

**Prelude Reflection:** *a haiku for today's worship*

God is present here  
Flowing in streams of water  
Giving life to all

**Prelude:** FOUNDATION arr. by Michael Burkhardt

**Tolling of Bell**

**Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing:** II Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

**Call to Worship:** *Based on Psalm 46*

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and the mountains shake and the waters roar.**

Leader: For there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;**

Leader: God will help those of the city when the morning dawns.

**People: For God makes wars cease**

Leader: by breaking the bow, shattering the spear, and burning the shields.

**People: Be still and know that I Am God.**

Leader: Be still and know that God is in this city, and God is the refuge for all.

**People: Let us worship this God who gives life to all places!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Come, Thou Almighty King* GTG #2

**Prayer of Confession:** *Quote from the Belgic Confession*

**“Overflowing source of all goodness,” you call us to drink of your living water, but we confess we seek other sources to quench our thirst. Send your Holy Spirit like a flood to open us to your ways in our lives and world. Let us be satisfied by knowing you. Amen.**

*Time of silence*

**Assurance of Pardon & Fulfillment of the Law:**

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Friends of Jesus, drink deeply of the waters of the Holy Spirit, and you will find that you will never be thirsty again, and your heart will become, as Jesus says, “a fresh, bubbling spring.”

**\*Passing the Peace:**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us spend a few moments greeting one another.

**Children's Message & Blessing:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Holy Spirit, come. Be our guide. Give us the eyes we need to see what you long us to see, and then give us the strength to follow. Amen.**

**First Lesson: Revelation 22:1-7**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Text:** Ezekiel 47:1-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there water was flowing from below the entryway of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east), and the water was flowing down from below the south side of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east, and the water was trickling out on the south side.

Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, “Mortal, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything

will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** Do You See It?

**A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

**\*Hymn of Response:** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* GTG #475

**Profession of Faith:** *Our World Belongs to God* §39

**The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.**

**Tithes & Offerings:** *If you would like to connect more with the life and mission of First Church, please fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew and place it in the offering as it goes by.*

**Offertory:** “Brother James Air” arr. Searle Wright

**\*Doxology:** #592 in pew hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**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 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.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* GTG #308

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**Postlude:** SLANE arr. Eugene Butler

# 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

# JUNE 2024

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sun, June 2**

### **First Drive-In Service of the Year**

10am, followed by Lemonade Lull (bring some lawn chairs!)

**Thu, June 6**

### **First Hot Dogs in the Park**

11:30am - 1pm every Thursday (come fellowship with neighbors!)

**Thu, June 6**

### **A Night of Worship**

6pm Potluck in the Parlor; 7pm Worship in the Chapel.

**Sun, June 9**

### **Pride Parade after Drive-In Worship**

All are welcome! See e-blast for more details.

**Wed, June 19**

### **Juneteenth (Holiday)**

Office and Pantry are closed.

**Sun, June 30**

### **Installation of Office Bearers\***

10am, Drive-In Worship (\*subject to change based on availability)

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\*These are just the special events for June. The full calendar with our regular events will come out soon.