

May 21, 2023
Music Sunday



Mosaic Wall of Zacatlán (photo by Howard Frank)

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 service.**

Prelude: "Preludium" from Five Pieces for 2 Violins and Piano by Schostakowitsch

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Anthem: “Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona,” traditional South African Hymn 233:
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Reading: “What I Need to Hear” by Padraig O Tuama

Hymn: “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Reflection weaving together scripture, a reading and a hymn tune

Hymn 553: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Teaching Moment with the children

Healing Prayer

Hymn 238: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

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.

Litany of Healing: “For the Healing of Creation”

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. May’s Special Offering is given to Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. Give electronically at our website: www.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 “MNIPL” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Lux Beata Trinitas” by Ola Gjeilo, based on a hymn by St. Ambrose

Offertory Response: “Behold, Behold I Make All Things New” by John L. Bell

Prayer of Dedication

All: Healing Balm, Sustaining Rest, Song of Restoration, we will join your work in the world. We trust that as we collaborate with you, new shoots will rise, and love will always live again. In the name of the Risen One we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn 561: *When Our Music in God is Glorified*

Benediction

Choral Benediction: “Wana Baraka,” Kenyan folk song arr. Shawn Kirchner

Postlude: “Gavotte” from Five Pieces for 2 Violins and Piano, by Schostakowitsch

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Flowers: Kris Felbeck

Usher: Marilyn Burns,

Readers: Jean Anderson, Paul Fate, Xan Laurence

Special Music: Soren Peterson and Jane McBride, violin

Valet: Brad Schumann

Tech Support: Teresa Dyar, Maggie George

We are thankful for all who sing in our First Church choir! Beth Adamowicz, Jean Anderson, Jim Broberg, Francie Domstrand, Carl Dyar, Amanda Fitze, Cynthia Hendricks, Lisa Keitel, Xan Laurence, Ruth Lemire, Robert Nugent, Ann Sather, Mary Schaeffer, Annie Schenck, Jeff Stone, Glenn Strand, Linda Valerian

Coming up this week

Sunday, May 21

9:30a: Coffee Hour

10a: Worship/Music Sunday: (hybrid)

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11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30: Family Gathering

Noon: Pizza party / fundraiser @United Lutheran Church of Christ

Monday, May 22

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, May 23

12:30p: Building Committee

Thursday, May 25

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, May 28

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship(hybrid)

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11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

Pizza Party/Fundraiser today! Our friends at University Lutheran Church of Hope invite us to come over after church and enjoy pizza! We'll gather in their parking lot, where their pizza oven is located. The address is 601 13th Ave SE (a 10-minute walk from First Church via the pedestrian bridge). This event is a fundraiser to support our Guatemala trip in July, a joint venture between First Church and ULCH.

Celebrating Graduates. We'll be celebrating and blessing our graduates during worship and in the June/July Chimes. Please let us know about graduates in your life who have a First Church connection so that we can include them! Email names to office@firstchurchmn.org

Day Camp June 20-23–Call for Adult Volunteers. We have lots of kids signed up for day camp already; yay! To make camp a safe and fun environment, we welcome the help of adult volunteers. We've created a Google Form with different "shifts" available during our day camp week.

They range from 3½-hour morning or afternoon shifts to lunch duty (one hour) and final clean-up. We love to have consistency for our kids so it would be great if you can commit to multiple mornings or afternoons. Fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/FcezHsma7PKvVNUR6> and Rhonda Hlavinka (our volunteer coordinator) will be in touch with next steps later in May.

Community Group Invitation. We are starting a new group that will be focused on prayerfully supporting each other and building community. We will use a simple model we have used before. In addition to an opening and closing, the meeting consists of folks sharing whatever they wish to share about their lives. Each person's sharing is followed by silence and group response to that person. The group will be led by Jane and will begin in early June. We will meet during the summer months, likely every other week. The day/time of the meeting and whether it is virtual or in-person will depend on the preferences and needs of the group. At the end of the summer, the group will decide whether or not to continue meeting. Please let Jane know if you are interested!

MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting "Protecting God's Gift of Creation" June 9–10, College of St. Benedict (with online option.) This year's keynote speaker will be the Rev. Michael Malcom, ordained in the United Church of Christ and founder and executive director of the People's Justice Council in Birmingham, AL. He will share how he created an unparalleled opportunity for faith communities throughout Alabama to unite and raise their voice against environmental racism, economic oppression, environmental injustice, and climate change. The meeting will also include worship, workshops, and the business meeting of the Conference. We are invited to send several delegates from our congregation, and the church will cover the cost of your participation. Please let Jane know if you are interested in attending.

You're invited to the Queer Prom! Friday, June 16 at SpringHouse Ministry (610 W 28th St, Mpls. 55408) from 7–10p. No matter who you love, you are invited to this free, intergenerational, and substance-free event celebrating queer and trans lives and experiences. Join us for a night of music, dancing, and fabulousness! Enjoy a family-friendly Iowa Drag Queen group, DJ, and photobooth, childcare available for young children. A free-will offering will support Iowa Safe Schools. We believe that this event will provide a safe space for all to come together and create community. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, contact Chelsea Boyden at springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org.

Join First Churchers against Food Insecurity! First Church volunteers help address hunger and food insecurity needs in many ways. Every month “Third Saturday” crew shops and delivers food to residents of St. Paul Apartments in the Phillips neighborhood. This is just one Home Delivery destination for Community Emergency Service, the inner-city food shelf that First Church has supported for many years.

Also monthly, volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels in the neighborhoods surrounding our church. A small but mighty group, this First Church ministry has been active for more than fifty years! Both groups would welcome your participation. Contact Kathy Hoaglund at hoagl008@umn.edu for more information.

Help Celebrate 2023 Twin Cities Pride with the MN Conference on June 23-25. Twin Cities metro congregations are invited to come together to celebrate and form a UCC presence at the 2023 Twin Cities Pride Festival. Leaders from nine Twin Cities area congregations and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities have been meeting to organize a UCC presence at this year’s festival and march. The hope of having a visible UCC presence at Pride is to be a public witness to a progressive Christian faith that gives voice to a message of radical love, welcome, and affirmation for all people – especially LGBTQ+ people – too often harmed by the voices of hate, exclusion, and domination within the Church. The planning group is organizing a Minnesota Conference UCC/United Theological Seminary booth that will operate throughout the Pride Festival and a Minnesota Conference UCC contingent in the Pride March. We need support from our local congregations and the United community to staff and participate in both endeavors.

If you are interested in marching on Sunday morning as part of the MN Conference presence, please let Jane know.

Volunteers are needed to staff the booth in 2-hour shifts throughout the weekend, including help with set-up on Friday afternoon and tear-down on Sunday evening. This will be an opportunity to interact with Pride Festival attendees in a variety of ways – listening, engaging in some fun interactive games/activities, and being a face and voice of radical love and affirmation. Sign-up for a shift or two at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea4ad28aaf5c34-pride#/>

and talk to some friends from your congregation about signing-up as a group.