



## ORDER OF SERVICE

May 10, 2026

*We invite you to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary to honor your losses, celebrate your blessings, or invite in hope. Hearing Assist devices, large print hymnals, and worship activity bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary or from an usher. The 9:00 a.m. service is livestreamed; all seats in front of the blue floor tape are visible on camera.*

**PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL** *Morning's Call: A Prelude* by Lorie Line  
Alissa Rhode, piano

**OPENING WORDS** "What Does a Poem Do?" (adapted) by Brian Doyle  
read by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

**CHALICE LIGHTING** Katie Kegel, Worship Associate

**\*OPENING HYMN 12** "Oh Life That Maketh All Things New"

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** "I Wonder" by Annaka Harris  
read by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson  
Minister of Faith Formation

**PRAYER** Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

**SILENCE**

**CENTERING HYMN 123** "Spirit of Life"

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katie Kegel

## UNISON AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION (CONGREGATION)

*We gather to nurture the spirit, engage the mind, and inspire action.*

## OFFERING AND THE CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

### HYMN 298

"Wake Now My Senses"

This month we share 50% of all non-pledge cash in our offering plate with La Famiglia de Arte. To contribute, put cash or checks made out to La Famiglia de Arte in the offering plate and we will forward it for you. Or text 73256 with message give2uu. To contribute to First Church, give cash or checks made out to FUSM in the offering plate or text to give.

## WORSHIP ASSOCIATE REFLECTION

Katie Kegel

### INTERLUDE

*Have You Ever?*

by Brandi Carlile, Phil  
& Tim Hanseroth

Alissa Rhode, vocals  
Bob Porter, guitar  
Mark Miller, bass

### SERMON

"I Wonder..."

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

### INTERLUDE

*May Song*

by Enrique Granados

Alissa Rhode, piano

### CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

## EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMING CHALICE

Katie Kegel

### \*CLOSING HYMN 18

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## WELCOME

**Guests** are invited to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew and place it in the offering basket or Guest Table during Social Hour.

**Get complete announcements by email.**

To receive weekly announcements, or the monthly newsletter The Chanticleer, sign up on our website.

**Childcare is available** for infants and toddlers on the lower level. **The Parlor is available** for parents and children to listen to service in an informal space.

**Baby changing stations** are found on the second floor and lower-level bathrooms.

**To help you enjoy the worship service,** we have hearing assist devices and large type orders of service. An usher can help you with these.

**Sunday Parking:** On Sundays, we use Lincoln School for the Arts' lot, entrance located 1 block west of First Church. Our church has no parking lot.

**All-gender restrooms** are found on the second floor and lower level.

**Service recordings** are available every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on YouTube.

**Social Hour.** Meet friends old and new after service in the Leenhouts Common Room (first right after the Sanctuary).

**Membership.** Stop by the Welcome & Belonging Table during Social Hour to learn about our Journey to Membership classes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY MORNING FORUM AT 10:00 A.M.**

"Religious Women: Nuns and Sisters in the Roman Catholic Church," presented by Sister Rose Sevenich, OSF- Vernacular Historian.

**GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**ON MAY 17!** The First Church Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 17 at 12:00 pm, both in our Sanctuary and via Zoom. Learn about First Church accomplishments over the 2025-26

church year, hear about our financial condition, vote on new Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee members, and learn about the work of the Trustees five-year goals, called "the Ends." All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only active First Church members will be eligible to vote in the proceedings. See the church website for details.

### **IMMIGRANT SOLIDARITY AND ACTION.**

Join First Church's Immigrant Solidarity & Action, meeting this Tuesday, May 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Common Room. We will be exploring upcoming opportunities to support Voces de la Frontera's New American Program and upcoming actions. Another world is possible!

### **SUMMER PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE**

**UNDERWAY.** Thousands of Milwaukee kids are about to lose their free school lunches. Please bring peanut butter to church to help keep them fed. Interchange Food Pantry's "School's Out for Summer" peanut butter drive has launched, part of a community-wide drive with a goal of 3,000 jars. The most helpful donation (and the easiest to distribute) is multiples of the same item, like a box or flat from Aldi of the same kind of peanut butter. Pick some up and help us fill the "giant Jif jar" outside the sanctuary! (Creamy peanut butter in unbreakable jars, please.

**NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY** Calling all 2025-2026 Journey to Membership participants: we're celebrating you! If you joined the church or went through the class in 2025 or this year, please join us for community, connection, and pizza from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on May 19! We'll bring the pizza, and you bring yourself, family, and an optional item to share. Board games and building tours are also available. Children are absolutely welcome at this casual event. (no separate childcare provided).

**MAY 17 CHURCH POTLUCK!** Faith Formation & Annual Meeting Sunday wouldn't be complete without food and fellowship! Join us on May 17 for our annual church potluck during the 11:00 a.m. coffee hour, following our one joyful worship service at 10:00 a.m. and just before the Annual Meeting. Bring along a favorite dish to share, sweet treats, savory snacks, and everything in between are welcome! Let's gather to celebrate another year in community, faith, on this exciting day at First Church.



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