

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 27, 2024

PRELUDE *Two settings of "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"* Johann Pachelbel
("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") Johann Walther

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid

†CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Calef

One: In the name of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we come to remember our calling.

All: We live in different times but in the same world in which Jesus lived and loved.

One: We drink from the same cup and share the same baptism.

All: We have the same opportunity to lead and serve.

One: You and I must work together to be the light.

All: We must work together! Shine and be the light!

†HYMN 490 [Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant](#) THE SERVANT SONG

†OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, this morning we recognize how closely we resemble the disciples James and John. There is a drum major instinct within us – a drive to be important, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade. Sometimes we want success without struggle and greatness without the grind of preparation. We'd like to sit at the right hand of the leader; but not necessarily lend a hand. Remind us that discipleship requires that we be "first in love...first in moral excellence...first in generosity." Help us put one foot in front of the other. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Maxwell McNeill Carnes and Salina Jean Carnes
Children of Christina and Gregory Carnes

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *Be the Light* Franklin J. Willis
The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Mark 10:35-45](#) (NT p. 57)

†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 Presidential Impulse: Lead with Love* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 621 ["Are Ye Able," Said the Master](#) BEACON HILL

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 *Lead with Love* Melanie DeMore
The First Church Choir, Nicole Dickinson, soloist

†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

We give with joy, O God, in gratitude for every blessing you have bestowed. We dedicate these gifts holding onto the hope that others will be blessed by the ministries of this local church. Empower us, through the Holy Spirit, to be an affirming and welcoming community wherein all people might be lifted up in love. Amen.

†HYMN 452 [Here I Am, Lord](#) HERE I AM, LORD

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

POSTLUDE *Fuge in F Minor ("The Munster")* Michael Peterson



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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!