

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Koenig, Peter. *Christ Washes the Feet of Peter*, 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 13:31–35

Song: “Hallelujah”

Storytelling

Song: “Hallelujah”

Reading

Time with Children

Anthem: “All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia” Paul M. Vasile

Sermon: “A Distinctive Love,” Jane McBride

Hymn 539: “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

Healing Prayer

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: “Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)” by Ernani Aguiar

Offertory Response: “Alleluia, Praise to God”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 433: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Mary Jean Korsmo

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Readers: Jean Anderson, Schanan Harris, Linda Kelsey

Tech Support: Tim Danz, Maggie George

Coffee Hour: Community Kitchen

Coming up this week

Sunday, May 18

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Election Support Group

12:30p: Worship team (Zoom)

Monday, May 19

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Silent Prayer

7p: Knitting Group

Tuesday, May 20

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

Wednesday, May 21

Noon: Elder Gathering

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 22

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, May 25

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

Staff Note. Jane McBride will be away on study leave May 21–24. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Doug Donley, pastor at University Baptist Church at 763-242-6553.

New Faces Gathering on June 29. (Note date change!). If you are new to First Church, we invite you to join a gathering 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. If you are interested please let Jane McBride know.

Election Support Group today. 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 starts this Monday. 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 6:30p. 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).

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. 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:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1616475668980450>

Games Night—don't miss the fun! Thursday, June 5, 6–8p, in the Gathering Hall. There will be all sorts of games for all ages, 4 on up (bring your favorite board game, if you like), snacks (feel free bring one to share), and so much fun. This is an informal event—come as you are! You'll be happy you joined in the fun! If you have questions, please ask Paul Snyder (paulvsnyder@gmail.com) or Mary Byers (marymbyers@gmail.com).

New Art Exhibit. We'll have a new exhibit at First Gallery, beginning June 1, through the summer. Brian Poulton will be showing his water paintings and photographs in support of Clean Water Action. There will be a reception after worship on June 1 that will give you a chance to meet Brian and hear more about his art and activism.

2nd Hour June 8: Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. We will hear from two speakers about the work of the Coalition. Doe Hoyer coordinates the Repair Network of congregations and communities (of which we are already a part). Doe is a white, Christian-lineage settler living on Dakota homelands and organizing for Dakota land rematriation. They are also a student at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Kristi Zabriskie is a member of Faith Mennonite church in Minneapolis. In addition to sharing about her involvement in the Coalition, she will also describe her prayerful accompaniment work at Oak Flat with Apache Stronghold.

More dates for your calendar:

June 22-23: MN Conference Annual Meeting

July 6, 13: Joint worship at UBC

August 22-24: First Church Camping Weekend