FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 6, 2024

PRELUDE Offertory in G

Alexandre Guilmant

Communion

Rex Koury

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Jane Cave

One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

All: We are the many members of a global body of believers.

One: Truly we have different perspectives and points of view.

All: We are siblings in Christ!

One: There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

All: We are One in God's Spirit! Come, let us worship!

†HYMN 386 <u>We Come as Guests Invited</u> wie lieblich ist der maien

†OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God we are mindful this day of siblings in faith around the world. We rejoice in our oneness with them. We are mindful, too, of those near at hand and those far away— those who suffer from ills and calamities, from wars and disasters. Be present with them and us, even as you fix our hearts on you and how we might respond to the needs of our neighbors around the world. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS <u>Luke 24:13-21</u> (NT p. 109)

<u>Luke 24:25-35</u> (NT p. 110)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON Four Eyes Rev. Fredd

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 384 <u>Here at Thy Table, Lord</u> BREAD OF LIFE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY For the Bread Which You Have Broken Ceasar Franck

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

As part of this journey of faith, with thanks for God's wondrous deeds, and in support of the church's local and global ministry, we share a portion of what we have first received by God's grace. Maker of heaven and earth, bless these gifts in Jesus' name, that they may bless others.

†HYMN 393 One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Peace Be upon You PEACE

The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis Clerambault

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