

August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Moyers, Mike. *The Seeker*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(if you are asked for a password, it is: 890967). **To dial in by phone** call 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter **839 2872 7469#**. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; **simply push # again.**

Music will be displayed on the screen during the livestream.

Prelude

Welcome

If you're new to First Church, we'd love to get to know you better. You can sign up to receive our email communications on the home page of our website, www.firstchurchmn.org (scroll down to the heading "stay connected" on the right side of the page). You find us on Facebook by searching for "First Congregational Church of MN, UCC." You're also welcome to introduce yourself in the chat or comments.

Greeting

We will have a few minutes during each service this summer to connect with each other. This activity is encouraged yet optional! If you are on Zoom, and you want to join in, you can accept the invitation to a breakout room. If you are in the sanctuary, please stand up and find someone to talk to. Those who prefer not to participate can stay seated. This week's prompt is:

What is a good book you are reading or a TV show you are enjoying?

Gathering Words: "Lost" by David Wagoner

Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*, NCH 459

Scriptures: Psalm 14; Luke 15:1–10

Sermon: "Feeling Lost, Then Getting Found," Melissa Harl

Hymn: *Amazing Grace*, NCH 547

Prayers of the People

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

Lord's Prayer

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most 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 for ever. Amen.

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. August's Special Offering is given to Marcy School Weekend Meals, which provides emergency food relief for families of children that attend nearby Marcy School, through Everymeal.org. You can give electronically by going to our website: www.firstchurchmn.org and clicking 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 "Marcy Meals" in the memo line. Thank you!

Offertory

Offertory Response *Dance with the Spirit*, Words and music by Jim Strathee

Prayer of Dedication

All: God who seeks and finds, we promise to be a community made in the image of your persistent compassion and amazing grace. We will accompany each other through loss and loneliness, restoration and celebration. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Retelling the Story

Sharing of the bread and cup

If you are worshipping at home, please have some bread or crackers and juice or wine available for communion.

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisle. Allowing distance between worship pods, come to the communion table. There you can remove your mask to eat and drink. Please place used cups in the baskets provided on each side of the table.

Music during Communion: “Found” from The Book of Rounds, by Julie Flanders & Emil Adler

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements

Hymn: *I Come with Joy*, NCH 349

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Usher: Kris Felbeck

Reader: Jean Anderson

Valet: Robert Payne

Tech Support: Cynthia Hendricks, Greg Hubinger, Ruth Lemire

Coming up this week

Today

9:30a: Coffee Hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

11:15a: “Sunday on a Stick” all-church gathering

Tuesday, August 9

Election Day

7p: FCC Board @ First Church

Wednesday, August 10

2p: Memorial Service for Gloria Hutchinson

Thursday, August 11

7p: Racial Justice Working Group

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Sunday, August 14

9:30a: Coffee Hour (in-person)

10a: Worship (hybrid)

11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:20 Hospitality and Engagement Team (hybrid)

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Announcements

Join us today after worship for “Sunday on a Stick!” We’ll block off the street, enjoy some sweet and savory treats, and have some fun connecting with each other.

We will host a celebration of life for Gloria Hutchinson at 2p this Wednesday, August 10. Gloria, who was a longtime First Church member, died May 9, 2020. Her family wished to wait to hold her memorial service until they could gather in person. The family shares Gloria’s request: please do not mourn in black but come in color to celebrate. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please extend remembrances to fortheloveofgloria@gmail.com, call your mothers, take time for your friends, travel with intention, savor a delicious meal in good company, and order an extra meal to-go to savor tomorrow in honor of Gloria.

We will host a celebration of life for Doris Strong, who died last week, on Saturday August 20 at 2p. If you would like to help out at the memorial service, please let Jane McBride know.

Ministry Team Kickoff. Our ministry teams will begin a new program year in August. All meetings are open to anyone who is interested; meeting dates are below. Each team has an email list for the purposes of communication and collaboration. Please contact the team leader if you want to be in the loop!

- Worship Team is led by Jane (jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org) Next meeting is Sept 18.
- Faith Formation Team is led by Mary Byers (marymbyers@gmail.com). Next meeting is August 21 at 11:20a (hybrid)
- Congregational Care Team is led by Linda Valerian (lindavalerianfcc@gmail.com). Next meeting is August 22 at 7:30p (Zoom)
- Hospitality & Engagement Team is seeking a leader. In the meantime, contact Jane. Next meeting is August 14 at 11:20a (hybrid)
- Justice Team has three working groups
 - Immigration Justice Group is led by Missy Rotterdam (mnm@teamrotterdam.com) (next meeting TBA)

- Climate Justice Group is led by Paul Fate (pafate@comcast.net). Next meeting is August 25 at 7p.
- Racial Justice Group is led by Linda Kelsey (lindajkelsey@gmail.com) and Carey Seeley-Dzierzak (cseeley@isd271.org). Next meeting is August 11 at 7p.

Next camping trip is August 26–28 at Camp Amnicon. August 26–28 at Camp Amnicon. Food and lodging are \$100 per person or \$300 per family/household. If you bring your own camping gear, the cost is \$65 per person. Kids under 2 can come for free! Please let Jane know if you plan to come.