

October 25, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CONNECTING

What is one thing that is important to you? You may choose to share via the QR code at right.



BODY PRAYER

"Here I Am" by Heather Ruce

*HYMN 17

"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" vv. 1–4

READINGS

Luke 17:5–10 (First Nations Version)

"Beginners" by Denise Levertov

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Junto a ti, Jesús" by José María López

The congregation is invited to join in the "alleluya" refrain.

SERMON

"Shared Responsibility for Our Creation," Jane McBride

*CHANT

"See I Am Near"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINISTRY MOMENT

Ways We Cultivate Belonging

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. October's special offering supports the "Neighbors in Need" Special Mission Offering of the UCC. Use the QR code or visit firstchurchmn.org; click on the "Support Us" link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109; "\$(amount) Special" for the monthly offering or "\$(amount) General Fund". If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with "Neighbors Mission Offering" on the memo line.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia"
Text: St. Augustine; Music: Paul Vasile

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"What Can I Do?" (song sheet)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: We belong to God.
All: We belong to God.
Leader: We belong to each other.
All: We belong to each other.
Leader: We belong to the earth.
All: We belong to the earth.

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

Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisle. Please place used cups in the baskets provided on each side of the table.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 614

“Camina, Pueblo de Dios”

Please sing the refrain in Spanish and the verses in English.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thanks to those who are taking part in worship today.

Valet.....	Mary Jean Korsmo
Usher.....	Linda Lincoln
Reader.....	Jean Anderson
Guitar & Drums.....	Joseph Hercule
Tech Support.....	Tim Danz, Greg Hubinger
Coffee Hour.....	Linda & Tom Lincoln

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Blessing of the Animals. Join us for an outdoor coffee hour and blessing of animals at 11:30 a.m. We invite church members and neighbors to bring pets to be blessed. Bringing a picture of your pet is also a good way to go!

Democracy Support Group. Come share all the feelings, help plan for the future, mourn what we’ve lost, celebrate wins for democracy, and be in community. Today we’ll be exploring compassion fatigue and burnout. How do we prevent those while still being active and involved in the world in these strange times? (Feel free to go outside for the Blessing of the Animals before or during!) [Join on Zoom](#)

COMING UP

Exhibit Opening: Winston: A Woman's Fight for Freedom in Minnesota. On Saturday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m., the Hennepin History Museum will celebrate the opening of their new exhibit about Eliza Winston, the first and only enslaved person to successfully fight for her freedom in a Minnesota courtroom. This exhibit includes First Church history related to Rev. Secombe and First Church involvement in the abolitionist movement in early St. Anthony Falls. Reservations are requested; visit hennepinhistory.org to learn more.

Indigenous People's Day Prayer Vigil. This Indigenous People's day, Monday, October 13, please make time for a prayer vigil regarding Oak Flat and Apache Stronghold. The Apache people have asked us to pray for them with respect to their fight to save Oak Flat for traditional cultural and spiritual uses, including holding essential religious ceremonies that cannot be held elsewhere. We will join in prayer in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for about an hour. Bring a friend—it will be fun, and we have a surprise for you!

Get Ready to March with Democracy in Action. How do we show up to embody hope in these strange times? We march—at the NO KINGS 2.0 rally and march on October 18. But first, we're hosting a sign-making event in the Gathering Hall on Wednesday, October 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Stop by anytime during those hours to craft your best protest sign—supplies will be provided. Bring your wit and/or indignation. If you can't attend the rally, but want to make a sign, come anyway!

Protecting Minnesota and Our Democracy with ISAIAH. Join our SE/NE neighborhood faith organizations at ISAIAH's District 60 forum on Sunday, October 19 to engage each other and our state legislators about how the state legislature can reduce federal harm. We have committed to bringing 15–20 people from First Church! Register now at firstchurchmn.org/forumsignup. Randee Edmundson is the person to talk to if you have questions: call or text 651-329-4632 or [email](mailto:randee@firstchurchmn.org).

All Saints Worship—Seeking Photos. As we prepare for the All Saints Sunday service, we invite you to send a photo of a someone whose life was an example of faith to you to be included in a slide show that day, along with their name and a brief descriptive phrase. Please [email them to Maggie George](mailto:photos@firstchurchmn.org).

Calendar for the week of October 5–12

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

SUN (10/05)	9:00a	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	10:00a	Worship	Sanctuary / Zoom (Hybrid)
	11:15a	Democracy Support Group	Library?
	11:30a	Blessing of the Animals & Outdoor Coffee Hour	Front Lawn
	noon	Confirmation Gathering	ULCH
MON (10/06)	9:30a	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	7:00p	Congregational Care Team	Library
TUE (10/07)	noon	Bible Study	Library / Zoom (Hybrid)
	6:00p	AA/NA Meeting	Library
	7:00p	Justice League	In Person or Zoom?
WED (10/08)	noon	Elder Gathering	Zoom
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THU (10/09)	9:30a	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	noon	Indigenous Book Group	Library
SAT (10/11)	2:00p	Wild Church	Father Hennepin Bluff Park
SUN (10/12)	9:00a	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	10:00a	Worship	Sanctuary / Zoom (Hybrid)
	11:00a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	11:30a	Family Gathering	Basement