

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



The Luncheon of the Boating Party by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. From wikiart.com.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(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: "Like a Healing Stream"

Welcome

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:1–9

Time with Children

Chant: "From the Fullness of God," Taizé

Sermon: "Navigating Divine Fate Using a Compass of Joy" by Maia Twedt

Hymn 350: "Now in the Days of Youth"

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: "Green Island" by Jeff Stone

Offertory Response: "Draw the Circle Wide" verse 3

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 316: "We Limit Not the Truth of God"

Benediction

Postlude: “Ann’s Waltz” by Jeff Stone

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Robert Payne

Usher: Mary Jean Korsmo

Reader: Kris Felbeck

Coffee Hour: Community Kitchen, Sarah Almen

Tech Support: Maggie George, Greg Hubinger

Special Music: Byron Almén (piano), Carolyn Bernemann (flute), Allegra Montanari (cello), Ann Sather (violin), Jeff Stone (guitar)

Coming up this week

Sunday, July 14

9:30a: Coffee hour

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

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

11:15a: All Ages Gathering for Games

Monday, July 15

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Debra Wensman

Wednesday, July 16

Noon: Elder Gathering

6p: Summer Wednesday: Gathering at the home of Cynthia Hobbie

Sunday, July 17

10a: Joint worship at University Baptist Church. Watch on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D3azVy8KRmFNgnUY-jDAw>

Today we welcome our friends from University Baptist Church, as well as Guest Preacher Maia Twedt. Maia is a Quaker Christian, and lives near the Mississippi River with her spouse, far too many pets, and fun visits from her young adult daughters. She works as a chaplain in elder care.

On July 21 and 28 we'll be at UBC, 1219 University Ave. SE, Mpls., 55414. Worship for all services begins at 10a in the UBC sanctuary, followed by prayers and concerns, and then coffee in the lounge

Games, Games & Even More Games! The Family Gathering group will be playing games in the Gathering Hall during coffee hour today. 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!

We want to hear from you! The Vinery team is working on a two-year process to envision how we might work with and serve the university community. We have heard from 33 members of the congregation; if you have not yet added your voice to the lease do so now. Contact Maggie George (maggieshannongeorge@gmail.com) and we will add your name to an Invitation list and schedule listening sessions in August.

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 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, with Jerry Clark reading his poetry.

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 are in the back of the Sanctuary (please return to the office) or email the office to register online.