

PRELUDE *Lied* Louis Vierne  
*Christus, der ist mein Leben* Johann Pachelbel  
(*"For Me to Live Is Jesus"*)

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Doey Barnett  
One: Come away from the altars of misplaced devotion.  
**All: We have come to honor God and give thanks.**  
One: Come, seeking truth and wisdom and strength.  
**All: We have come together that our faith might be fortified.**  
One: Let us realize that the Creator of all life is always near.  
**All: We hear God welcoming us to this time of worship.**

†HYMN 17 [\*O Worship the King\*](#) LYONS

†OPENING PRAYER  
**Gracious God, you have beckoned and welcomed us to this place of worship. You call us away from the idols we create to take your place. When we gather, we remember that there is nothing in life that can substitute for a real relationship with you. We want to meet you again today, as if for the first time. Melt us. Mold us. Fill us. Use us to fulfill your holy plans and purposes. Amen.**

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *Laudate Dominum* Wolfgang A. Mozart  
The First Church Choir, Michelle Kayser, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING [Exodus 32:1-6](#) (OT p. 97)

†GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 35) GREATOREX  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

SERMON *What Is Real?* Rev. Dr. Davida Foy-Crabtree

HYMN 688 [\*When, in Awe of God's Creation\*](#) HYFRYDOL

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

OFFERTORY *Laudate Dominum* Paul Halley  
The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance that you have entrusted to our care. As we find joy in giving, may our giving inspire others to do likewise. May your beloved children recognize your truth, dwelling within and among us as we serve in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS  
Colleen Burns Lorey Cavanaugh  
Kurtis and Lauren Eckard Linda Isham  
Bridgett Olszewski Joel Park and Sarah Duncan-Park  
Wyrot Ward

†HYMN 713 [\*God of Our Life\*](#) SANDON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Amen* Gabriel Fauré  
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Gott des Himmels und der Erden* Johann Walther  
*"God Who Madest Earth and Heaven"*

## Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes  
Laudate eum, omnes populi  
Quoniam confirmata est  
Super nos misericordia eius,  
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed  
His mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.  
Et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,  
and for generations of generations.  
Amen.

## Laudate Dominum - Psalm 150

Paul Halley

Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius  
Alleluia!  
Laudate eum in sono tubae:  
Laudate eum in psalterio et ithara.  
Laudate eum in timpano et choro:  
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.  
Laudate eum in cymbalis et choro.  
Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.  
Alleluia!

Praise God in his holy temple,  
Hallelujah!  
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,  
Praise him with the psaltery and the harp.  
Praise him with the timbrel and the dance;  
Praise him with strings and pipes.  
Praise him with cymbals and the dance;  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10 o'clock

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*Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor*

*Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts*

*Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation*