

August 21, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Johnson, William H., 1901-1970. *Lunchtime Rest*, 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=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2IKdz09>

(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 helps you find rest and renewal?

Gathering Words: from a reflection on Sabbath in "Beyond Words" by Frederick Buechner

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*, NCH 28

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Luke 13:10–17

Sermon: "At Home and at Peace," Jane McBride

Hymn: *Body, Mind, and Spirit*

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 Stratheed

Prayer of Dedication

All: Healing God, we will be faithful to the renewing practice of Sabbath, seeking liberation for ourselves and for all creation. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*, NCH 474

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Reader: Jean Chagnon

Flowers: Jean Chagnon

Valet: George Domstrand

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Ruth Lemire, Hikaru Peterson

Coming up this week

Today

9:30a: Coffee Hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:20 Faith Formation Team (hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85090733097?pwd=QIFkekh4aGJzTUdWVnk5Ib011TG1GUT09>

Monday, August 22

7:30p: Congregational Care Team (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87075137691?pwd=bmVZSjYwZVVQNjV3VUVXeGZkQkFBUT09>

Thursday, August 25

7p: Climate Justice Working Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81094698517?pwd=T2I4cUhWQjZzTVkwd1dXUHLucUYzQT09>

Friday, August 26-

Sunday, August 28

Camping trip to Camp Amnicon

Sunday, August 28

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

10a: Worship (hybrid)

11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

Announcements

Community Night! Welcoming our Student Neighbors on Wednesday, September 7! It's time for our annual Welcome event for all our neighbors, and especially our student neighbors as they return to campus. We are looking for donations of treats or plants to brighten their day. This year we will be partnering with The Community Kitchen who will be offering a baked potato bar! The students have absolutely enjoyed this event in past years.

To donate for the event:

- treats need to be wrapped in small packets (for example, a couple of cookies or bars)
- plants should be “apartment plants”—in a pot and ready to put in an apartment. Please don't dig up plants from your yard, given concerns with jumping worms.
- It's great if you can make it look nice—a ribbon or use a decorative wrap
- if you have time, please include a little note (for example, “Welcome to the neighborhood from First Church”)

- plants can be delivered anytime (please bring them sooner than later if they need to be repotted). Treats should be delivered to church on Sunday, September 4 or after. Please don't drop any treats off before Sept. 4
- we need a few folks to help with meal prep, set up or clean up. You can sign up on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary or by contacting the church office (office@firstchurchmn.org)

If you have questions:

Contact Eve (eparker604@comcast.net) about treats

Contact Kathy Hoaglund (hoag1008@umn.edu) about plants

Contact Jane about the baked potato bar

From the worship team. In our fall worship, we will be focusing on parables Jesus told from the Gospel of Luke. The worship team is looking to create a dialogue with these stories. We would like you to participate by creating a scripture introduction in a different voice than the usual—more personal, more casual, more questioning. What do you love or hate about that scripture? What are you curious about or confused about? Jane will prepare her the sermon with your thoughts in mind. At the end of the sermon, you will also have a chance to offer a response, if you would like. Please let Jane McBride know if you are willing to participate in this way.

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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!

- Faith Formation Team is led by Mary Byers (marymbyers@gmail.com). Next meeting is today at 11:20a (hybrid).
- Worship Team is led by Jane (jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org) Next meeting is Sept 18.

- Congregational Care Team is led by Linda Valerian (lindavalerianfcc@gmail.com). Next meeting is August 22 at 7:30p (Zoom)
- 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 September 8 at 7p (Zoom).
- Hospitality & Engagement Team is coordinated by Jane McBride. Next meeting is October 2.

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.