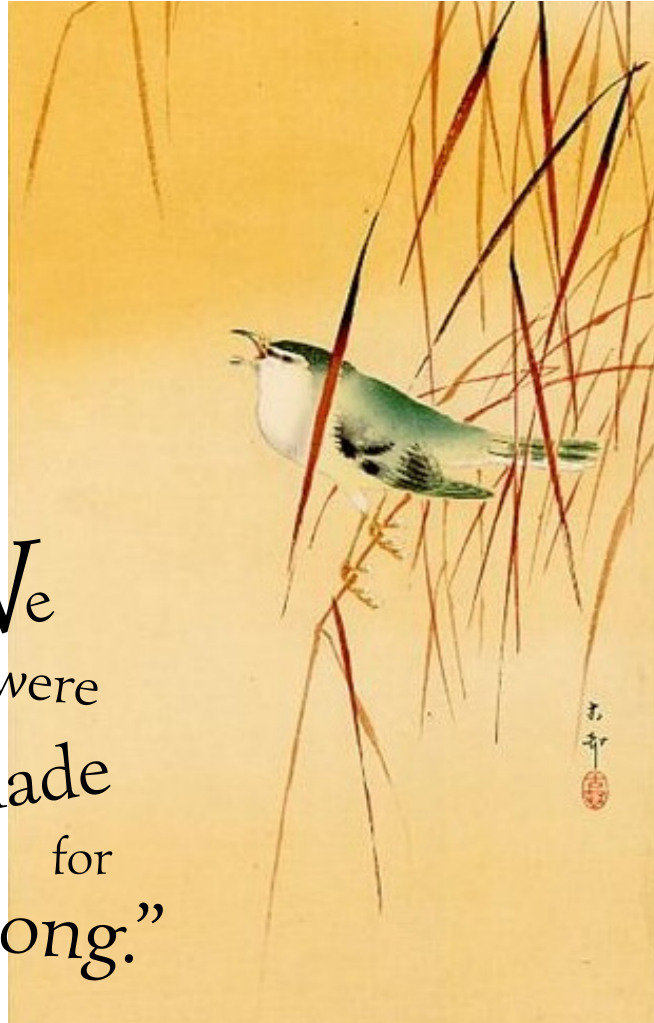


June 1, 2025 • Music Sunday

“We
were
made
for
song.”



Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

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(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.

Prelude

Welcome

Introit: “Sicut Cervus,” by Palestrina

Gathering Words: “Listen” by Barbara Crooker

Hymn: “In Sacred Manner”

First Reading of Scripture: John 17:20–24

Time with Children

Anthem: “Set Me as a Seal” by René Clausen

Second Reading of Scripture

Hymn: “Before the Waters Nourished Earth”

Third Reading of Scripture

Hymn 34: “Alabanza” (sung in English)

Prayers of the People

You may write your prayer request on the clipboard by the entrance to the sanctuary or share them 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 Strengthen the Church, 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 "STC" in the memo line. Thank you!

Offertory: "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson

Offertory Response: "Alleluia, Praise to God"

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Communion Prayer

Retelling the story

Sharing of the bread and cup

Communion Hymn: "Welcome Table"

Announcements

Hymn 561: "When in Music Our God Is Glorified"

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, June 1

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:15a: Art reception / Coffee Hour

Monday, June 2

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Centering Prayer

Tuesday, June 3

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

Wednesday, June 4

10a: Crafting Group

Thursday, June 5

9:30a: SE Playgroup

5:30p: Landscaping Committee

6p: Game Night

Sunday, June 8

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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

11:30a: Family Gathering

12:30p: Hospitality & Engagement Team (Zoom)

Staff Note: Sarah Tittle is on vacation until June 10.

Art Reception after worship. Stay on the Zoom call to meet Brian Poulton, whose beautiful water paintings and photographs—which are created in support of Clean Water Action—will be on display through the summer.

Music Notes from Byron Almén. The summer season is almost upon us! In the context of music and worship, the choir will be adjourning for the summer in a couple of weeks. In this approaching time, we hope to explore many possibilities for music in worship. As always, we invite you to participate in bringing your musical gifts to summer worship, whether as a soloist or collaborative group. In addition, we'd like to think outside the box of what music in worship might entail. Maybe you don't think of yourself as an active musician, but you'd like to play an instrument along with a hymn, or add a drum part to a short piece. Or perhaps we will provide opportunities for the congregation to make music in new ways. I hope that this process will feel fun and inviting, and we invite your feedback as well as we plan ahead for summer. If you'd like to participate in worship, or have questions, comments, or feedback, please feel free to contact me by email at balmen@firstchurchmn.org, by phone at 512-809-9789, or in person before or after worship, and I'll be delighted to hear from you!

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. We will meet through the summer, discussing and creating a tentative plan for our turf and visiting neighborhood churches that have native plantings. Actual plantings will be next year. If you are interested in serving on this time-limited committee, our first meeting will be this Thursday June 5 at 5:30p. We will meet at church to survey the lawn and brainstorm about how to proceed with this project. (Then you can join in the fun at Game Night!) Contact Lisa Keitel for more information, if you'd like to participate but are unable to attend the first meeting, or if you have suggestions or comments: lkkeitel@gmail.com.

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).

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 repatriation. 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.

First Church at Pride! We are co-hosting a booth with our friends and neighbors University Baptist Church on June 28 and 29 for this year's Twin Cities Pride Festival in Loring Park. We would like one person from each congregation staffing the booth at all times, so we're asking people to volunteer for two-hour shifts. Standing is encouraged but there will be chairs to sit, as well. If you have any questions, contact Hannah Logan (hmkuether@gmail.com). If you would like to co-coordinate this effort with Hannah and the UBC reps, let Hannah and Jane know!

An invitation from ISAIAH. On Thursday, June 26, 6-9p, join leaders across all of the ISAIAH bases in Minneapolis—parents, congregations, Muslim Coalition, and Ward Teams—to explore how we protect our city's civil rights and public from federal threats. We will share what we have learned from Research Visits so far and we prepare to lead public meetings with our state legislators and local officials in August about how they can lead to protect our civil rights and public programs in the Trump Era, and we will especially focus on the need to raise taxes on the wealthy in Minnesota to fund public education and healthcare if the federal cuts go through. We will make the education funding crisis in Mpls and the threat of increased cuts a top priority in these meetings! Register at <https://forms.gle/NuVvBiyQjB9gyLA67>.

New Faces Gathering on June 29. 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, how to get involved—and also to consider whether or you'd like to become a member. If you're interested please let Jane McBride know.