

PRELUDE *Be Still and Know That I am God* James Mansfield
Prelude on "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET
 John Manigaulte, Harmonica/Piano

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Jimmy Quinn
 One: Breathe in and invite the Spirit of Gentleness to fill your soul. Happy are those who are willing to yield.
All: We take delight in the wisdom of God.
 One: Breathe out and feel the Spirit of Inclusiveness that connects all God's children. Happy are those who set aside partiality.
All: We find delight in the love of God.
 One: Happy are those who leave behind bitter envy and selfish ambition.
All: The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

†HYMN 90 [Come, Christians, Join to Sing](#) MADRID

†OPENING PRAYER
 Divine Source of Understanding, division and confusion swirl within our daily lives. We give our attention to devilish distractions and your voice gets lost in the cacophony of noise and nonsense. May your peace still the whirlwind within our minds and help us hear your holy wisdom as we walk our journey of faith. May kind words pour forth from our hearts and good works from our hands. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Arr. John Abdenour
 The First Church Choir, Michael Loveland, oboe

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [James 3:13-17](#) (NT p. 279)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE THOMSON
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling – calling, "O sinner, come home!"

SERMON *Wisdom (Part 2 of 2): From Above* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 566 [Be Still, My Soul](#) FINLANDIA

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 *Love Divine* Evelyn R. Larter
 The First Church Choir, Carla Stoddard, violin

†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
Source of all Wisdom and Truth, your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. Our highest joy is to learn from you and to serve you -- may our giving reflect that reality. Amen.

†HYMN 277 [Christians, We Have Met to Worship](#) HOLY MANNA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *My Lord, What a Morning* BURLEIGH
 The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Litanies* Jehan Alain



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024
10 o'clock

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

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!