

September 14, 2025
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CONNECTING

What is one of your strengths? You may choose to share via the QR code:



BODY PRAYER

“Here I Am” by Heather Ruce

Leader: Here I am, as I am

All: Here I am, as I am

Leader: Holy, Human

All: Holy, Human

Leader: In this world, as it is

All: In this world, as it is

Leader: Sacred, Profane

All: Sacred, Profane

Leader: Ever connected, in this wondrous luminous web

All: Ever connected, in this wondrous luminous web

Leader: Ever abiding, in the Heart of God

All: Ever abiding, in the Heart of God

*HYMN 89

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

READINGS

Luke 15:1-10, First Nations Version

“Mimesis” by Fady Joudah

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Hamba Nathi”, trad S. African, arr. Anders Nyberg

Hamba nathi mkululu wethu.

Come walk with us, the journey is long.

SERMON

“Cultivating Gifts,” Jane McBride

*HYMN

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” (song sheet)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A commonly used form is printed here. You are welcome to use any version 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 forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

In addition to financial offerings, we invite you to offer your response to this question on the small piece of paper: Amid the groanings of this time, how do you show up to embody hope?

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. September's special offering supports Eastside Meals on Wheels. Use the QR code or visit 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 "Eastside Meals on Wheels" on the memo line.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"By Gracious Powers"

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, trans. Fred Pratt Green

Music: William Bradley Roberts

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"What Can I Do?" (song sheet)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: We belong to God.

All: We belong to God.

Leader: We belong to each other.

All: We belong to each other.

Leader: We belong to the earth.

All: We belong to the earth.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 32

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee, food, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall following the postlude.

Thanks to those who are taking part in worship today.

Valet.....Robert Payne
Usher.....Mary Jean Korsmo
Reader.....Cynthia Hendricks
Drums.....Joseph Hercule
Tech Support.....Maggie George, Jeff Peterson
Coffee Hour.....Ministry Team Leaders, Cynthia Hendricks

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Learn about our ministries and how to get involved at the Ministry Fair. During coffee hour today, we hope you will visit tables hosted by ministry team leaders and take a break to play legos with our kids in the library. There will be a trivia game and prizes!

COMING UP

Knitting Group. The joint UBC/FCC knitting group is meeting on Monday, September 15, at Barbara Franklin's home. All levels of knitters are welcome. RSVP to Barbara for the address: 763-657-1907 or bbfrankli@gmail.com.

New Member Sunday. We will be receiving new members to First Church on September 21 during worship. Please let Jane know if you are interested in joining our congregation.

Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery Presentation. On Sunday, September 21, during 2nd hour, Shannon Voelkel will be sharing a bit about their summer internship with the Coalition and their time at Oak Flats in Arizona. Join us in the library or on zoom!

Democracy in Action Update. Our newly formed Democracy in Action group met last Sunday to begin the work of organizing, strategizing, and advocating for our values as people of all political persuasions who feel called to resist what the current administration is doing. One action item that came out of the meeting was to form a Signal group to communicate about showing up together for actions with Indivisible, ISALAH, and other partners. Please download the Signal app, and then get in touch with Beth Lanford (blanford74@gmail.com) to be added to this group.

Partnering with Southeast Seniors. Southeast Seniors is inviting the community to an open house and resource fair at First Church on Thursday, September 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are seeking a few church folks to support this effort by working with SES volunteers to provide some refreshments. Please let Jane know if you are available.

Art on Display: Public Spaces, Special Places. Phil has been photographing his world for a number of years, expanding upon his skills and his art, and has developed a particular interest in natural and urban landscapes. There will be a reception for this show on September 28. Phil will be glad to talk about his artistic decisions and techniques. This show will be at First Gallery September through early December.

Dinners for 7 on September 27. Dinners for 7 is time for folks to get to know each other in casual conversation. The idea behind the "Dinners for 7" name is that it's not just for sets of couples—anyone is welcome to join a dinner. To continue to build the relationship between our two congregations, we've decided to include First Church folks and UBCers.

Sign ups are closed for September 20. However, we've added another dinner on Saturday September 27. Cynthia Hendricks will be hosting; please RSVP directly to her (cyndenton@gmail.com).

Worship Volunteers Needed. We're looking for individuals to serve as ushers and readers, as well as to provide flowers and coffee hour. Sign up to help at tinyurl.com/fcmnvoleunteer or talk to Joy Gullikson.

Calendar for the week of September 14–21

You can find links for Zoom meetings on our website: firstchurchmn.org

SUN (09/14)	9:00 a	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	10:00 a	Worship	Sanctuary / Zoom (Hybrid)
	11:00 a	Coffee Hour & Ministry Fair	Gathering Hall
MON (9/15)	9:30 a	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	7:00 p	Knitting Group	Offsite
TUE (9/16)	noon	Bible Study	Library
	6:00 p	AA / NA Meeting	Library
WED (9/17)	7:00 p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THU (9/18)	9:30 a	Southeast Play Group	Basement
	1:00 p	Southeast Seniors Resource Fair	Gathering Hall
	7:00 p	FCC Board	Zoom
SUN (9/21)	9:00 a	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	10:00 a	Worship	Sanctuary / Zoom (Hybrid)
	11:00 a	Coffee Hour	Gathering Hall
	11:50 a	2 nd Hour: Coalition to Dismantle Doctrine of Discovery Presentation	Library / Zoom (Hybrid)
	noon	Confirmation Gathering	Offsite