

**November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost**



Work by Dale Chihuly, from Chihuly Garden and Glass in Seattle.

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

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(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

Introit: “Alleluia, Praise to God” trad. Yoruba

Welcome

Gathering Words: “Prescription for the Disillusioned” by Rebecca de Rio

Hymn 421: “We Gather Together”

Scriptures: Psalm 90:1–8, 12; I Thessalonians 5:1–11

Response: “God Is Still Speaking” by Mary Haugen (refrain only)

Time with Children

Sermon: “Expectation,” by Jane McBride

Chant: “In Our God,” Taizé

Hymn 451: “Be Now My Vision”

Healing Prayer

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. November’s Special Offering divided between Southeast Seniors and the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association. You can 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 "Good Neighbor" in the memo line.

Offertory: "Thanks Be to God" by Marty Haugen

Offertory Response: "I Thank You Jesus"

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 41: "I Thank You Jesus"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Freedom Is Coming," South African

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Robert Payne

Usher: Kris Felbeck

Reader: Paul Snyder

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Soren Peterson

Coming up this week

Sunday, November 19

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30a: Discussion of Moss and Bass writings with Clyde Steckel (Stay on Zoom call)

12:30p: Worship team

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Monday, November 20

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Kris Felbeck

Tuesday, November 21

5:30p: Honoring Sacred Waters gathering @Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 26

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30a: Family Gathering

Pledge reminder. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2024, please do so by either mailing or bringing your pledge card to the church, or contacting Kathy Hansen at hanse156@umn.edu.

The final Faith Formation Discussion Group will take place at 11:30a on Zoom. We will review both readings (the Moss chapters and the article by Diana Butler Bass) with Clyde Steckel. Zoom link will be the same as worship.

Congregational Meeting December 3 After worship we will gather for our annual meeting, to approve the 2024 budget, receive the annual report, and elect board members and officers.

Honoring Sacred Waters Gathering, November 21. This event, which will support All Nations Indian Church and the Indigenous People's Task Force, will take place at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2315 Chicago Ave., Mpls., 55404. Starts at 5:30pm with oven-fired pizza. Honoring Sacred Waters Gathering begins at 6:30 and includes a Nibi (water) play by the Ikidowin Youth Acting Ensemble. A freewill offering will be collected to support the ministries of All Nations Indian Church. The evening concludes with pie at 7:30. Around 6pm, there may be an opportunity for a pop-up choir to learn Nibi songs in Ojibwe to support the storytelling. There will also be a collection of material donations to support neighbors who are living in the Camp Nanookasi encampment. If you are interested in finding out more about the choir or the materials donation, please reach out to Jane McBride.

The Advent Marketplace Is December 10! On Sunday, December 10, during coffee hour until 12:30p vendors will offer a variety of items, perfect for gift

shopping, and will be donating a portion of their proceeds to a cause or charity of their choice. Please be aware that not all vendors are able to take credit cards, so be sure to bring cash or your checkbook. If you would like to be a vendor (or if you would like more information about the marketplace) contact Xan Laurence: xanlaurence@comcast.net.

Advent Journal. Many of you contributed to the Advent community journal over the last two years, generously sharing beautiful reflections on the Advent season and what it means to you. This Advent, the journal will again travel from household to household. Sign up in the Sanctuary to receive and deliver the journal—sharing a personal reflection, short poem, favorite quotation, drawing or picture, then deliver it to the next household on the schedule. You won't have to be home to receive or deliver the journal; it can be left inside a porch or mailbox. If you aren't able to drop off the journal yourself, there will be a place on the sign-up sheet to indicate that you'd like help with delivery. This year we are also sharing an online journal for those who aren't in town or not mobile. If you would like the link to that journal, email Sarah Tittle (office@firstchurchmn.org) and she will share it with you. After Advent, both journals will be available in the church library (or by special delivery) for all to appreciate. We want this to be something everyone can enjoy!