

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Photo by Jane McBride

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

Welcome

Introit: "How Strong" by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Gathering Words: from "Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn 566: "Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air"

Scriptures: Psalm 19:7-14; Mark 9:38-50

Time with Children

Sermon

Hymn 454: "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"

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. August's special offering is given to Eastside Meals on Wheels. 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 “Meals on Wheels” in the memo line.

Offertory Response: “For Such a Time As This”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 564: “We Are Not Our Own”

Benediction

Sung Benediction: “Deep Peace” (All Creation Sings 1018)
Please join in singing the second time through.

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Bill Lindberg

Reader: Xan Laurence

Tech Support: Maggie George, Hikaru Peterson

Coming up this week

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Team Retreat

Monday, September 30

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, October 1

noon: Bible Study

Wednesday, October 2

11a: Crafting Group

7p: Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Saturday, October 5

3:30p: "Wild Church"

Sunday, October 6

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Election Support Group

5p: Story Slam

Staff note. Sarah Tittle is on vacation until October 8.

Hospitality & Engagement, Congregational Care, and Justice Teams retreats today. Please join us at 11:30a in the parlor or stay on the Zoom link if you are interested being a part of any of these teams. You are welcome to come and learn more about the teams even if you're not sure yet whether you want to be involved. We will share a little food with each other – if you brought something please put it on the table in the parlor.

Stories @First is back! Sun. Oct. 6, 5–7p in the Sanctuary. Our congregation loves to create community through storytelling and we want to share this experience with you! Join us to tell a story or listen to others tell theirs! We'll have snacks and mocktails. If you would like to tell a story of creating, please review our guidelines at the back of the sanctuary, and let Sarah Almén know that you are interested: s_almén@hotmail.com.

Wild Church Gathering, Sat. Oct. 5 at 3:30p, at Father Hennepin Bluff Park. We'll join our friends from University Lutheran Church of Hope and

University Baptist Church to learn how the Wild Church movement helps us reshape our relationship with creation through conversation with the other beings with whom we share this earth—plants and animals, birds, rocks, water, and air. Learn more at www.wildchurchnetwork.com or by reading the book *Church of the Wild*. (There is a copy in the library.)

Winter Clothing Drive. Support recently arrived immigrant families by donating gently used winter gear for all ages. There is a bin outside the 8th Ave. entrance. Please donate by October 13, or email ckclothingdrive@gmail.com for pickup within the Twin Cities.