

October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Johnson, William H., 1901–1970. *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*, 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: “Prelude & Fugue in A BWV 543” J.S. Bach

Welcome

Gathering Words: Walter Brueggemann, from *The Prophetic Imagination*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn 292: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1–14; Mark 10:35–45

Generosity Moment: Linda Valerian

Time with Children

Sermon: “Prophet Jesus,” by Clyde Steckel

Hymn: “When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides”

Healing Prayer

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: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach

Offertory Response: “For Such a Time as This”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 20: “God of Abraham and Sarah”

Benediction

Sung Benediction: “Deep Peace” Celtic trad., arr. Makeever

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Tom Lincoln

Reader: Brad Schumann

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Guest Musician: Bradley Althoff

Tech Support: Tim Danz, Greg Hubinger

Coffee Hour: Mary Jean Korsmo

Coming up this week

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)

Monday, October 21

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Ruth Lemire

Tuesday, October 22

noon: Bible Study

1p: Building Committee

Wednesday, October 23

7p: Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, October 27

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

Meet artist Sara James after worship today! We are so pleased to display “Deep Diving and Other Finds,” the acrylic paintings of Sara James, our neighbor, through the end of the year! Sara says of her work: *Doing art is like having a conversation with the canvas. Make a mark, respond to the mark. Seeing is as important a skill as craftsmanship. Sometimes I lead, other times I follow. This approach allows my unconscious to enter the work and have a play in the direction of the conversation. I trust my unconscious more than intention or taste. I try to hold close the courage to fail so I can take risks. The hope is that I can amaze and move myself and then maybe others too.* Join us after worship to meet Sara and get to know her work.

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 at: <https://opencollective.com/communitykitchenmpls>

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. 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.

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.

Wild Church monthly gatherings will take place on the second Saturday of each month, from 2–3:30p (beginning Nov. 9), at Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 Main St. SE, by the bandstand. The Wild Church movement invites us to change the way we relate to the natural world. The gathering begins with grounding ourselves in scripture, poetry and song. Then we enter into a time of wandering and seeking conversation with the earth around us. We close with reflection, sharing and snacks. Bring a water bottle and a portable chair if you would rather not stand or sit on the ground. Wild Church is a joint ministry of University Lutheran Church of Hope, University Baptist Church and First Congregational Church of MN, UCC. Learn more about the Wild Church movement at: wildchurchnetwork.com.

Friends of San Lucas Friendsgiving, Sat. Nov. 9, 5p. This fundraising gala will celebrate the multitude of friendships built through the partnership between FOSSL and the San Lucas Mission. Mission staff members Leonel Tun and Myvi Juárez will share the impact of their work on the community of San Lucas. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to join in this. The event includes a catered meal, auction items, live music, and videos from the Mission. The event will take place at the Minnesota Valley Country Club, in Bloomington. Let Cynthia Hendricks know if you are interested in joining a group from First Church, or register online at sanlucasmission.org.