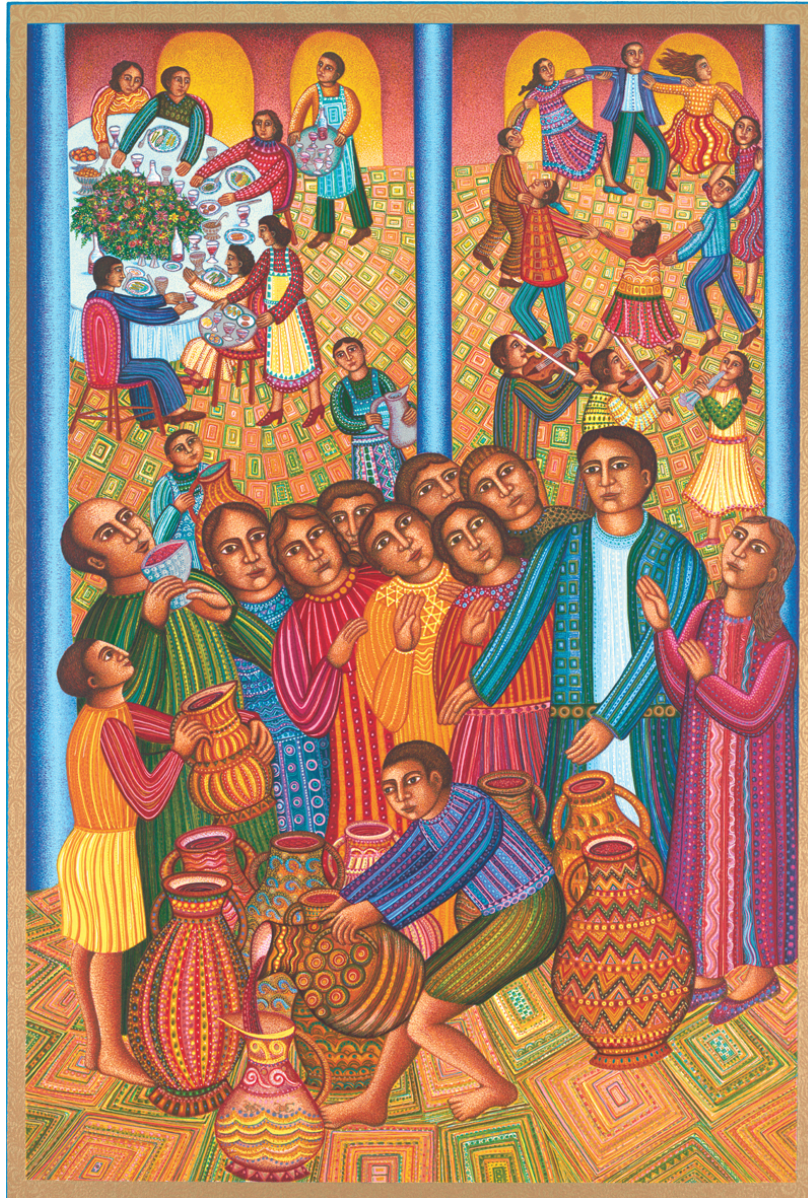


January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany



Swanson, John August. *Wedding Feast* 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=WFhzWkJlFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(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

Gathering Words: "The Year as a House: A Blessing" by Jan Richardson

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 73: "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Scripture: Psalm 36:5–10; John 2:1–11; excerpt from Dr. King's Speech "Where Do We Go from Here?" delivered in Atlanta, GA, August 16, 1967

Time with Children

Anthem: "Wana Baraka" (Kenyan Folk Song)

Sermon: Jane McBride

Hymn: "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

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. January's special offering is given to the University Area Sanctuary Coalition. 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 “Sanctuary” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

Offertory Response: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 459: “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Reader: Linda Valerian

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Coffee Hour: Art Team

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Hikaru Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Scott

Coming up this week

Sunday, January 19

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

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

12:30a: Worship team (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82579587370?pwd=aURmUHRaSU55aFIXK241NVNvTWVMZz09>

Monday, January 20

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Knitting Group @home of Ruth Lemire

Tuesday, January 21

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82579587370?pwd=aURmUHRaSU55aFIXK241NVNvTWVMZz09>

1p: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, January 26

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

Art reception after worship. Come meet Andrew Sjostrom, whose photographs will be hanging in the First Gallery through March. He was inspired by Jim Brandenburg's work "Chased by the Light" and follows Brandenburg's method of taking only one photograph each day for the ninety days of fall. Andrew takes photos of nature, important places, and the cityscape, traveling throughout the metro on his bicycle. *(It's best to be direct and concrete when commenting to Andrew about his photos. State what you like best about an image, which is your favorite and why. Ask for the story behind the photo. He's great at remembering and telling you the details and not as experienced in responding to "That's beautiful," or "Great photo." Please print when signing the guest book.)* To purchase any of the works contact Lisa Keitel: lkkeitel@gmail.com or 651-592-3040.

Join a Community Group! Our community groups offer loving and confidential space to share about our lives and support each other. Early this year we will start one or two new community groups. Meetings will happen approximately every other week, for a total of 5 or 6 meetings. After that, the group will decide whether or not to continue on a regular basis. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary, or contact Jane: jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org.

"Practicing Hospitality" is our theme for worship in the Epiphany season. In these times of polarization and animosity, we will explore how we can recover the ancient virtue of hospitality that has shaped the church from the very beginning. You can read more in the brief pieces linked in the First Notes, or there are a few paper copies in the back of the sanctuary.

Survivors play performance. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 2 at 1p. when we host a production of *Survivors*, written by Wendy Kout and directed by Warren C. Bowles. This play weaves together the true, inspirational stories of ten Holocaust survivors whose ordinary and joyful young lives were transformed by the Nazi regime. We are grateful for this chance to reflect on how we can more fully live out our values of hospitality and justice in these times. The 50-minute performance will be followed by a time of conversation. Invite your friends! Freewill donation. RSVP appreciated to office@firstchurchmn.org or sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Seeking Your Input! The Justice League and the Board will be meeting jointly on February 11, 6–7:30p, to make decisions about how to share the reparations funds we have collected during 2024 with BIPOC organizations in our wider community. If there is an organization you would like to see us support financially please let us know by filling out the form that is available in the back of the sanctuary.