

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach
How Fair and Pleasant Thou Art Marcel Dupré

WELCOME Rev. Fredd

†CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid

One: We do not live by bread alone, but by the word of God's love.

All: God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

One: Too long have we experienced hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

All: Too long have we deprived ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.

One: Whoever comes to Jesus will never be hungry.

All: Whoever believes in Jesus will never be thirsty.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

All: May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again.

†HYMN 337 [*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*](#) GALILEE

†OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come to you with a sense of yearning – an appetite for spiritual nutrition. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your word, just as our bodies need hydration. We pray that you would open our hearts so that we can hear you calling us by name. Open our minds so that we can discern the difference between reality and fantasy. Open our hands so that we can serve you faithfully. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *God Has Work for Us to Do* Mark A. Miller
 The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS [John 4:7-15](#) (NT p. 115)
[John 6:22-29](#) (NT p. 119)

†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 *The Hungry Ghost* Janice Olson

HYMN 351 [Fill My Cup, Lord](#) FILL MY CUP

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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Martin Neary
 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 dedicate our offerings because giving helps us gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking instead for food that endures forever. May our lives align with your will for us. Increase our love for one another and for people everywhere. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

†HYMN 340 [Softly and Tenderly](#) THOMPSON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Peace Be Upon You* PEACE
 The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Andre Campra



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024
10 o'clock

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Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

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

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!