

†HYMN 442

[We Are Walking \(Siyahamba/Caminando\)](#)

SIYAHAMBA

1. WE ARE WALKING...
2. SIYAHAMBA...
3. WE ARE WALKING...

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Amen, Alleluia

John L. Bell

The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE

Grande Choeur Dialogue

Eugène Gigout

The Trombone Choir and organ

The members of the Trombone Choir joining with us this morning include:
Bob Ball, John Beers, Jason Berry, Michael Bryenton, Jeff Erdmann, KJ Griswold,
James Luurtsema, Mitchum Mangan, Adam Myers, Chris Schrock, and Daniel Schwartz

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Children's Sunday

June 8, 2025

10 o'clock

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Lo, a Voice to Heaven Sounding
The Trombone Choir

arr. Jay Friedmann
Dmitri Bortniasky/Boratko

WELCOME

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Daniel Freeman, recipient

Julia Rosa

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Julia Murray

One: Happy are those who worship the Lord.
Many: **They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.**
One: Happy are those who delight in God’s guidance.
Many: **They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
One: The righteous will never be moved.
Many: **Their hearts are firm and secure in the Lord.**
One: They shine their light before others for all the world to see.
Many: **May these words inspire our worship and our daily work!**

†HYMN

[This Little Light of Mine](#)

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

†OPENING PRAYER

Emilia Reagan-Piazza

Guiding God, aid us in our quest. We strive to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill, bright with fairness and righteousness for all the world to see. Shine through us this day, as we strive to reflect your glory in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

ANTHEM

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit
The First Church Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 5:14-16 \(NT p.5\)](#)

Penelope Protos

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

†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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CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN: *YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!*

Amanda Bethune

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

[Give Me Oil in My Lamp](#)

OIL

CALL TO OFFERING

Cora Bethune

The psalmist reminds us that it is well with those who are generous, who conduct themselves with mercy and compassion. May our offerings reflect nothing less than this holy intention.

OFFERTORY

Come Down, O Love Divine
The First Church Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

†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

Radiant God, we thank you for the light you shine in our lives. We praise you for the joy you bring to our hearts. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may feed those who hunger and free those who are oppressed. Bless our outreach ministries, that they may serve to chase away the shadows in despairing places. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!