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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025
10 o'clock

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

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
Communion in A Minor

J. S. Bach
Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Calef

One: All who hunger, gather gladly,
Many: **holy manna is our bread.**
One: Come from wilderness and wandering.
Many: **Here, in truth, we will be fed.**
One: You that yearn for days of fullness,
Many: **all around us is our food.**
One: Taste and see the grace eternal.
Many: **We will taste and see that God is good!**

†HYMN 420

[I Come with Joy](#)

DOVE OF PEACE

†OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, your love calls us here – calls us to dine with you and to be instruments of your love. Gather us together and grant us the willingness to offer you the full measure of our devotion. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Part 1: Mark 14:12-16 \(NT p. 62\)](#)
[Part 2: Mark 14:17-25 \(NT p. 63\)](#)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 263)

[Surely the Presence of the Lord](#)

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

Feel Above Form: A Communion Conversation

Rev. Fredd Ward

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

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 425

[Let Us Break Bread Together](#)

LET US BREAK BREAD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

Your love calls us here, Gracious One, calling us to dine with you and to be instruments of your love. Gather us in Jesus’ name, that we may offer him the full measure of our devotion. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

arr. David Ashley White
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.

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God – source of love and compassion – you have given us a deep longing to taste the cup of salvation and to know the joys of devoted discipleship. We offer you the best of ourselves and the gifts we place on the altar this day, that we may fulfill your law of love and bring blessings to the world. Amen.

†HYMN 424

[I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table](#)

WELCOME TABLE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Amen, Alleluia

John L. Bell
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from Organ Concerto #15

Johann Walther

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!