

April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday



Lauren Wright Pittman, *New in Christ* (Inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:16–21)
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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 in the Garden: “Be Not Afraid” by Taizé

Please listen as the soloist and choir sings the chant three times through. On the fourth time please join in singing.

Easter Gospel: Luke 24:1–12

Chant: “Be Not Afraid” from Taizé

Anthem: “Easter Morning” by Paul Christiansen

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17–20

Hymn 233: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Reading: “Now I Become Myself” by May Sarton

Time with Children

Anthem: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise,” lyrics by Herbert Brokering, music by Carl Schalk

Sermon

Hymn: “Heaven Is Singing for Joy” (sung in English)

Prayers of the People: Please share any prayer requests in the chat online.

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. Today's offering is given to the One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ.

You can give electronically by going to our website:

www.firstchurchmn.org, and clicking 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 "OGHS" in the memo line. Thank you!

Offertory: "Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona" (Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises) South African tune; arr. Anders Nyberg

Offertory Response: "Never Ending Joy" by Daniel Charles Damon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 238: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Tom Lincoln

Acolyte: Antonia Almen

Ushers: Brad Schumann, Tom von Sternberg

Readers: Sarah Almén, Sandy Johnson, Eve Parker

Tech Support: Tim Danz, Greg Hubinger

Coming up this week

Sunday, April 20

8a: Worship at Stone Arch Bridge

8:45a: Easter Breakfast

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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Monday, April 21

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Knitting Group @home of Mercedes Tuma-Hansen

Tuesday, April 22

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

1p: Building Committee

Wednesday, April 23

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 24

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: FCC Board Meeting

Sunday, April 27

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

Noon: Potluck

1p: “Stories @First”

2:30p: Dessert and conversation

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.

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.

Monthly Game Night begins May 1. Come enjoy an informal opportunity to enjoy each other's company and play games, from 6–8p. There will be board games available (you can also bring your own game to share).

May 4 is University Sunday! As we continue to strengthen our connections to the university community, we will welcome “Vocal U,” a special choral ensemble to provide music for our service. We will create finals care packages and pray for our university neighbors. During 2nd Hour, we will engage in dialogue about questions of science and faith with Professor Emeritus of physics Dr. Larry Rudnick.

Lots of Adult Volunteers Needed for Day Camp! South Minneapolis Day Camp needs twice as many volunteers as it has ever needed due to the growth we’ve experienced—that means we need YOU. If you love kids and have a heart for volunteering, we can use you as an adult shepherd, registration volunteer, lunch supervisor, kid companion, snack helper, or in a myriad of other roles during day camp week.

Join us June 16-20 (M-F) from 8:30a–4 p at Diamond Lake Lutheran for all the fun. We’d love to have you whenever you are available.—all day every day or for just a few hours one day of the week. We can fit all kinds of availability into our great puzzle of volunteers. Come and play with us! Fill out the volunteer form ASAP so we can get you plugged in. Sign up at smplsdaycamp.org, or let Jane McBride know you are interested.

Volunteer opportunities. Please consider making the gift of your time and talents to any of these organizations that we partner with. Thank you!

- Community Kitchen needs kitchen cleaners (contact Ann Fate: pafate@gmail.com). Meets at First Church on Monday and Tuesday from 5–7p.
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers (contact Kathy Hoaglund katherinehoaglund@gmail.com and to get schedules)
- Marcy Schools Weekend Meals needs folks to pack food into elementary school kids’ backpacks (contact Eve Parker at eparker604@comcast.net). Meets Fridays at Marcy School at noon.