special offerings. [Give Now](#)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Frühlingsglaube” by Franz Schubert

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines”
(see next page)



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
 2 World with-out end, ... with-out end. A-men. World with-out



Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it,
 end, ... with-out end. A - men. World with-out end, ...



whose love has set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning,
 ... with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.
 is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Words & Music: Paul M. Vasile © Paul M. Vasile, admin. Augsburg Fortress

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of compassion, like our ancestors we are unprepared, imperfect and afraid. And yet we make ourselves available to you. Send us forth to do your work of healing and liberation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN**

“Go Make a Diff’rence” (song sheet)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Suite No. 1, Gigue” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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..... Kate Buis
- Reader..... Xan Laurence
- Special Music..... Allegra Montanari (cello)
- Tech Support..... Hikaru Peterson, Jeff Peterson
- Coffee Hour.....Christyann Ranck
- FlowersKris Felbeck

After Worship Today

Democracy in Action Bridge Brigade. Grab your coffee and your protest sign (and a chair if that would be helpful) and join us on the pedestrian bridge over I-35 next to the church to embody hope and resist authoritarianism.

Family Gathering. On the second and fourth Sundays each month, kids and their grownups gather in the play room downstairs after the worship service. We share a Bible story, make a craft or other story response, engage in lots of free play, eat many snacks, and build beloved community together.

TONIGHT—*Rise Up, Sing Out* Watch Party. Come back this evening to watch *Rise Up, Sing Out: A Concert for the First Amendment*. This special livestream event will be an uplifting evening of music, community, and action featuring an all-star lineup including Jane Fonda, Patti Smith, Bette Midler, Rufus Wainwright, Joy Reid, Wilson Cruz, and more. It is scheduled to happen at the same time as the UFC fight at the White House. Together, we'll celebrate the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment—including the freedoms of speech, religion, press, assembly, and protest—and the people power that protects them.

The event will go from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join us to sing along, connect with neighbors, share food and creativity, and celebrate the power we build when we come together. Consider bringing a snack or dessert to share.

[Register Now](#)

Coming Up

Twin Cities Pride Booth & Book Giveaway. Join us to celebrate Twin Cities Pride in Loring Park! We will be sharing a booth with University Baptist Church; however, we want to make sure to have a First Church presence all day long, so please [sign up to be our First Church representative](#) for one or more shifts. If you have questions, you can [contact Hannah Logan](#).

We're also collecting gently used books to give away with fun bookmarks. Bring books to church by Wednesday, June 24.

Register for Camping Weekend! Our church camping weekend is August 28–30 at Camp Amnicon, on the south shore of Lake Superior (about 20 minutes outside of Duluth). Meals will be provided by the camp under their outdoor pavilion. For lodging you have a choice between bringing your own camping gear, platform tents (permanent tents with beds; bring your own sleeping bag), and renting one of their small cabins. [Sign Up Now](#)

Dinner for 7 Returns—Seeking Hosts. Good news—the congregational care team is bringing back Dinner for 7! These are casual evenings that give First Churchers a chance to get to know each other on an informal basis. We call it Dinner for 7 to make clear that it's not just for couples—think five to nine people around a table simply enjoying each other's company.

Right now we're looking for people who are willing to host a dinner on either Saturday, August 1 or Saturday, August 22. (If you'd like to host but can't swing one of those dates, let us know and we'll see about finding an alternate date.) If you're ready to host, please contact either [Maggie George](#) or [Jean Anderson](#). Details for both hosts and attendees will follow!

Week of June 15-21

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

MON (6/15)	9:30 AM	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	7:00 PM	Evening Craft Group	Cynthia Hendricks's Home
TUE (6/16)	10:00 AM	Building Committee	Zoom
	noon	Bible Study	Library / Zoom
WED (6/17)	3:00 PM	Indigenous Study Group	Library / Zoom
THU (6/18)	9:30 AM	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	7:00 PM	FCC Board	Zoom
SUN (6/21)	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.

June's Special Offering supports Strengthen the Church, one of four special offerings taken throughout the United Church of Christ. It reflects the shared commitment to cooperatively build up the UCC through leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

Music is reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE # A-704086.

Cover art: *Pentecost (A Second Version)* by Mary Jane Miller (2008)

Miller, Mary Jane. *Pentecost (A Second Version)*, from [Art in the Christian Tradition](#), a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. [retrieved June 10, 2026]. Original source: [Mary Jane Miller](#).

First Congregational Church of Minnesota, UCC

500 8th Ave. SE Minneapolis, MN 55414

firstchurchmn.org

Office Hours: Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ministers..... The People of First Church

Principal Minister..... Rev. Jane McBride

612-598-2432 (cell); jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org

Minister of Music Byron Almén

512-809-9789 (cell)

Communications and Administrative Lead..... Alice Worden

office@firstchurchmn.org

Facilities Manager Brad Schumann

Moderator..... Linda Valerian

612-408-2307 (cell); lindavalerianfcc@gmail.com