

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



A Bird Preaches to St. Francis by Kelly Latimore 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:

<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

Welcome

Introit: "How Strong" by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Gathering Words: "Five Precepts of Happiness" by Bonnie Thurston

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn 451: “Be Now My Vision”

Scriptures: Psalm 90:12–17; Mark 10:17–31

Time with Children

Anthem: “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” C. Hubert/H. Parry

Sermon

Chant: “Christ, Our Peace”

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. October’s special offering is given to Neighbors in Need. 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 “NIN” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold W. Friedell

Offertory Response: “For Such a Time as This”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 436: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Benediction

Sung Benediction: “Deep Peace” Celtic trad., arr. Makeever
Please join in singing the second time through.

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Reader: Barb Franklin

Ushers: Tim Danz, Sally Wingert

Tech Support: Hikaru Peterson, Jeff Peterson

Coffee Hour: Kris Felbeck

Coming up this week

Sunday, October 13

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

11:30a: 2nd Hour: Congregational Goals

Monday, October 14

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, October 15

noon: Bible Study

Wednesday, October 16

Noon: Elder Gathering

7p: Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, October 20

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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

Jane McBride will be on vacation Oct. 17–19. If you have a pastoral care need, please call Doug Donley at 763-242-6553.

2nd Hour today: Our Congregational Goals. Members of the board will be on hand at 11:30 to share and learn more about the goals and the process of developing them. They would love to be in dialogue with you, so please bring your responses, reflections and questions.

New art exhibit in Pilgrim Hall. We are so pleased to display the acrylic paintings of Sara James, our neighbor, through the end of the year! Join us next Sunday, after worship, to meet Sara and get to know her work

Faithful Hospitality provides mobile shelter in houses of worship to help Hennepin County deal with an overflow of families experiencing homelessness, especially families seeking asylum. Each month, three different area churches, synagogues, and schools host 20-24 emergency shelter beds. We strive to provide a site, volunteers, and a safe, clean, comfortable place for children and their parents / guardians to spend the night until they can transition into housing. There are openings for volunteers to serve a 12-hour shift from 7p–7a. The two nightly volunteers each have a separate sleeping room. In October, the hosting church is Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul. If you are interested in volunteering contact Bob Kessler at 651-334-2289 or bobkessler45@gmail.com.

Hurricane Relief. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week due to Hurricane Helene, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts. You can donate at ucc.org.

Let's support the Community Kitchen! Become a sustaining donor, or offer a one-time gift, to help our partners through a rough patch financially as they transition to working with a new fiscal sponsor. Donate here: <https://opencollective.com/communitykitchenmpls>.

You are invited to attend the Ecclesiastical Council for our former Pastoral Intern and Sabbatical Minister, Chris Bohnhoff on November 6. Members from any UCC church in the Minnesota Conference are welcome to come hear a short presentation from Chris on his ministry, ask questions, and then vote on whether he should be granted "Ordination

Pending Call.” You may attend in person or online. Chris’s presentation will begin at 6:30p at Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis. Light refreshments will be served afterward.