

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Congregational responses are in **bold** and • means "please rise in body or spirit."

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | ORDER OF WORSHIP



### Prelude

*Oren Varess (they/them)*

### Welcome

*Deacon Carl Johnsen (he/him)*

### Call to Worship

Written by Rev. Denise Andersen

*Led by Deacon Carl Johnsen (he/him)*

We gather together  
in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together  
to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together  
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

**Come, let us worship!**

### • Hymn

**Let There Be Peace on Earth | Insert**

### Centering Words

*Led by Deacon Carl Johnsen (he/him)*

If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

— Lao-Tzu, 6th century BCE

## **We Pass the Peace of Christ**

*Pastor Spencer Law (he/him)*

## **Anthem**

**Beloved, Let Us Love One Another | Pepper Choplin**

*First Church Senior Choir*

## **Celebration of Gratitude**

*“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”*

*-Meister Eckhart*

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

## **We Sound the Bell**

## **A Message for all Children of God**

*Pastor Spencer Law (he/him)*

Go now in peace, go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you!  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go

## **Sharing Our Sacred Story**

*Read by the Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (she/her)*

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*Inclusive Bible Translation*

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon**

*The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow in conversation with Shannon & Eric Slayton,  
William Shuttleworth & Jim Cossey*

## **• Hymn**

*This is My Song  
No. 591 in the Black Hymnal*

**The 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Stewardship Testimony**

*Brandon Hall (he/him)*

**Offertory Music**

**Feed My Sheep | arr. Robert Sterling**

*First Church Senior Choir*

**• Words of Thanksgiving**

**Praise God, from whom blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that Love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today.  
Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:**

*We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Oren Varess (they/them)*

***Service Credits:***

*Call to Worship written by Rev. Denise Andersen and published in the UCC's Worship Ways Publication for Just Peace Sunday.*

## First Church Ministry Leaders

### Ministers

All of Us

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (*she/her*)

### Minister for Intergenerat'l Innovation

Pastor Spencer Law (*he/him*)

### C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann (*she/her*)

### Music Director

Deborah Owen (*she/her*)

### Organist & Pianist

Oren Varess (*they/them*)

### Youth Choir Director

Cassie Cooper-Ricci (*they/them*)

### Office Manager

Kylie Morel (*she/her*)

### Co-Moderators

Rosemary Wiser (*she/her*)

Marita Wiser (*she/her*)

### Treasurer - Asst. Treasurer

Peter Clark (*he/him*)

Gail McBride (*she/her*)

### Trustee of the Week

Kevin Murphy (*he/him*)

### Deacon of the Week

Carl Johnsen (*he/him*)

### Greeters-Hospitality

Glen Jukkola, Ann Melious,  
Stephanie Wilcher

### C.E. Leaders

Edna & Jessica Engstrom, Gail  
McBride, Kate Berry

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### This Sunday, November 9

- Worship, 10 am, with Rev. Emily C. Goodnow preaching.
- Youth Music Program, 11 am
- Snack & Chat, 11:30 am
- Trustees' Meeting, 11:30 am
- CE Committee Meeting, 11:30 am
- Young Adult Friendsgiving, 12:30 pm
- Wood Bank Workday, 1-4 pm

### Tuesday, November 11

- Church Office Closed
- Tiny Tots, 9 - 10 am
- Prayer Group via Zoom, 1:30 pm

### Wednesday, November 12

- Bible Study with Pastor Spencer leading, parlor, 10 am

### Thursday, November 13

- Guild Meeting, 10 am
- Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

### Friday, November 14

- Bible Study with Debbie Owen, 2 pm

### Next Sunday, November 16

- Worship, 10 am, with BTS Center Guest Preacher.
- Youth Music Program, 11 am
- Snack & Chat, 11:30 am
- Deacons' Meeting, 11:30 am

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri

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## Announcements

*With gratitude for the gift of Study Leave Rev. Emily is away Nov. 10-17. Pastor Spencer is on call for pastoral care and support during this time.*

### **Young Adult Friends-Giving Feast!**

Do you feel like a young adult at heart? Then you are invited to join us for the Friends-Giving Feast taking place **today at 12:30 pm**.

### **November 11<sup>th</sup> Closures**

Due to the heat pumps being installed the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette's Closet and the church office will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Wood Bank Volunteer Workday TODAY**

Join us **today, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm** to cut up the remaining tree-length wood and continue splitting and stacking wood! No need to RSVP, just show up when you can for however long you can!

### **Upcoming Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill**

Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill will guest preach at First Church on November 16<sup>th</sup>. In his sermon, he will be addressing how, in the face of climate catastrophe, we can make meaning and develop a faithful response. Please see the weekly email for more info!

### **Upcoming Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Ellison, Ph.D**

Rev. Marvin Ellison, Ph.D., will guest preach at First Church on **November 30**, the first Sunday in Advent. Drawing on the life story of the late U.S. Congressman John Lewis, Ellison will speak about an ethic of hope in perilous times and our calling to exercise the distinctive "powers of the weak" to keep hope alive. Please see the weekly email or our Facebook page for more information!

### **Celebration Sunday!**

Join us in worship on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for Celebration Sunday! This is when we joyfully dance our pledges forward and place them in the baskets held by our faithful stewardship team members. Everyone is warmly welcomed to dance with us through the aisles as we sing and walk together. We will then all celebrate downstairs for an ice cream sundae party!

### **Jeanette's Closet Donation Need**

Jeanette's Closet is in need of warm children's clothing for the fall and winter. Sizes 5-14 are most in need, but all are welcome.

# Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With



God our cre - a - tor, fam - 'ly all are we.



Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To



take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.