

PRELUDE *Gaudeamus Igitur* James Mansfield  
*Communion in Eb* Alexander Guilmant

## WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Penelope Protos

One: God searches us and knows us.

**All: God discerns our thoughts from far away.**

One: God knit us together while we were in the womb.

**All: God knew us before we were born.**

One: Wonderful are the ways and the works of God.

**All: God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.**

One: Listen, for your name is being called. The Creator is calling!

**All: We have gathered to worship at the Creator's command!**

†HYMN 284 [Gather Us In](#) GATHER US IN

†OPENING PRAYER Cora Bethune

**Savior, teach us day by day. Remind us to approach life with a child-like sense of wonder, curiosity, and openness. Give us glad hearts and playful spirits.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love. Send us power. Send us grace.**

**Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Matthew 18:1-5](#) (NT p. 23) Emilia Reagan-Piazza  
[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14](#) (OT p. 710) Jane Cave

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263 WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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PASTORAL PREAMBLE *What's Your Walk-up Song?* Rev. Fredd

## CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL-STARS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

HYMN 408 [Come, Share the Lord](#) DIVERNON

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Savior, Teach Me Day by Day* Raymond Weidner  
The First Church Choir

## †DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, your light shines through us when we share what we have with those whose needs exceed ours. May today's offering be like the cup of blessing and the bread of presence that satisfy hungry hearts. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

†HYMN 305 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING  
*(See back of bulletin.)*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Near to the Heart of God* MCFEE  
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Gigue, from the French Suite in G Major, BWV 816* J. S. Bach

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Chalice 305

Ken Medina

Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing; Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

5 Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

9 Some-thing's gon-na hap-pen like the world has nev-er known, when the  
He's gon - na take o - ver, He's gon - na take con - trol, when the  
11 You're gon-na know it when the Lord stretch-es out His hand when the  
peo - ple of the Lord get down to pray;  
peo - ple of the Lord get down to pray;  
13 peo - ple of the Lord get down to pray;

14 A door's gon - na swing o - pen and the  
He's gon - na move the moun - tain, He's gon - na  
There's gon - na be a brand new song of  
walls come a-tum-bl-ing down, when the peo-ple of the Lord get down to pray.  
make the wa-ters roll, when the peo-ple of the Lord get down to pray.  
vic - t'ry in this land, when the peo-ple of the Lord get down to pray.

17 love, send us pow'r, send us grace. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us

20 grace. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Children's Sunday

June 2, 2024  
10 o'clock

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Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor  
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts  
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