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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025
10 o'clock

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale, Op. 19

César Franck

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Malley

One:

We call on God, who is as near as our breath.

Many:

We gather to meet God, who has promised to bless us.

One:

Meditate on the wondrous works of our Creator.

Many:

We marvel at the splendor of God’s handiwork.

One:

God is the Savior of all who seek refuge.

Many:

God guards us as the apple of the eye.

One:

Our mouths will speak the praise of God.

Many:

Let all flesh bless God’s holy name.

†HYMN 25

[Praise to the Lord, the Almighty](#)

LOBEN DEN HERREN

†OPENING PRAYER

Give ear to our prayers, gracious God, and hear our cries. We call on you, knowing that you will answer and make your ways known to us. We seek to follow the path of peace and progress. We are encouraged, knowing that you are kind and just in all you do. When we need assurance, you hide us in the shadow of your wing. As we mature in faith, you give us wings to fly. Meet each one of us in our individual need this hour. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Edward “Teddy” Robert Duncan-Park
Child of Sarah Duncan-Park and Joel Park

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Amanda Bethune

ANTHEM

Contate Domino
The First Church Choir

Guisseppe Pitorni

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Psalm 17:1-9 \(OT p. 610-611\)](#)

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

†RESPONSE (HYMN 531)

Thank You, Lord

THANK YOU, LORD

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

SERMON

Them Apples

Rev Fredd

HYMN (INSERT)

[Jesus, Lover of My Soul](#)

MARTYN

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

The air we breathe, the lives we treasure, and the love we have known are all gifts from our Creator. What a privilege to return thanks as we dedicate a portion of our resources to benefit the ministries and mission of the church.

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
The First Church Choir

arr. James Boratko

†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

For the future flourishing of your church, we dedicate our gifts. God of all the ages, show yourself to us in this present age. Work within us individually and among us a community of faith, that we may glimpse your glory and carry the good news into our world. Amen.

†HYMN 560

[Leaning on the Everlasting Arms](#)

SHOWALTER

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

For the Beauty of the Earth
The First Church Choir

DIX

POSTLUDE

Loben den Herren

Johann Walther

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!