



# PROCLAIM

the good news of easter

**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**11:00AM**

**[fccsaintpaul.org](http://fccsaintpaul.org)**

*An inclusive family of God, creating and inspiring Christian discipleship through fellowship, community mission and love of Jesus.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of St. Paul! We are glad to have you worship with us. If you are joining in online, please like the live stream or respond in the comments to let us know you are following along.

### GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna, #222 Chalice Hymnal (verse 1)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,  
Many: for God has done marvellous things.

One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,  
Many: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

One: Let us sing joyful praises,  
Many: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

### OPENING SONG

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #16 Chalice Hymnal

### INVOCATION

One: Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. Amen.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

*Silence*

Many: Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

One: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.  
Many: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.  
One: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.  
Many: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**One:** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

*Please greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:44-48**

*44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.*

**SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17**

*9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

**One:**The word of God for the People of God.

**Many:**Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Rev. Dennis Sanders

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*If you have a prayer request, you can share it at this time. You can also send it by email to [prayer@fccsaintpaul.org](mailto:prayer@fccsaintpaul.org), by phone at 651-316-4035 or filling out the prayer request form at [fccsaintpaul.org/pray](http://fccsaintpaul.org/pray).*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face, #681Chalice Hymnal

## **COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior welcome to share in this holy meal.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER**

*The communion packet will be distributed, please open the wafer first and then open the grape juice portion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

My Jesus, I Love Thee #349 Chalice Hymnal

**OFFERING**

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERING PRAYER**

Please come forward to place your offering in the offering plate. You can also give online by going to our website, [fccsaintpaul.org/give](http://fccsaintpaul.org/give) or use the QR to your right.

GIVE



**OFFERING HYMN**  
Hymnal

All Creatures of Our God and King, #22 Chalice

**DOXOLOGY**

#46 Chalice Hymnal

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father\*, Son\* and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*\*Or Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Go in love, with the peace of Christ within you, to witness to his love in truth and in action. And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit, and embraced by the presence of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

**CLOSING HYMN**

Cantad al Señor *see insert*

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:** Cindy Winger(worship leader), Momoko Tanno ( musician), Luke Swanger (accompanist), Rev. Dennis Sanders (preacher)

## WELCOME

### GREETINGS

If this is your first time at First, welcome! We are so glad you came to worship with us. To learn more about our faith community, please go to [fccsaintpaul.org](http://fccsaintpaul.org). If you are a first time visitor, want to speak to the pastor or have a prayer request, be sure to fill out our online welcome card at [fccsaintpaul.org/welcome](http://fccsaintpaul.org/welcome).

### MEET THE DISCIPLES

First Christian-St. Paul is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." You can find out more about our tradition by going to [disciples.org](http://disciples.org).

### OFFERING

Help support the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your gifts help us to be an inclusive presence in Roseville and online. You can support the congregation by giving online: [fccsaintpaul.org/give](http://fccsaintpaul.org/give).

If you would like to mail a check, send it the

## CALENDAR

### May 5, 2024

- 11:00 AM - Worship

### May 8, 2024

- 7:00 PM- Bible Study

### May 12, 2024

- 11:00 AM - Worship
- Noon- Second Sunday Lunch

### May 15, 2024

- 7:00 PM- Silence and Solitude
- 7:30 PM- Bible Study

following address:

First Christian Church of St. Paul  
PO Box 131702  
Roseville, MN 55113

### PRAYER

If you have a concern you'd like the church to pray for, please contact the church either by phone (651-316-4035) Or by email at [prayer@fccsaintpaul.org](mailto:prayer@fccsaintpaul.org).

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to write it down using the prayer request sheets on the cart at the entrance to the Great Hall. You can either give it to Pastor Dennis or place it in the offering plate during the offering.

### TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Thanks for joining us in worship. If you would like to learn more about First Christian or have questions on faith, please fill out our welcome form on our website [fccsaintpaul.org/welcome](http://fccsaintpaul.org/welcome).

### May 18, 2024

- 11:30 AM - Decorate Sanctuary

### May 19, 2024 (Pentecost)

- 11:00 AM - Worship

### May 20, 2024

- 7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

### May 22, 2024

- 7:00 PM- Bible Study

### May 26, 2024

- 11:00 AM - Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Midweek Bible Study and Silence and Solitude**

Join us this coming Wednesday, May 8 for Midweek Bible Study and Silence and Solitude on Zoom at 7:00 PM. You can join us online by using the following web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2103585623>.

### **Pet Food Drive**

Our Mission Partner, Open Hands Midway has many guests who own pets. Because they believe that the whole family should be served when our guests use their service, Open Hands also serve their pets. They make every effort to have an abundance of cat and dog food on hand so that each pet may have food to eat, often times they don't have enough. From May 5-26, we will be accepting donations of dog and cat food to support Open Hands Midway. Please bring your donations to church and drop them off in the box located in the sanctuary.

### **Second Sunday Lunch**

Join us next Sunday, May 12 for our Second Sunday Lunch at House of Wong in Roseville after worship. If you would like to attend, please contact Lisa Smith Winn.

### **Decorate Sanctuary for Pentecost**

We are in need of volunteers to help get the sanctuary ready for Pentecost. Join us at the church on Saturday, May 18 at 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Dennis know.

### **Donate Paper Bags**

All of us go grocery shopping. Many of us pack our groceries in paper bags provided by the grocery store. We get our groceries unpacked and we end up saving the paper bags to recycle. But now rather than recycle them, you can save them and bring them to Open Hands Midway for use at their food shelf. Drop them off in the box in the sanctuary.

### **Candle Fundraiser**

We have candles available for purchase that you can use for your own prayer time or just because. The price is \$10 and will go to support First Christian. If you would like to buy one, see Lisa Smith Winn.

### **Pentecost Offering**

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry. We will receive this offering on May 19. You can give online by going to <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- Mary Decker ( family issues)
- Levinson Smith (elderly issues, addiction)
- Lucinda Moody's father (health issues)
- Laura Winn (mental health)
- Michael LeBuhn (work situation)
- Mars, the child of Momoko Tanno (health issues)
- Jan Paulson (health issues)

*Do you have a prayer request? You can send it to us three ways:*

- *fill out a prayer request form during worship*
- *By email: [prayer@fccsaintpaul.org](mailto:prayer@fccsaintpaul.org)*
- *by phone: 612-316-4035*

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Was there something in the sermon, the reading of scripture or the music that made you think? Use this space to write (or even draw) your thoughts.*

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME

You Are Welcome Here.

*“The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of St. Paul, Minnesota, is an open and affirming ministry, openly welcoming persons of all gender expressions, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, creeds, classes, ages, marital status and physical and mental abilities, to join us in following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord and in a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.”*

*-Open and Affirming Statement of First Christian Church of St. Paul*

## OUR VALUES

*First Christian Church is a suburban congregation, united in Christ and grounded in the values of diversity, fellowship and witness.*

*-First Christian Values Statement*

## OUR VISION

*“Gathered for worship. Scattered for service.”*

## STAFF, HOURS

Lead Pastor: Dennis Sanders

Cantor/Music Director: Momoko Tanno

Adjunct Pastor: Robert Hamilton

Accompanist: Luke Swanger

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays & Fridays: 2:00-5:00 PM



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