

April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter



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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**

**Welcome**

**Chant:** "Be Not Afraid"

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:36b–48

**Chant:** "Be Not Afraid"

**Scripture:** Psalm 4

**Time with Children**

**Anthem:** "Touch That Soothes and Heals" text by Mary Louise Bringle, music by Gregg DeMey

**Sermon:** "Touch and See," Jane McBride

**Hymn 583:** "Like a Mother Who Has Bourne Us"

### **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. This morning's offering is given to One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four offerings of the United Church of Christ. Give electronically at our website: [www.firstchurchmn.org](http://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 "OGHS" in the memo line.

**Offertory:** "See the Land, Her Easter Keeping" by Alice Jordan, text by Charles Kingsley

**Offertory Response:** "Never Ending Joy" by Daniel Charles Damon

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn 433:** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

### **Benediction**

## Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

**Ushers: Marilyn Burns**

**Reader: Kris Felbeck**

**Valet: Mary Jean Korsmo**

**Coffee Hour: Community Kitchen**

**Flowers: Mary Jean Korsmo**

**Tech Support: Maggie George, Greg Hubinger**

## Coming up this week

### **Sunday, April 14**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30a: Family Gathering

12:30p: Worship Team (Zoom link [here](#))

### **Monday, April 15**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Cynthia Hobbie

### **Wednesday, April 17**

Noon: Elder luncheon (Zoom link [here](#))

7p: Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 18**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

### **Sunday, April 21**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)/Earth Day

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11:15a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30a: 2nd Hour: Introducing the Vinery

**May Study Hall!** On three days in May (May 1, 2 and 3) we will open Gathering Hall from noon—10p to any student in the area who needs a quiet, safe, welcoming place to study for exams. As an additional enticement, we offer free snacks and beverages. We are soliciting two volunteers each for our two-and-a-half-hour time slots. Additionally, we can use donations of snacks and beverages. If you wish to volunteer, go to Signup Genius, and if you wish to donate food, see the clipboard in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Seeking your input.** The Board is starting to plan for the program year that will begin in fall 2024 and we would appreciate your participation in this process. We sent an email recently with a few brief questions to respond to— if you haven't yet, please do so! Paper copies are in the sanctuary and the gathering hall.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hour April 21: The Vinery.** We are participating in a two-year process designed to help us be better neighbors to the campus community—building new relationships with students, staff, and faculty of the U of M. Next Sunday after worship, our Vinery team will offer an introduction to this program. They also look forward to hearing about your hopes and dreams as we begin this work.

**Election Support Group.** As the November election moves closer, emotions are running high! We're considering starting a monthly Election Support Group which would meet over the next several months, in person or on Zoom. Ideally, at each meeting participants would have both an opportunity to celebrate and/or mourn the election process, and learn and practice strategies for effectively participating: storytelling techniques; how to have meaningful conversations with those of differing political beliefs; how to advocate for your position. If you are interested in participating in such a group, or even helping facilitate, please contact the church office or Sarah Almén (s\_almen@hotmail.com or 512-809-9788).

**Doors Open 2024!** Once again this year First Church is a stop on the Doors Open Minneapolis architectural tour! The church will be open for self-guided tours on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. If you'd like to be a greeter at the church that weekend, let Cynthia Hendricks know (cyndenton@gmail.com). If you'd like to volunteer for the organization at another venue or in general, go to [www.doorsopenminneapolis.org](http://www.doorsopenminneapolis.org). You can learn more about the program there as well.