

June 16, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B. *A Parable - The Mustard Seed*, 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 433: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"**

**Welcome**

**Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22–24; Mark 4:30–32**

## **Time with Children**

**Sermon:** "God's Planting" by Chris Bohnhoff

**Hymn 586:** "Come to Tend God's Garden"

## **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](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 "STC" in the memo line.

## **Offertory**

**Offertory Response:** "Draw the Circle Wide" verse 1

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Announcements**

**Hymn 553:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:**

**Valet:** Tom Lincoln

**Usher:** Marilyn Burns

**Worship Leader:** Linda Valerian

**Time with Children:** Sarah Almén

**Reader:** Jean Anderson

**Flowers:** Kris Felbeck

**Coffee Hour:** Tom and Linda Lincoln

**Tech Support:** Cynthia Hendricks, Greg Hubinger

***Coming up this week***

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

**Monday, June 17**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Kris Felbeck

**Tuesday, June 18**

1p: Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, June 19**

Noon: Elder Gathering

6p: Summer Wednesday: Movies and Popcorn

**Thursday, June 20**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: FCC Board

**Sunday, June 23**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

11:30a: Intergenerational Crafting

First Church is participating in the Vinery Project, along with a cohort of congregations across the country, to explore 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.

- **June 17, 7p:** “Faith on Tap” reunion session, at Longfellow Grill in South Minneapolis. **Please let Jean Anderson know if you would like to attend.**
- **June 18, 7p:** At home of Linda & Tom Lincoln near the church. RSVP to [office@firstchurchmn.org](mailto:office@firstchurchmn.org)

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.

**Special Service on June 23.** During worship we will celebrate Gifts of Awe, Mystery and Wonder. In lieu of a sermon, we will hear different perceptions, perspectives, and experiences of awe, mystery, and wonder from members and friends through scripture, stories, poetry, and song. We hope you come, in person or online, with open hearts, curious minds, and voices ready to sing!

**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. Build a bird feeder, make a musical instrument, or try your hand at weaving. We’ll have 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\\_almén@hotmail.com](mailto:s_almén@hotmail.com)).

**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 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. The trail is paved but very uneven; the walking pace will work for everyone. RSVP to the office; limit of 15 people.

**Stay tuned for July and August’s schedule of Summer Wednesdays!**