June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost


To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhT1p4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09
(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 408: “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Welcome

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Time with Children

Chant: “Holy Spirit Come to Us,” Taizé

Sermon: “Soften or Sharpen” by Peregrine Morkal-Williams

Hymn 552: “From the Crush of Wealth and Power”

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
Offertory Response: “Draw the Circle Wide” verse 3

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 581: “Lead Us from Death to Life”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:
  Valet: Mary Jean Korsmo
  Usher: Barb Franklin
  Reader: Jean Anderson
  Special Music: Allegra Monitinari
  Coffee Hour: Kris Felbeck
  Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Cynthia Hobbie

Coming up this week

Sunday, June 30
9:30a: Coffee hour
10a: Worship (hybrid)
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11:15a: Coffee Hour

Monday, July 1
9:30a: SE Playgroup

Wednesday, July 3
6p: Summer Wednesday: Birding with Lisa Keitel @Veterans Memorial Park

Sunday, July 7
9:30a: Coffee hour
10a: Worship with UBC at First Church (hybrid)
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2IKdz09
11:15a: Coffee Hour
Today we welcome Guest Preacher Peregrine Morkal-Williams, a student at United Theological Seminary and Member in Discernment with the UCC (MN Conference). Peregrine is also a dedicated student of Aikido, a martial art that is paradoxically oriented toward harmony. He believes that growing and changing is everyone’s lifelong work, and is humbled to accompany people on their journeys.

Join us after worship for a special coffee hour in celebration of Brad Schumann’s retirement from UPS, where he worked for many decades. Congratulations Brad!

For the month of July we will worship together with University Baptist Church. We’ll be at First Church on July 7 and 14. On July 21 and 28 we’ll be at UBC, 1219 University Ave. SE, Mpls., 55414. Worship for all services begins at 10a.

On July 7 we will welcome guest preacher Paula Moyer who has been a member of University Baptist Church since 1976. Paula works at HealthPartners, where she is a union steward and a member of the contract negotiating team.

On July 14 we welcome guest preacher Maia Twedt, a Quaker Christian who works as a chaplain in elder care.

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.

- **July 10:** Outdoor games at Wabun Park near Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis.
- **July 17:** Conversation and snacks at the home of Cynthia Hobbie, in Falcon Heights. Please [rsvp to the office](#).
- **July 24:** Concert at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE, Minneapolis.
- **July 31:** Make your own greeting cards!
- **August 7:** Games Night II!
- **August 14:** Picnic in Day Park, on Earley Lake in Burnsville

**Summer Camping Weekend.** We look forward to a weekend of camping, August 16–18, at Camp Amnicon. Like the last couple of years, we will team up with friends from University Lutheran Church of Hope. Amnicon ([https://amnicon.org/](https://amnicon.org/)) is on the south shore of Lake Superior (about 20 minutes outside of Duluth). The Amnicon River also runs through the camp. They have great hiking, canoes to borrow, and a fabulous beach for hanging out, swimming, and campfires. We will also gather for community time and worship. Meals will be provided by the camp under their outdoor pavilion. The lodging will be a choice between platform tents (permanent tents with beds; you bring your own sleeping bag), bringing your own camping gear and camping there, or renting one of their small cabins. Registration forms can be found [at this link](#).