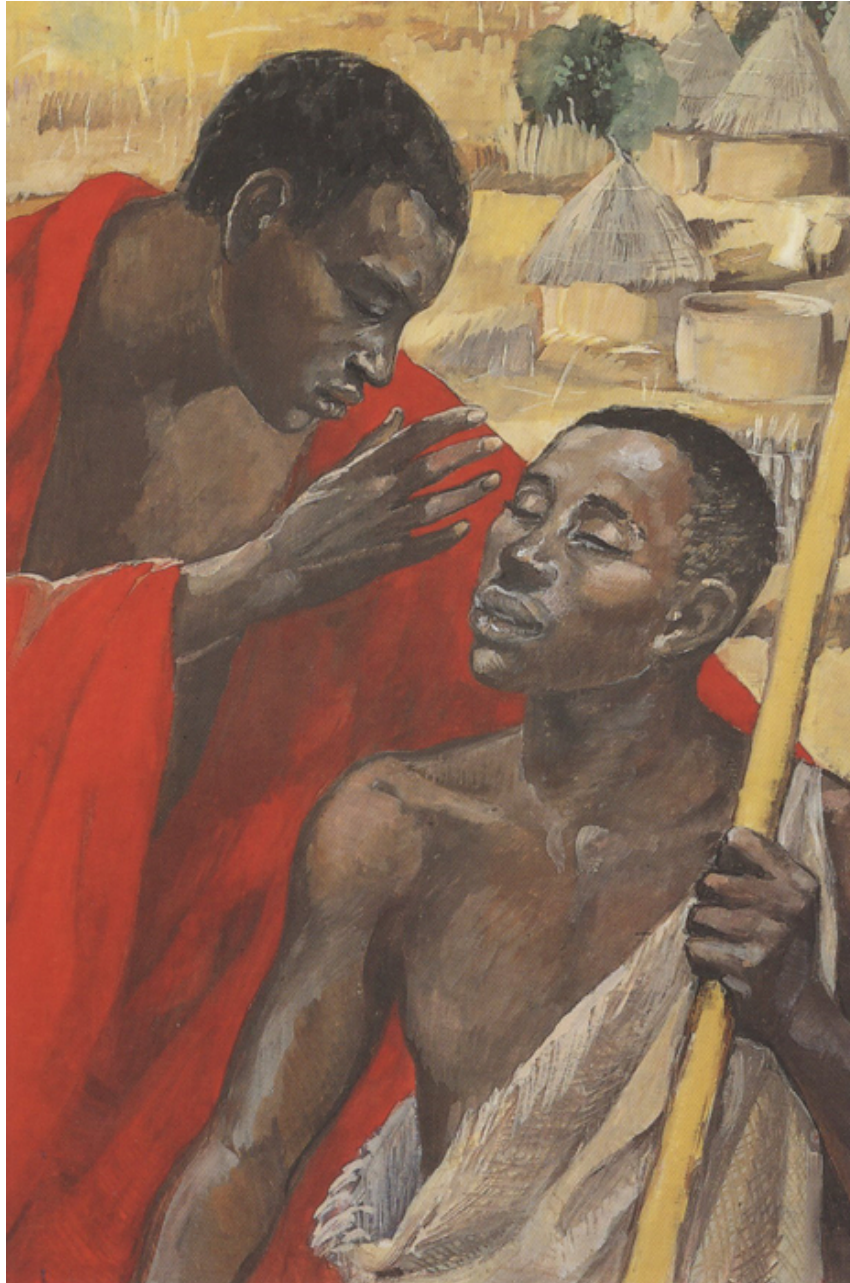


October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus MAFA , *Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind* , 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:**

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**Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.**

**Prelude:**

**Welcome**

**Introit:** "How Strong" by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

**Gathering Words:** "The Good News" by Thich Nhat Hanh

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Hymn:** "Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

**Generosity Moment:** Jean Anderson

**Scriptures:** Psalm 126; Mark 10:46–52

**Time with Children**

**Anthem:** "Come Ye That Love the Lord," arr. Alice Parker

**Sermon:** "Your Faith," by Jane McBride

**Hymn:417:** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

**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](http://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:** "If Ye Love Me," Thomas Tallis

**Offertory Response:** "For Such a Time as This"

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**Hymn 418:** "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction:** "Deep Peace" Celtic trad., arr. Makeever

**Postlude**

**Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:**

**Valet:** Bill Lindberg

**Flowers:** Linda Lincoln

**Reader:** Kris Felbeck

**Usher:** Linda Lincoln

**Tech Support:** Tim Danz, Maggie George

**Coffee Hour:** Cynthia Hendricks

**Coming up this week**

**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

**Monday, October 28**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

**Tuesday, October 29**

noon: Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 30**

7p: Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, October 31**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

**Sunday, Nov. 3**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship: All Saints Service (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Election Support Group

11:30a: “Walk Around” with Hospitality & Engagement Team

**Generosity Campaign.** Last week you should have received a letter from the board as well as a pledge card. Please fill out your card in time for Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 10. You can bring or mail the form to the church, or email your commitment to our financial secretary, Kathy Hansen (khansen156@gmail.com). Please fill out the form even if you have previously set up an electronic withdrawal. Many thanks for your support of the First Church community.

**Faithful Hospitality Training Sessions.** Our friends at University Baptist Church are making plans to house families seeking asylum in the month of December. A program of Interfaith Action, Faithful Hospitality partners with churches to house up to 24 people seeking asylum for a month at a time. Guests stay overnight at the church and then go to a Day Center where they get all of their meals and have other programs. In partnership with UBC and Interfaith Hospitality, we are hoping that folks from local churches will be able to help serve as overnight hosts. The program needs two hosts from 7p-7a. There will be 2 volunteer training sessions: Mon., Nov. 18 & Thurs., Nov. 21, both at UBC at 6:30p (and on Zoom.) If you are interested in volunteering, please contact UBC at 612-331-1768 or pastor@ubcmn.org.

**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. Learn more about the Wild Church movement at: [wildchurchnetwork.com](http://wildchurchnetwork.com).

**All Saints Service Nov. 3.** This reflective service includes the naming of our saints—those whose lives have been an example of faith in both ordinary and extraordinary ways. As we prepare for the service, we invite you to send a photo of a saint in your life to be included in a slide show that day, along with their name and a brief descriptive phrase. Please send them to Maggie George: [maggieshannongeorge@gmail.com](mailto:maggieshannongeorge@gmail.com)

**Prayers for Advent.** The worship team and the faith force, along with Jane, want to build on the experience of sabbatical Sundays, encouraging members of the congregation to share more in the leadership of worship. For Advent, we invite folks to consider composing and leading a prayer for one of the services. We will gather on November 18 for dinner and a time of conversation to help you prepare for your role. **Please sign up in the sanctuary or RSVP to Jane McBride: [jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org](mailto:jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org)**