†DOXOLOGY 46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal God, as symbols of our commitment to make a difference; to love our neighbors; and to share joy. Receive these gifts in praise of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises, that we might meet wisdom on the pathways of life and walk with her wherever she leads us. Amen.

†HYMN 596 *Wellspring of Wisdom* WELLSPRING

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Thank You, Lord* SPIRITUAL
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Christus,der ist mein Leben, BWV 1112* J. S. BACH

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November 08, 2026
10 o'clock

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

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PRELUDES *Three Settings of "Christus, der ist Mein Leiben"* JOHANN PACHELBELL
("Christ, thou Art My Life") J. A. STREICHER, JOHANN WALTHER

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP DOEY BARNETT

One: Wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by those who love her and found by those who seek her.

Many: She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One: One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

Many: To fix our thoughts on wisdom is perfect understanding; those who are vigilant on her account will soon be free from worry.

One: She goes about seeking those worthy of her, graciously appearing to them on their paths and meeting them in every thought.

All: Come, let us worship the God of all wisdom, whose presence shines brightly in all our endeavors!

†HYMN 611 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* FESTAL SONG

†OPENING PRAYER

Radiant and unfading God, we open our hearts to seek your wisdom today. King Solomon encourages that wisdom is easily found by those who love her and rises early to meet us. We ask you, therefore, to quiet our busy thoughts and teach us to be teachable. Grant us a sincere desire for instruction; and the humility to walk in your ways; and the clarity to make choices that honor you and serve others. Lead us step by step away from fruitless anxiety toward blessed assurance. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AMANDA BETHUNE

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

ANTHEM *Wake, Awake, a Voice Is Sounding* J. S. BACH
The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20

†RESPONSE 33 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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SERMON *WOW! Wisdom Offsets Worry* rev.fredd

HYMN 719 *Come, Sing a Song of Harvest* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

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

Whether wise or foolish, everyone needs oil for their lamps, food for their tables, and love to light up their lives. Let us share a prayerful portion of the plenty we have received, that the needs of others might be met.

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* JOHN RUTTER
The First Church Choir

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!