

September 3, 2023 10:00 AM Season of Pentecost

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise

Prayer for Worship

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude in E-flat Major, Op. 41, No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant

The Welcome

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk (*) is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.



*Call to Worship

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 744

Arise, Your Light Has Come! TUNE: FESTAL SONG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

(Old Testament, page 50 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

(New Testament, page 11 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Looking for the Right Things"

Rev. Dr. William J. Ingersoll

*Song of Response NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission

TUNE: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Presentation of Our Offering



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Offertory

The Love of God Comes Close

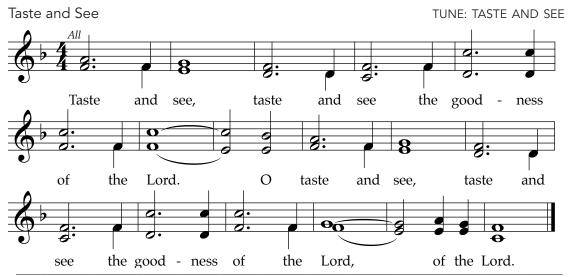
John Bell and Graham Maule

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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— The Lord's Supper —

Gathering Song NO. 520 (sung refrain)



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TASTE AND SEE Irregular

The Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

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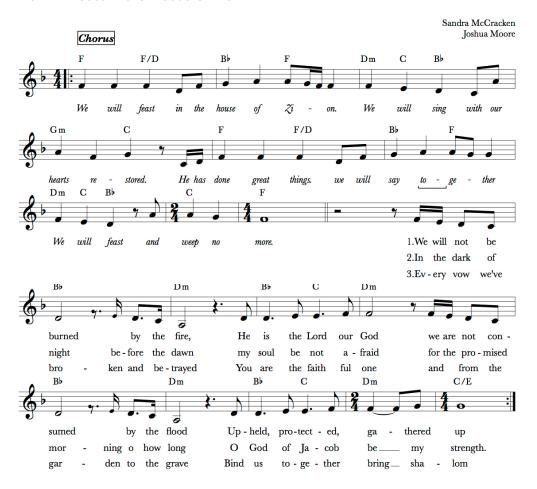
Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Partake of the bread upon receiving it, and hold the cup to drink together.

Communion Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion



Closing Prayer

*Hymn of Sending NO. 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

TUNE: O QUANTA QUALIA

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major

att. Johann Sebastian Bach

This Week's Calendar

TODAY	
9:45 AM	Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
10:00	Worship, Sanctuary
11:00	Fellowship, Great Room
MON	Church Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
TUE	
9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
7:00	Deacon Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall/012
WED	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
11:00	Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
7:00	Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30	Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
THU	
6:30 AM	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
9:30	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
6:30 PM	Buildings & Ground Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
7:00	Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge
FRI	
7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Zoom
11:00	Marilyn Lovell Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Reception, Great Room



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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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