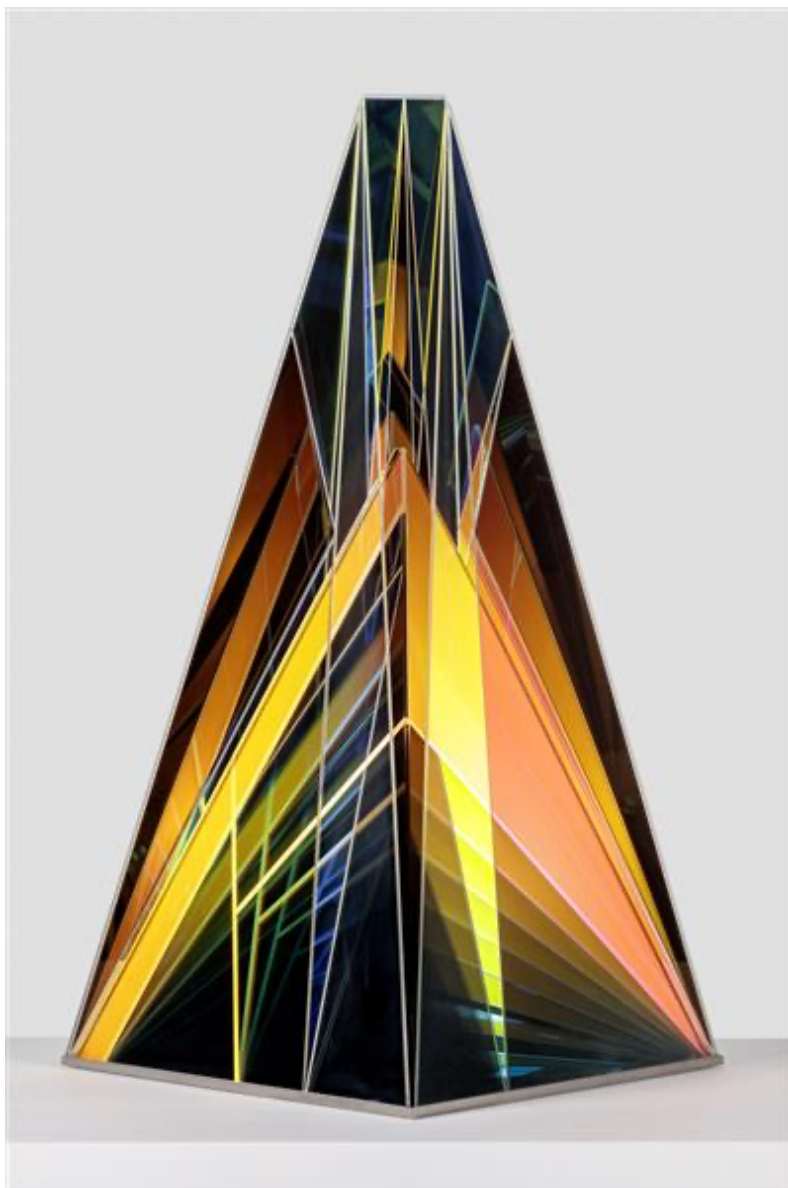


**May 12, 2024
Music Sunday
Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Howlett, Ray. *Ascension*, from wikiart.com

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

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Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude

Introit: “Aleluya” by Jeffery L. Stone

Call to Worship

Hymn: “Breath of God, Breath of Peace” by Morris/Tice

Welcome

Scripture: Acts 1:1–11

Time with Children

Poem: “yes is a pleasant country,” by e. e. cummings

Anthem “When Violets Appear” by Steve Heitzeg; Allegra Montanari, cello; Byron Almén, piano; (World premier)

Sermon: “Is This the Time?” by Chris Bohnhoff

Hymn 470: “Golden Breaks the Dawn”

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 Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL). 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: “Alleluia,” by Randall Thompson

Offertory Response: “Draw the Circle Wide” (verse 2 only) by Light/Bloss

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 260: “Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise”

Benediction

Choral Benediction: “Psalm 150” by Ernani Aguiar

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Usher: Mary Jean Korsmo

Acolytes: Ada Gullikson, Alistair Gullikson

Readers: Jean Anderson, Kris Felbeck

Valet: Tom Lincoln

Coffee Hour: Community Kitchen

Flowers: Joy Gullikson

Tech Support: Maggie George, Greg Hubinger

Coming up this week

Sunday, May 12

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour (hybrid)

11:30a: Family Gathering

Monday, May 13

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, May 14

1p: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

Noon: Elder Gathering
7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

9:30a: SE Playgroup
7p: FCC Board

Sunday, May 19

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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Emmy-winning composer Steve Heitzeg (“When Violets Appear”) is known for evocative music that celebrates nature and calls for environmental justice, human rights, and world peace. His wide-ranging body of work includes compositions for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensemble, ballet, and PBS films, including commissions for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Auckland Philharmonic, Chanticleer, the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, Dale Warland Singers, James Sewell Ballet, Ariana Kim, Charles Lazarus, Minnesota Orchestra, Clara Osowski, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Stavanger Symphony Orchestra, and VocalEssence.

Special service on Sunday May 19. Worship will be a celebration of the soul-nurturing and life-giving roles of the natural world. We will be invoking the feel of a worship service at a church camp, with everyone sitting together in the front of the sanctuary, and we will hear stories from three of our community about encounters with the Holy Spirit in the outdoors. Plus we will do lots of singing! Come prepared to have a different kind of worship experience!

Calling all graduates. We are planning on offering a blessing for graduates next Sunday, May 19. If you or someone in your life is graduating—from anything!—please let Sarah Tittle know the details (office@firstchurchmn.org) We will honor them in the service.

Sabbatical Moment. As part of our sabbatical plan, we are excited to invite you to Wednesday evening gatherings in June, July, and August. The first event will take place on June 5, from 6-8p. We are planning on a games

night, with a special emphasis on children bringing board games they like to play to share with the rest of us. Watch this space for more info to come!

We want to plant your plants! Today and next Sunday our Family Gathering will include gardening in the raised beds in front of the church. We are looking for donations of plants to include in these spaces—flowers, vegetables, herbs are all most welcome! Plants can be dropped off on during the week left outside the church (or brought inside if someone is around) or brought to church on May 19. All are also welcome to join us in planting. Contact Sarah Almén (512-809-9788 or s_almen@hotmail.com) with any questions.

New art exhibit now on view. Cindy Gipple’s book-related artwork will be on display throughout this spring and summer. Her one-of-a-kind artists’ books, prints, shadow boxes, and paper basket vessels are inspired by found and reused materials, woods and waterways, hand techniques, architecture, memories, and stories. A reception for this show and an opportunity to visit with Cindy will take place on Sunday, June 2 after worship.

Volunteers needed for Summer Day Camp. This year, our ecumenical day camp will be both later in the summer (August 19–22) and at a new location: Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave., Mpls. We are excited to welcome children entering grades K-8, and we hope to have a wonderful crew of high school leaders. We also need adult volunteers. We welcome folks to come for a few hours or for the entire week; volunteers can work directly with kids or work in support roles. All the information about day camp and the links to register as a camper or volunteer can be found at the day camp website: <https://www.smpdsdaycamp.org/>

Election Support Group. The stakes in the November 2024 election are high, and emotions are running even higher—those emotions sometimes need both an outlet and a job! A monthly Election Support Group will give people the opportunity to celebrate, mourn, or just vent about the election process, and a chance to learn tools for effectively participating in it. We’ll pull strategies from resources such as Braver Angels, the Minnesota Council of Churches, and Common Cause. We are still determining whether to meet in person or over Zoom, but you don’t have to commit to attend every meeting; each session will be stand-alone. If you are interested in participating, or even helping to facilitate such a group, please contact the church office (office@firstchurchmn.org) or Sarah Almén (s_almen@hotmail.com or 512-809-9788).

