

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Four Seasons, by Jacek Yerka.

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

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Welcome

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8; Matthew 16:13–18

Time with Children

Chant: "Holy Spirit Come to Us," Taizé

Sermon: "Things Work Until They Don't" by Paula Moyer

Hymn 173: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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 the University Area Sanctuary Coalition. 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 "Sanctuary" in the memo line.

Offertory

Offertory Response: “Draw the Circle Wide” verse 2

Prayer of Dedication

Gathering at the Table

Communion Prayer

Retelling of the Story

Sharing of the Bread and Cup: *Please have crackers/bread and juice/wine nearby so that you may share in Communion.*

Sung during Communion: “Eat This Bread,” Taizé

Announcements

Hymn 471: “What a Covenant”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Reader: Barb Franklin

Coffee Hour: Brad Schumann

Tech Support: Hikaru Peterson, Gabe Magby

Coming up this week

Sunday, July 7

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship with UBC at First Church (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

Monday, July 8

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, July 9

1p: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 10

11a: Crafting Group

6p: Summer Wednesday: Outdoor Games at Wabun Picnic Area

Sunday, July 14

9:30a: Coffee hour

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

11:15a: All Ages Gathering for Games

Today we welcome our friends from University Baptist Church, as well as Guest Preacher Paula Moyer. Paula, a member of UBC since 1976, works at HealthPartners, where she is a union steward and a member of the contract negotiating team. We'll be worshipping together at First Church on 14, and on July 21 and 28 we'll be at UBC, 1219 University Ave. SE, Mpls., 55414. Worship for all services begins at 10a.

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. This Wednesday we'll gather for bocce, beanbag tosses and "goodminton" (badminton without the net) and other outdoor fun at the Wabun Picnic Area in Minnehaha Falls Park in Minneapolis. Park in the lot by the splash pad and we'll have someone there to show you the way to the gathering.

- **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

Games, Games & Even More Games! The Family Gathering group will be playing games in the Gathering Hall during coffee hour on July 14. You are invited to join in the fun and be an active part of our ongoing work to build relationships and connections between all First Church generations! Our youngest members and friends will be bringing their favorite board games to share. If you don't know how to play, they will be happy to teach you! If you have a favorite game from your childhood days that you'd like to share, bring it! We'll have plenty of snacks and goodies (including popsicles) to fuel your competitive and collaborative game playing. Contact Sarah Almén (512-809-9788 or s_almén@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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/>) 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](#).