

July 20, 2025
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Latimore, Kelly. *Frederick Douglass*, 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:

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Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Words: excerpts from “Say Yes” by Andrea Gibson

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 12: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Scripture: Micah 6:6–8; Matthew 7:24–28

Time with Children: Doug Donley

Sermon: “Act! (with Bold Imperfection),” Jane McBride

Hymn: “What Is the World Like”

Ministry Moment: Joint Task Force, Richard Lanford

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. July’s special offering supports ISAIAH. 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 “ISAIAH” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Lux Beata Trinitas” by Ola Gjeilo

Offertory Response: “Caminemos con Jesús”

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 524: “This Little Light of Mine”

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Usher: Kris Felbeck

Reader: Xan Laurence

Tech Support: Cynthia Hendricks, Greg Hubinger

Coffee Hour: Ann and Paul Fate, Tom and Linda Lincoln

Coming up this week

Sunday, July 20

9a: Pickup Choir

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour Outdoors

Monday, July 21

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Knitting Group

Tuesday, July 22

1p: Building Committee

6p: NA/AA meeting

Thursday, July 24

9:30a: SE Playgroup

7p: Chimes Meeting

Saturday, July 26

10a: Spanish Conversation Group

Sunday, July 30

9: Pickup Choir at UBC

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: All Ages Crafting / Coffee Hour

Welcome to our friends at UBC! This year, a joint taskforce has brought together members of First Church and University Baptist Church to consider how we can deepen our partnership. Part of this is to re-energize our longstanding tradition of joint worship in July. Please wear a nametag!

Spanish Conversation Group with UBC. The next meeting is Saturday, July 26, at 10a at Curioso Coffee Bar, 1712 Marshall St., NE in Minneapolis. All are welcome! If you can't make it, we meet monthly on the fourth Saturday, so maybe next time! If you have questions about the group, Mary Jean Korsmo has answers: maryjeankorsmo@gmail.com.

Our Second Annual All-Ages Craft Event. As part of our ongoing work to build relationships and connections between all First Church (and UBC!) generations, the Family Gathering group is moving up to the Gathering Hall for the summer. On July 27 during coffee hour join us for a crafting event. Build a bird feeder, paint rocks, learn to knit or crochet, and more!

Ushers needed for August (and early September). If you have never served as usher (or even if you have), here's your chance! We need people to sign up for August 8, 10, 24, 31 and September 7. Let Joy Gullikson know what date you are available or find the schedule on Sign Up Genius. It's easy and fun—and an important part of worship.

We're seeking your input! Please take time to respond to our surveys

- **About our new mission statement!** The survey was in your email in late June; paper copies are also available today.
- **About the future of Chimes!** A survey was in your email this past week; there will be someone at worship today with a laptop if you would like to complete it then.

Your Legos Wanted. Do you have Legos looking for a new lease on life? Have you or your kids moved on from Legos and your toy cupboard is now overflowing with underappreciated bricks? Are you hoping to never again step on a pointy little Lego? We can help you! We're in need of Legos for our August All-Ages Legopalooza. Lego donations may be dropped off

at the church office, handed to Sarah Almén, or left on the pew next to the tech area in the sanctuary. Please note: Legos will not be returned.

We will hold a service celebrating the lives of Mary and Warren Ibele on Thursday August 7 at 11a. Please let Jane know if you can usher or help with hospitality that day.

Our monthly All-Ages Games Night will take place on Thursday August 7. Join us from 6–8p for games, snacks, and conversation. Bring your own games, or learn a new one from someone else. This event is free and open to everyone!

The congregational care team is coordinating two evenings of “Dinners for 7” for First Churchers to get to know each other in casual conversation. Think 5-9 people (not just couples!) around a table enjoying each other’s company. Various members of the community will host. These dinners Contact Maggie George to get the link to a Google Sign Up doc (or just email her about which day works for you):
maggieshannongeorge@gmail.com

More dates for your calendar:

August 7: Games Night @First

August 10: All Ages Coffee Hour/Legos

August 17: Farewell Coffee Hour with Sarah

August 22-24: First Church Camping Weekend

Sept. 10: Community Night