

PRELUDE *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630* J. S. Bach  
 ("Today God's Son Triumphs")  
*Prelude* John C. Manigaulte, PhD  
 John C. Manigaulte, piano

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Glen MacLeod  
 One: The risen Christ met Saul on the road to Damascus.  
**All: May Christ meet us here as we gather for worship!**  
 One: Saul's encounter altered the course of his life.  
**All: May Christ's love change us too!**  
 One: This is a day of new beginnings.  
**All: Our God is making all things new!**

†HYMN 518 [This is a Day of New Beginnings](#) BEGINNINGS

†OPENING PRAYER  
**Gracious God, come to us as a light from heaven. While we are going along, pierce the oppressive patterns of thought that determine the direction of our lives. Awaken us from the rituals and routines that dictate our behavior. Surprise us with a presence that we cannot avoid or ignore. Change our hearts by the power of Christ's love. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

ANTHEM *Lo, He Comes in Clouds Descending* arr. Roland E. Martin  
 The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Acts 9:1-9](#) (NT p. 154)

†GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 35) GREATOR EX  
**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 *Awakening Suddenly (Part 2 of 2): Going Along* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 337 [Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult](#) GALILEE

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 *Friends and Family* Grier/Everson  
 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  
**Loving God, may these gifts bring glory to you and grace to your world. May our lives and our ministries reflect your love for all persons. Empower us, we pray, to share the gospel truth while we are going along the path of peace. Amen.**

†HYMN 482 [O Christians, Haste](#) TIDINGS

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

POSTLUDE *Le Grande Sapienza* John C. Manigaulte, PhD



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2024  
10 o'clock

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