

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Swanson, John August. *Prodigal Son*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

To join worship this morning via Zoom, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJfOjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(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 Prayer: Tibetan singing bowls

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 511: "I Love My God Who Heard My Cry"

Scripture: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32; Psalm 32, hymnal page 642 (*Please join in singing the response and speaking the verses*)

Time with Children

Anthem: "O Lord, My God, to Thee," by Jacques Arcadelt

Hymn: "Neverending Joy"

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.

Prayer of Blessing for Rev. Schanan Harris

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: "O Savior of the World," Arthur Somervell

Offertory Response: "I'm Gonna Live"

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 23: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Tom Lincoln

Usher: Kris Felbeck

Reader: Xan Laurence

Tech Support: Maggie George, Jeff Peterson

Coffee Hour: Tom and Linda Lincoln

Coming up this week

Sunday, March 30

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: 2nd Hour / lunch: Climate & Equity w / Unidos-MN

Monday, March 31

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Wednesday, April 2

10a: Crafting Group

2p: Lenten Book Study (hybrid)

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: "Meeting Mortality" Lenten group on Zoom

Saturday, April 5

1p: Memorial Service for Jo Anne Rohricht (hybrid)

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Sunday, April 6

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11:30a: Election Support Group

Staff Note: Jane McBride will be on vacation this week, returning Saturday April 5. If you need pastoral care while she's away, please contact Doug Donley, pastor at University Baptist Church, at 763-242-6553.

2nd Hour and Lunch today: Minneapolis Climate and Equity Campaign. We'll hear from Unidos-MN on how we can transform Minneapolis into a clean energy city no matter who's president. Unidos is working with neighbors across Minneapolis to ensure new funding for clean energy home upgrade programs that reach all residents, no exceptions. A light lunch will be provided.

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.

ISAIAH Mpls. listening campaign. On Sun, April 6, we will have a forum in partnership with University Lutheran Church of Hope (at ULCH) with lunch at noon and the forum from 12:15-1:45. This is part of a larger listening campaign with Minneapolis residents to develop an agenda for the city based on our values and to create a path to organize for change.

Maundy Thursday Worship. We will have dinner and worship together on April 17 at 7p with University Baptist Church, at UBC (1219 University Ave. SE). This shared worship is part of our effort to build relationship between our two congregations. If you are able to bring soup or bread for the supper, please let the office know: office@firstchurchmn.org

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. **If you purchased a photo from Andrew Sjostrom's photography exhibit,** thank you for your patience! You may collect your photo on Sunday March 30 after worship. Please contact Lisa Keitel lkkeitel@gmail.com to make other arrangements for pick up or delivery of your photo. Thank you for supporting Andrew and his photography work.

Coffee Hour next Sunday April 6. Christyann Ranck is hosting but would welcome any contributions, no matter how small! Please let her know what you can bring: artbychristyann@yahoo.com

“Embodying Solidarity with Indigenous People by Becoming Kin,” by **Sarah Augustine.** This lecture is sponsored by the Twin Cities Repair Community for Makoce Ikikcupi. Friday, April 4, 7p at United Theological Seminary (767 Eustis St., St. Paul, 55114). This hybrid talk is free and open to the public. Sarah is the Executive Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. She is Tewa (Pueblo) and leads a national and international movement for justice for Indigenous peoples. Register to attend in-person or online at unitedseminary.edu.

2nd Hour April 13: HVAC update. Our task force will share what we’re learning about greener options for heating and cooling our building!

Spanish Conversation Group. The next meeting will take place on Saturday April 26, from 10a-noon at Curioso Coffee Shop, 1712 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jean Korsmo at maryjeankorsmo@gmail.com.

Dates for your calendar:

April 1–4: Meals on Wheels driving

April 13: 2nd Hour: Update on heating and cooling plans for the church

April 17: Maundy Thursday Worship, with UBC, 6p at UBC.

Apr 18: Good Friday Worship, 7p

Apr 20: Easter Sunday, 8a Worship at the Stone Arch Bridge; 8:45 Breakfast; 10a Sanctuary Worship

April 27: Stories @First, “Second Chances,” 1p (potluck lunch before)

May 1: Game Night! 6–8p

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