

PRELUDE *Durch Adams Fall* Gottfried Homilius
 ("When Adam Fell")
Quiet Prelude Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid

One: In this community of faith, we have a place where we belong.

All: Here we find friends who affirm and appreciate us.

One: In this garden, we have everything that we need.

All: Here we receive grace and guidance from a loving Creator.

One: Whoever we are and wherever we are on life's journey,

All: we are welcome here! Thanks be to God!

†HYMN 53 [*Morning Has Broken*](#) BUNESSAN

†OPENING PRAYER

O God, let this time of meeting draw us into deeper relationship with you and with one another. Grant us a sense of direction and purpose for our church and our individual lives. Strengthen our resolve so that distracting and deceptive voices cannot undermine our faith or cause us to suffer. We are wonderfully made in your image. Help us to live up to that image. Amen.

ANTHEM *The Serpent* Thomas Pavlechko
 The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Genesis 3:1-13](#) (OT p.3)

†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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SERMON *Snakeology: The Risk(s) of Falling* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 227 [In the Garden](#) GARDEN

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sing a New Song* Roland E. Martin
 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

Creator God, we have heard you walking in our midst. Rather than hide, we have opened our eyes to see and our ears to hear your intention and your instruction for our lives. We are not afraid to extend grace and mercy to others. Bless our sharing and our sacrifices that your rule of love may grow among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 56 [For the Beauty of the Earth](#) DIX

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

POSTLUDE *Allegro, from the Eighth Organ Concerto* G. F. Handel



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† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!