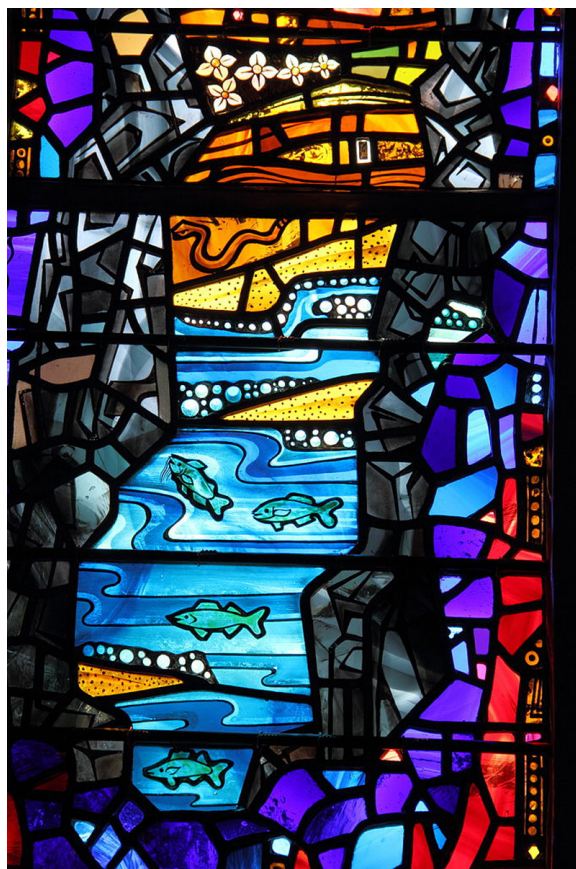


August 3, 2025
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte. *Beauty of Creation*, 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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(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

Gathering Words: by Wendell Berry

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn: “Come All You People”

Scripture: Hosea 11:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

Time with Children

Sermon: “Rich Toward God,” Jane McBride

Hymn 563: “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

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. August’s special offering supports Marcy School Meals/EveryMeal. 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 “Marcy Meals” in the memo line.

Offertory

Offertory Response: “Caminemos con Jesús”

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Communion Prayer

Retelling the Story

Sharing the bread and cup

Announcements

Hymn 349: "I Come with Joy"

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Usher: Don Brasted-Maki

Reader: Jean Anderson

Tech Support: Maggie George, Scott Williams

Coffee Hour: Christyann Ranck

Coming up this week

Sunday, August 3

9:30a: Coffee Hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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Monday, August 4

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, August 5

Noon: Bible Study

6p: NA / AA meeting

Wednesday, August 6

10a: Crafting Group

Thursday, August 7

9:30a: SE Playgroup

11a: Memorial service for Mary & Warren Ibele

6p: Games Night @First

Saturday, August 8

2p: Wild Church

Sunday, August 10

9:30a: Coffee Hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Legopalooza! / Coffee Hour

12:30p: Hospitality & Engagement Team meeting

Post-election Election Support Group Meeting today. Join us after worship to share *all* the feelings, plan for the future, mourn what we've lost, and, most importantly, be in community. This month's topic: "How shall we be known?" In addition to our usual sharing we need to find a new name. While we continue to be a support group, our reasons for doing this have moved beyond the 2024 election. Please bring your best suggestions for a name that will serve us well for the near future!

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!

Coffee Hour August 17. Please join us after worship when we will be saying goodbye to Sarah Tittle. Kris Felbeck is organizing and would love some extra help. She is looking for people to prep (9–10a), serve (11–12) and clean up (12–1). Contact Kris at krisfelbeck@gmail.com.

The congregational care team is coordinating two evenings of "Dinners for 7" for folks to get to know each other in casual conversation. To continue to build relationship between our two congregations, we've decided include both First Church folks and UBCers in this effort. Various members of the community will host. 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

Neon Welcome Event, August 31. Our Vinery Team is continuing to build a relationship with the Neon Campus ministry (the folks we joined for the "Trans Stories Are Sacred" event last Spring). They have invited us to partner with them again to put on an event during welcome week at the U, designed to catch the attention of first-year students and invite them to become involved in Neon's inclusive, justice-oriented approach to faith and spirituality. The event will happen late afternoon/early evening on Sun.

August 31. We'll need folks to prepare & serve food and help out in other ways. Let Maggie George know if you can assist that day.

We have a new candidate for a UCC MN Conference Minister! Read about them on the conference website: uccmn.org. Congregational delegates, clergy, and visitors are invited to a special meeting of the conference on August 12 to meet and vote on the candidate. Lunch will be from 12-1; worship and a business meeting from 1-3. Folks can attend in person or via Zoom. If you would like to represent First Church as a delegate, please reach out to Jane McBride.

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

August 23: Spanish Conversation Group

Sept 7: Artists Reception for Phil Eckert

Sept. 10: Community Night