

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Jesus Loves Me by Varnette Honeywood from wikiart.org

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

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(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: Jalaluddin Rumi

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn: "Spirit Open My Heart"

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Luke 6:17–26

Time with Children

Sermon: “Feeling the Woe” by Jane McBride

Chant: “Christ Our Peace”

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. February’s special offering is directed to MN Foodshare/CES Food Shelf. 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 “CES” in the memo line.

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 311: “Renew Your Church”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Bill Lindberg

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Reader: Paul Snyder

Tech Support: Hikaru Peterson, Jeff Peterson

Coffee Hour: Eve Parker, Tom von Sternberg

Coming up this week

Sunday, Feb. 16

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship/(hybrid)

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

11:30a: 2nd Hour on end-of-life planning

12:30p: Worship Team (Zoom)

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Monday, Feb. 17

9:30a: SE Playgroup

67p: Knitting Group at home of Cynthia Hobbie

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82579587370?pwd=aURmUHRaSU55aFlXK241NVNvTWVMZz09>

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Noon: Elder Gathering

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7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 20

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, Feb. 23

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship/(hybrid)

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11:30a: 2nd Hour : ISAIAH housing program

11:30a: Family Gathering

2nd Hour today—Meeting Mortality: Walking Each Other Home. This will be an overview of End-of-Life issues to explore and assist in planning for this stage of our lives. It will be an overview and preview of the Lenten study group.

Mardi Gras @First Church! Join us on Friday February 28 from 5–8p for our annual superfun all-ages event. Play Brad’s famous Mini-Golf course starting at 5p. Stay for dinner at 6p—tacos and homemade donuts! And enjoy music by “The Roasters.” This event is co-hosted by University Lutheran Church of Hope. A free will donation will support youth trips to Guatemala. **We are looking for volunteers to help with this event; see the sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.**

Lenten Devotional 2025: “How do you pray?” Everyone is invited to contribute a response to this question. In addition to your contribution, if you are willing, please submit a photo of yourself. This will help all of us learn who you are and build community connections in line with our Epiphany theme of hospitality. Email your contributions to Sarah Almén no later than February 20 so we have time to prepare the Devotional for distribution on Ash Wednesday, March 5. (s_almen@hotmail.com)

We are offering three Lenten Small Groups this year. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Sanctuary.

- **“Meeting Mortality: Walking Each Other Home.”** We’ll reflect on the various elements of end of life planning and how we can support each other through this process. Meets March 13 and 27, 7p, on Zoom.
- **Contemplative Prayer.** The heart of this group experience will be twenty minutes of silent prayer. We’ll also take time each week for some basic instruction on methods of prayer/meditation and sharing of prayer concerns. Meets in person in the sanctuary, Mon. March 17 at 6:30, Tues. March 25 at 6:30, Tues. April 1 at 6:30, Mon. April 7 at 6:30 & Tues. April 15 at 6:30.

- ***God's Ghostwriters with Melissa Harl.*** This lucid and engrossing book unveils the untold story of how enslaved people created, gave meaning to, and spread the word of the New Testament, shaping the very foundations of Christianity in ways both subtle and profound. Meets in person (and on Zoom) Wednesdays on March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 2–3:15p in the Parlor.

Rapid response network. Protect neighbors by being rapid responder through the UNIDOS network. Sign up with this QR code.



2nd Hour February 23—ISALAH Housing Campaign. Learn how we can be involved in ISALAH's 2025 legislative campaign to desegregate our neighborhoods and make housing more abundant and affordable.