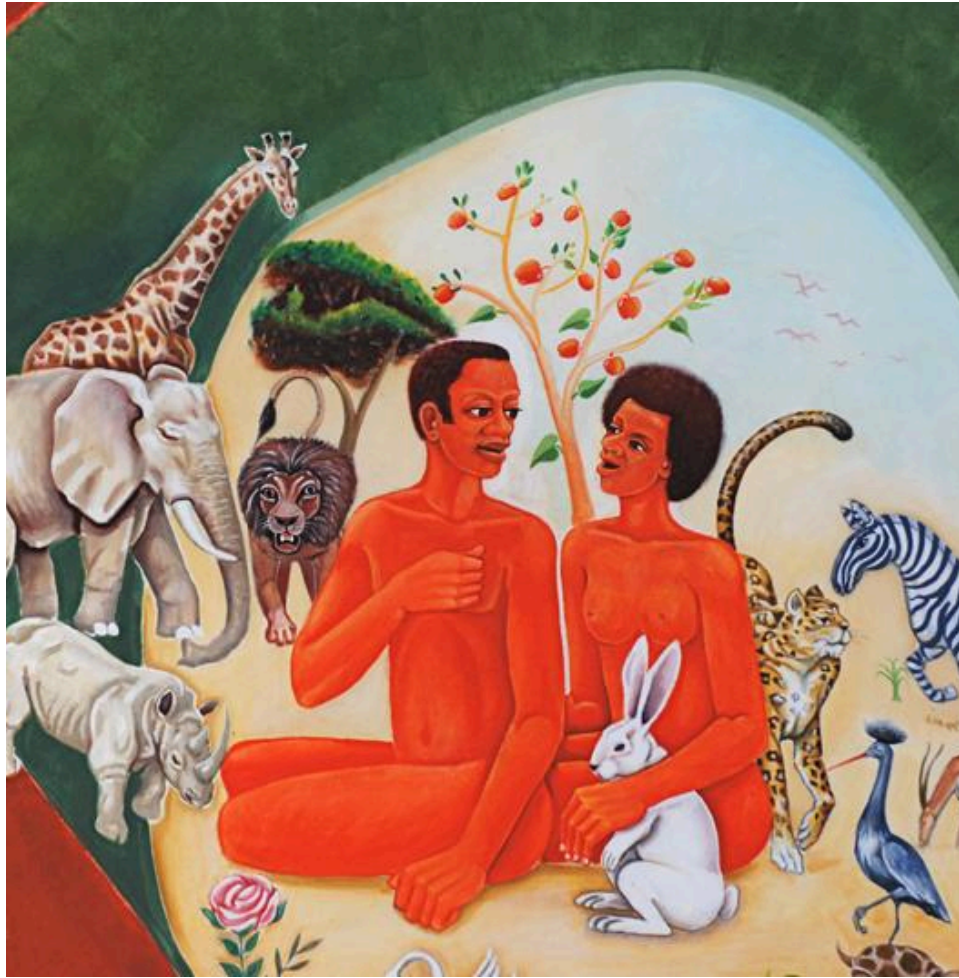


October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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**Prelude**

## **Welcome**

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

**Gathering Words:** "Alone" by Maya Angelou

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Hymn 293:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**Scriptures:** Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:1-16

**Time with Children:** Tim Danz

**Anthem:** "Build A Longer Table," French carol; text: David Bjorlin

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

## **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](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 “Meals on Wheels” in the memo line.

**Offertory Anthem:** “Down to the River to Pray,” Trad.; arr. Sheldon Curry

**Offertory Response:** “For Such a Time As This”

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Communion**

**Announcements**

**Hymn 393:** “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

**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:** Mary Jean Korsmo

**Reader:** Jean Anderson

**Usher:** Marilyn Burns

**Tech Support:** Greg Hubinger, Hikaru Peterson

## **Coming up this week**

**Sunday, Oct. 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  
5:00p: Story Slam

**Monday, October 7**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

**Tuesday, October 8**

noon: Bible Study

1p: Staff meeting

**Wednesday, October 9**

7p: Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, October 10**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

**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

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

**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 for stories, snacks, and mocktails.

**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](mailto:ckclothingdrive@gmail.com) for pickup within the Twin Cities.

**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](http://ucc.org).

**Friends of San Lucas Friendsgiving Dinner.** Nov 9th, from 5-9 pm, at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Special guests are Mission Director Leonel Tun and Charity Program Director Myvi Juárez, who will travel from Guatemala to bring first-hand perspective of the Mission's work. Please let Cynthia Hendricks know if you can join in attending.

**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>.