

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Valente, Liz. *Good Shepherd*, 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=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

Gospel Reading: John 10:22–30

Song: “Hallelujah”

Storytelling

Song: “Hallelujah”

Reading

Time with Children

Anthem: “Sanna, sannanina”; trad. Tanzanian melody; arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri

Sermon: “I Know Them,” Jane McBride

Hymn 247: “My Shepherd Is the Living God”

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

In addition to financial offerings, please consider offering the gift of your story. Write in the chat in response to this prompt: “When have you offered, or received, another chance?”

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. May’s special offering supports Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light. 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 “MNIPL” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” by Peter Niedmann

Offertory Response: “Alleluia, Praise to God”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn: “God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Usher: Allegra Montanari

Readers: Sarah Almen, Jim Gullikson, Xan Laurence

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Scott Williams

Coffee Hour: Cynthia Hendricks

Coming up this week

Sunday, May 11

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

Monday, May 12

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Faith Formation Team

Tuesday, May 13

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

2p: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, May 18

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:30a: New Faces Gathering

11:30a: Election Support Group

12:30p: Worship team (Zoom)

New Faces Gathering May 18. If you are new to First Church, we invite you to join in a “new faces” gathering on May 18 after worship. This will be a time to learn about the congregation and how to get involved—and also to consider whether or you’d like to become a member. Let Jane McBride know if you would like to attend, even if this date doesn’t work for you.

Election Support Group May 18. There is still much to process in this era following the 2024 election. We’ll meet after worship in the Library and on Zoom to share all the feelings, to plan for the future, to mourn what we’ve lost, and, most importantly, to be in community. All are welcome. This month’s topic: We’ve made it through 100 days—now what? Contact Sarah Almén if you

Silent Prayer Group. During Lent a small group began gathering in the sanctuary weekly for a time of silent prayer. We will continue this practice on Mondays at 6:30, beginning May 19. We invite you to join anytime.

The Spanish Conversation Group will gather at 10a on Saturday May 24 at Curioso Coffee Shop (1712 NE Marshall St Mpls). We’ll be on the patio if weather permits; indoors otherwise. Contact Mary Jean Korsmo with any questions: maryjeankorsmo@gmail.com.

Church Work Day May 31. Come join us for a variety of building-related projects, both indoors and out. We’ll meet in the morning, and then share lunch, which will be provided by First Church. All are welcome no matter what your age/ability! Contact Brad Schumann with any questions (or suggestions).

Sustainable Landscaping at First Church. Do you love native plants? Do you have 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

We're invited to Queer Prom! Back for its third year, this free, intergenerational, and sober event welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to dance, celebrate, and be unapologetically themselves in a fun and affirming space. Join us at Springhouse Ministry Center on Friday May 30 from 7-10p as we celebrate the sacredness and fabulousness of our trans and queer communities. Come dressed in whatever makes you feel amazing. There will be a live DJ; photo booth, family friendly drag performance and Free childcare. To register and/or volunteer for the event, go to the event's [Facebook page](#).

Dates for your calendar:

May 31: Work Day

June 1: Music Sunday & Art Reception

June 8: 2nd Hour speaker on dismantling the Document of Discovery

June 22-23: MN Conference Annual Meeting

August 22-24: First Church Camping Weekend