

**April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter**



Marco Rozenbroek and a team of volunteers planted thousands of tulips and other flowers at Grovemont Park. Photo by Gerard Albert III.

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

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

(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**

**Song: "Alleluia"**

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19–31**

**Song:** “Alleluia”

**Reading:** “Beginners” by Denise Levertov

**Time with Children**

**Anthem:** “Rejoice in God” by Heinrich Shutz; arr. Nancy Grundahl

**Sermon:** “Second Chances,” Jane McBride

**Hymn:** “Touch that Soothes and Heals”

**Healing Prayer**

**Muric during Prayer:** “Vocalise” by Sergei Rachmaninoff

**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. April’s special offering supports One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. Give electronically at our website: [www.firstchurchmn.org](http://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 “OGHS” in the memo line.

**Offertory:** “See the Land, Her Easter Keeping,” Alice Jordan

**Offertory Response:** “Alleluia, Praise to God”

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Announcements**

**Hymn 231:** “Because You Live, O Christ”

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:**

**Valet:** Tom Lincoln

**Usher:** Marilyn Burns

**Reader:** Kris Felbeck

**Tech Support:** Hikaru Peterson, Scott Williams

**Coffee Hour:** Community Kitchen

## ***Coming up this week***

### **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 lunch

1p: “Stories @First”

2:30: Dessert & Conversation

### **Monday, April 28**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

### **Tuesday, April 29**

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

### **Thursday, May 1**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6p: Game Night

## **Sunday, May 4**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:30a: 2nd Hour: “Questions of Science and Faith”

11:30a: Election Support Group

**Stories@ First Volume 3, today!** Join us for a potluck lunch followed by community stories about “Second Chances.” Afterwards, there will be dessert and conversation in the Gathering Hall. All are welcome!

**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.

**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).

**Support our student neighbors.** UMN students are starting finals and we want to support them by handing out study “snack bags,” next Sunday, University Sunday! Please donate to the effort by bringing individual snacks to church before 9a on the 4th (granola bars, m&m’s, coffee gift cards, wrapped cookies, protein bars, etc.). Also, if you can come early to church that Sunday (between 9–9:45a) we’ll pack the snacks in gift bags. Let Maggie George know if you can help!

**Sustainable Landscaping at First Church.** Do you love native plants? Do you have knowledge or experience with native gardens? The Building Committee desires to transition our lawn/turf to a more sustainable landscape. If you are interested in serving on a time-limited subcommittee to research and plan for this transition, please contact Lisa Keitel (lkkeitel@gmail.com). We will meet through the summer, visiting neighborhood churches that have native plantings, then discussing and creating a tentative plan for our turf. Actual plantings will be next year. Thanks for your help in making our space more pollinator friendly and sustainable

**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 myriad other roles during day camp week. Join us June 16–20 (M-F) from 8:30a–4p at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church 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. Fill out the volunteer form ASAP so we can get you plugged in. Sign up at [www.smplsdaycamp.org](http://www.smplsdaycamp.org).

**Dates for your calendar:**

**May 1:** Game Night! 6–8p

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

**June 1:** Music Sunday & Art Reception