

**Who is like you,
a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness?**

Be our refuge and our deliverance.

**By the presence and power of your Spirit,
change us so that we may delight in your desire to do justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

TULON

Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is built up -
on thy prom-ise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and
sure, that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
pew Bible, Old Testament page 163/large print, Old Testament page 204

ANTHEM

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

-Liturgy for Maundy Thursday; sung in Latin

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-14

pew Bible, New Testament page 223/large print, New Testament page 271

THIRD LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

pew Bible, New Testament page 49/large print, New Testament page 60

SERMON

“Of Luther, Lennon, and McCartney” Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA) 1983

Please stand in body or spirit.

**In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
 praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

OFFERTORY

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

–Song of Solomon 8:7,6; John 15:13; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:1

RESPONSE

OLD HUNDERETH

Please stand in body or spirit.



Traditional Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures
Inclusive Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple



here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 828

Please stand in body or spirit.

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Wir glauben all’ an einen Gott, BWV 680”

J.S. Bach

The congregation is invited to continue worshipping through the postlude, which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

The First Church Choir

Christina Angelopoulos, *soprano*

Dominic Inferrera, *bass-baritone*

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

Welcome to First Church!

We are so glad you are here.

Scan to give your tithe or offering.



Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the North Lawn after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

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