

**March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent**



Charles Lapicque. *Désert*, from wikiart.org

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

Gathering Prayer: *Visio Divina*, "Sacred Prayer." *In visio divina, we prayerfully invite God to speak to our hearts as we look at an image. You can follow these steps if you find them helpful.*

Center. As you gaze at the image, notice your breath and your body.

Meditate. Consider the whole image. Notice the shapes, the colors, the lighting, the mood. Notice what's in the foreground and background. How do you feel looking at the image? If you were in the image, where would you be? Now consider what about the image most draws your

attention and let your eyes focus there for a while. Why do you think this particular part strikes you? Do you sense an invitation? What is God saying to you?

Pray. What is your response or prayer? Articulate to yourself any words that arise.

Rest. Thanking God for what God has revealed, rest in communion with God.

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn: “Beautiful Things”

Scripture: Luke 4:1–13; Psalm 91, hymnal page 681 (*Please join in singing in the response and speaking the verses*)

Time with Children

Sermon: Jane McBride

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn: “When We Are Tested”

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. March’s special offering supports the First Church Little Free Pantry. 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 “pantry” in the memo line.

Offertory

Offertory Response: “I’m Gonna Live”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 18: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Robert Paynes

Usher: Linda Lincoln

Reader: Linda Valerian

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Scott Williams

Coffee Hour: Ann Fate, Paul Fate

Coming up this week

Sunday, March 9

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship/(hybrid)

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

12:30p: Hospitality & Engagement Team (Zoom)

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Monday, March 10

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Faith Force Team

Tuesday, March 11

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

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2p: Staff Meeting

6p: Justice League meeting/potluck

Wednesday, March 12

2p: Lenten Book Study

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: "Meeting Mortality" Lenten Group on Zoom

Friday, March 14

4p: Mardi Gras at First Church

Saturday, March 15

10a: Spanish Conversation @home of Mary Jean Korsmo

Sunday, March 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: Claire Housing

12:30p: Worship Team on Zoom

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Our Mardi Gras festivities are rescheduled to Friday March 14. Join us for tacos, donuts, mini-golf and music! The event starts at 4p with an hour geared toward covid-cautious folks. Dinner will be served starting at 6p.

Hola UBC/FCC friends! Are you interested in a Spanish conversation group? Deidre Druk and Mary Jean Korsmo hope you'll join them in-person to practice speaking together. on Sat. March 15 from 10a-noon at Mary Jean's home, 630 3rd Ave. NE Mpls, 55413. We'll discuss specifics about starting a conversation group together. We hope to attract Spanish learners/speakers at a variety of levels. Let's see where this might go! Hasta Pronto!

2nd Hour March 16: Claire Housing Thomas Page, Donor Engagement Specialist at Clare Housing (929 Central Avenue NE) will join us for worship and a 2nd hour on March 16. Clare Housing uses affordable supportive housing to create homes, health, and hope for more than 300 people living with and affected by HIV each year.

Stories @ First Volume 3, Sunday April 27 at 1p. The theme for our Spring story slam is "Second Chances." We look forward to creating community with our neighbors, including our friends from UBC! If you would like to tell a story, please read the guidelines in the back of the Sanctuary. There will be a potluck before the event and dessert and conversation afterward.

"Trans Stories Are Sacred." Our congregation is invited to join in sponsoring this powerful night of trans and nonbinary stories on Thursday March 27 at 7p at Coffman Union on the UofM Minneapolis campus. You can sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or by emailing Jane McBride: jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org.

Ordination service for Schanan Harris! On Saturday March 22 at 2p, we are invited to add our blessings and prayers as Schanan celebrates this important moment in her journey of ministry.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Jo Anne Rohricht will take place on Saturday April 5 at 1p. We are looking for a couple of ushers and some folks to help with the reception afterwards. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Dates for your calendar:

Mar. 22: Ordination Service for Schanan Harris

Mar. 23: Board leads small group conversations *during worship*, as part of our process to develop a mission statement

Mar. 27: Trans Stories are Sacred, 7p, Coffman Union

Mar 30: Lunch & 2nd Hour: Minneapolis Climate and Equity Campaign

Apr. 5: Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Jo Anne Rohricht

Apr. 6: ISAIAH Gathering in collaboration with ULCH

Apr. 17: Maundy Thursday Worship with UBC, at UBC

Apr 18: Good Friday Worship, 7p

Apr 20: Easter Sunday

Apr. 27: Stories @First, "Second Chances", 1p (potluck lunch before)

May 4: "University Sunday" and 2nd Hour led by Vinery Team