

PRELUDE *Ave Maria* Franz Biebl  
 The First Church Trombone Choir  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Lloyd Larson  
 The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Jimmy Quinn

One: Come together now to seek God's spirit and guidance.

**All: We gather in hope and expectation of God touching our hearts.**

One: Come to this place as individuals but also as a church family.

**All: We seek personal assurance as well as corporate identity.**

One: Come here now ready to be renewed in spirit, eager to serve, and open to all.

**All: Let God's power amaze and renew us, this day and always!**

†HYMN 687 [\*In Christ There Is No East or West\*](#) ST. PETER

†OPENING PRAYER

**Help us be your holy people together in this place, not only on this day of worship, but in all the parts of our lives. Help us be holy people as parents and families. Help us be holy people together as a nation. Be with us here, now, in the work of study, of prayer, of dedication, and of offering ourselves so that we live out your covenant with both joy and honor. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

ANTHEM *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. Lloyd Larson  
 The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#) (OT p. 987)

[Acts 2:1-21](#) (NT p. 144)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263

WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
 I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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SERMON *Dry Bones* Rev. Terry Schmitt

HYMN 254 [\*Breathe on Me, Breath of God\*](#) TRENTHAM

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 *O Spirit of the Living God* arr. Jim Boratko  
 The First Church Choir and Handbell Choir

†DOXOLOGY

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We thank you for this opportunity to share the riches of our lives for good beyond ourselves. May our giving today be just one sign of our dedication to your work in these walls and beyond them. And as we give these gifts to others, may you help us receive your love with a sense of the grace and humility, born of faith. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

†HYMN 592 [\*Every Time I Feel the Spirit\*](#) PENTECOST

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Near to the Heart of God* MCFEE  
 The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Grand Choer Dialogue* Eugene Gigout  
 The First Church Trombone Choir

The members of the Trombone Choir playing this morning include:  
Bob Ball, John Beers, Jason Berry, Claudia Diaz, Jeff Erdman,  
Andrew Janes, Mitch Mangan, Adam Myers, Chris Schrock,  
and Daniel Schwartz

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special ensembles and musicians for our worship services.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

May 19, 2024  
10 o'clock

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