

June 9, 2024
Third Sunday of Pentecost



Wesley, Frank, 1923–2002. *Peter's Vision*, 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:

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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

Call to Worship

Hymn 17: “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” (v. 1-3, 5)

Welcome

Scripture: Acts 11:1–18

Time with Children

Chant: “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” Taizé

Sermon: “Radical Inclusion or Expansion?” by Sana DelCorazón

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 Strengthen the Church, one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. 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 “STC” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Nocturno” by Franz Strauss

Offertory Response: “Draw the Circle Wide” verse 1

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn: "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Bill Lindberg

Usher: Mary Jean Korsmo

Reader: Marilyn Burns

Special Music: Soren Peterson

Coffee Hour: Kris Felbeck

Tech Support: Maggie George, Soren Peterson

Coming up this week

Sunday, June 9

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

11:30a: 2nd Hour: Vinery Listening Session (in person)

11:30a: Vinery Listening Session (on Zoom)

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Monday, June 10

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, June 11

1p: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

6p: Summer Wednesday: Movies and Popcorn

Thursday, June 13

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, June 16

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

Welcome guest preacher Sana DelCorazón (she/they). Sana recently graduated from United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities with a master's in divinity. She is a trained clinical social worker, spiritual director/companion, life coach, writer, community organizer, PTO president, perpetual student and lover of life. Sana wants to help build progressive faith communities that radically welcome and center LGBTQ+ people of color and other folks on the margins of society. She is interested in the evolution of the church and the intersection of racial justice, queer theology, trauma-informed ministry, reconciliation, and the beloved community. They are currently working on their Master's thesis on Howard Thurman and his concept of the "common ground."

The Vinery Team is organizing several June gatherings for conversation around connections to our university neighborhood. Please plan to join one of the small groups so we can hear from you and we can all dream up how we might become stronger neighbors. RSVP to office@firstchurchmn.org

- **Today, 11:30a:** 2nd Hour in person/separate Zoom session
- **June 13, 6p:** At home of Eve Parker & Tom von Sternberg
- **June 17, 7p:** "Faith on Tap" reunion session, location tba
- **June tbd:** At home of Linda & Tom Lincoln

If you are getting together with other church members and would like to invite us in for a conversation, please reach out to the Vinery team: Hikaru Peterson, Gabe Magby, Maggie George. If we miss you at any of these group opportunities, you'll have a chance to communicate your thoughts via a Google form at the end of June.

Summer Wednesdays. As part of our sabbatical plan, we are excited to invite you to Wednesday evening gatherings starting at 6pm in June, July, and August.

- **June 12: Movies and Popcorn evening!** 6:30–7p, *The Snail and the Whale*; 7:15–7:45p, *Room on the Broom*. These animated movies, adapted from children's books, are stories of friendship that are sure to please a group of all ages!

- June 19: **Discussion with Rev. Clyde Steckel** about his new book, *Meditations on Aging*, at his residence in St. Paul.
- June 26: **Bird walk and talk** with renowned birder Lisa Keitel at Veterans Park in Richfield.

Stay tuned for more information about the rest of our Summer Wednesdays!

Come to our intergenerational craft event. As part of our ongoing work to build relationships and connections between all First Church generations, the Family Gathering is moving to the Gathering Hall for part of the summer and everyone is invited to join us! On June 23, we'll be holding a crafting session during coffee hour after church. Come join our youngest members and build a bird feeder, make some musical instruments, or try your hand at weaving. We'll have plenty of snacks and goodies to fuel your creative endeavors! If you would be willing to host a craft table, or you have a fantastic idea for a craft, please contact Sarah Almén (512-809-9788 or s_almen@hotmail.com).