

# August 30, 2026

# ***Grounding in Resilience: Sabbatical Sending Service for Pastor Dan Adolphson***



## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Minneapolis

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

*Prelude in Classic Style & Psalm, Gordon Young*

Donna Hackler

### Welcome & Centering

Katy McFall

Today FCC Minneapolis embarks upon a season of sabbatical,  
in which both our pastor and our congregation  
are being grounded in resilience.

We are sustained by God's promise for a future with hope—  
not just for some, but for all.

Let us enter this time of worship centered in God's promise.  
In each inhale and exhale, may we know the Spirit's presence,  
closer than our own breath.

*You are invited to breathe deeply.*

Breathing in, let us welcome God's promise for each of us.  
Breathing out, may we live in hope, seeking wholeness.

Breathing in, let us welcome God's promise for our neighbors.  
Breathing out, may we live in hope, risking genuine relationships.

Breathing in, let us welcome God's promise for creation,  
particularly this land, these waters, and the creatures who live alongside us.  
Breathing out, may we live in hope, trusting in abundance.

Centered in God's promise, let us journey together in the way of Jesus.  
May it be so. Amen.

### Opening Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, verses 1, 3, 4*

CH #95



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e're the sun  
2. To Christ shall end - less prayer be made,  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e're Christ reigns;

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and end - less prais - es crown his head  
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;  
all pris - 'ners leap to lose their chains,

Christ's love shall spread from shore to shore  
 Christ's name like sweet per - fume shall rise  
 and in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim  
 the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest

'til moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - ly bless - ings on Christ's name.  
 and all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let ev'ry creature rise with song;  
 honor and praise to Christ belong;  
 angels descend with songs again,  
 and earth repeat the loud 'Amen'!

## TEACHING

### Faith Through a Youthful Eye

Deb Murphy

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a time of reflection. Parents and guardians are welcome too! As we gather, you are invited to sing of the Spirit's movement in our midst!*

### Sung Refrain

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

CH #261

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this  
 (There are) sweet ex - pres - sions on each

place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I know that it's the  
 face, \_\_\_\_\_ and I know they feel the

1. Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ (Lord.)

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav'n - ly Dove,  
 stay right here with us fill - ing us with your  
 love. And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in  
 praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have  
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

*After a time of reflection, you are invited to sing the refrain once again.*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Ben Masters

*You are invited to respond in dialogue before sharing signs of peace with your neighbors.*

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

### **Scripture**

Jeremiah 29:11-14

*The Inclusive Bible*

I alone know my purpose for you, says God, my purpose for your prosperity and my purpose not to harm you, my purpose to give you hope with a future in it. At that time you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me wholeheartedly. I will let you find me, says God, and I will restore your fortunes. And I will gather you from all the nations and all the places to which I banished you, says God, and restore you to the place from which I carried you into exile.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dan Adolphson

### **Music for Reflection**

Tyler Frankhouse & Dr. Caroline Povolny

*Somewhere Out There*

James Horner, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weir

## OFFERING PRAYERS AND OUR GIFTS

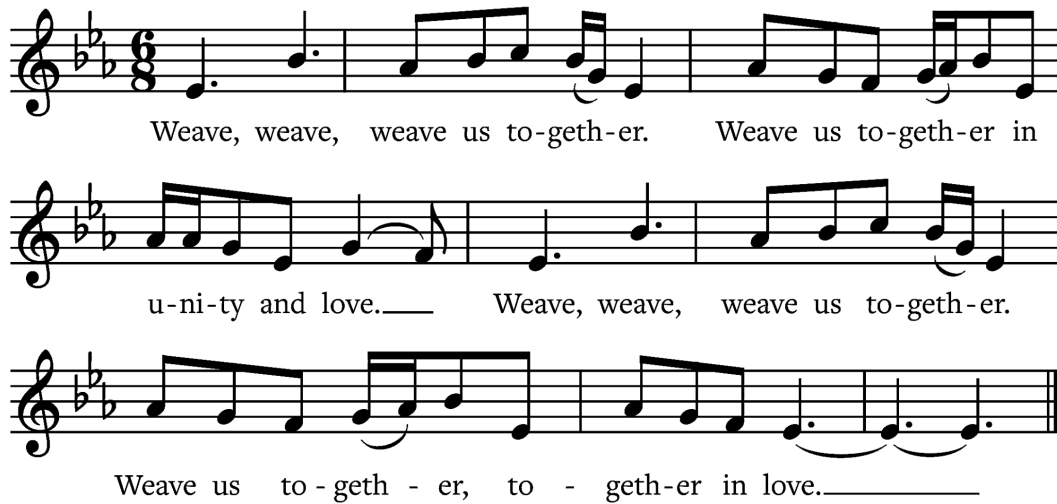
Sharing Joys and Concerns

Rev. Ben Masters

Prayer Song

Weave

CH #495



Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Weave, weave, weave us to-gether. Weave us to-gether in  
u-ni-ty and love. — Weave, weave, weave us to-gether.  
Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth-er in love. —

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ben Masters

Holy One, here and everywhere your name is sacred.  
May your way become our way.  
May your desire for us become our desire here, now, and always.  
Give to us the physical and spiritual nourishment that we need  
and forgive our failures as we forgive others who hurt us.  
Keep us from wandering from you  
and when we are in danger, save us.  
For you are too wonderful for words,  
too complex for our understanding,  
too glorious for our song.  
All begins and ends with you. Amen.

Offering Reflection & Prayer

Martha Harris



*A glimpse of the Spirit moving through this community at FCC's special congregational meeting to call Pastor Dan as Senior Minister last Sunday.*

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST

### Invitation to the Table

Justin Carlson

### Communion Hymn

Thuma Mina

CH #447

Leader All



Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma

Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End



mi - na, So - man - dla.

Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

### Communion Prayer & Words of Institution

Justin Carlson

### Partaking of Holy Communion

No matter where you are on life's journey, ALL are welcome. If you are worshipping with us online, please use whatever you have available to partake of communion from wherever you are watching. If you are with us in person, please come forward to receive communion when invited by the Deacons. If you are unable to come forward, please stay seated and the Deacons will come to you. We use gluten free wafers and grape juice.

**Music for Meditation** Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, J. S. Bach.

Donna Hackler

## GROUNDING TO GO FORTH

### Liturgy of Sending

We commission Pastor Dan to this season of sabbatical with wisdom, blessings, and prayer. You are invited to join in the bolded words.

KC Helmeid, FCC Board Co-Chair

As we all know, this is the last Sunday before Dan's sabbatical.

We mark this moment neither because we are anxious nor because anything radically changes.

No, we are making this moment because we all have work to do in each other's absence, and we ask God to bless that work.

Dan, I ask that you share your commitment for this sacred time.

*Pastor Dan:* God is the source of all that is good, holy, and peaceful and created us to be in full covenant with body, mind, and spirit. I acknowledge that pastoral ministry is both demanding and rewarding. I ask God to give me blessing and peace that I will find the needed time and space for a resilient soul, a refreshed spirit, and a renewed mind, and a cared-for body. When I come home, I promise that I will have stories to share, ready to roll up my sleeves and work alongside each and every one of you in the ministry God has given us to share.

*Jen Krengel, FCC Board Co-Chair*

First Christian Church, let us share our commitment for this sacred time.

**We, the people of First Christian Church,  
promise to do our own Sabbatical work in this season.  
We acknowledge God's invitation to cultivate the gift of resilience  
as individuals and as a congregation.  
We ask for God's blessing,  
that we may listen for the Spirit's prompting,  
that we may stand together as the Body of Christ,  
and that we may be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors,  
We promise to welcome back Pastor Dan with stories to share,  
ready to roll up our sleeves and work alongside one another  
in the ministry God has given us to share.**

*Pastor Ben:* Let us pray... **Amen.**

*Pastor Dan:* My friends, listen to these words of the Apostle Paul to Christ's people in Corinth: "Finally, my beloved siblings, good-bye. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love, peace and resilience will be with you for sure. The amazing grace of Jesus, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all you."

(1 Cor. 13: 11 & 14, The Message)

*Jen Krengel:* Pastor Dan, receive this blessing from your people.

**On your heart and on your house, the blessing of God;  
In your coming and in your going, the peace of God;  
In your life and in your seeking, the love of God;  
At your end and new beginning, the arms of God  
to welcome you and bring you home. Amen.**



Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way,  
 Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 whose hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.  
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

the trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
 whose yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound.  
 We wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## Closing Words

Rev. Ben Masters

*After announcements and an invitation to discipleship, you are invited to join this litany with the words in bold.*

Let us go forth centered in God's promise for a future with hope.

God calls exiles home and welcomes every scattered part of our lives.

**God's future is wholeness, so we will live in hope.**

God speaks through ancient words, resisting oppression in every time and place.

**God's future is resilience, so we will live in hope.**

God blesses all creation; the Spirit renews the face of the earth.

**God's future is abundance, so we will live in hope.**

God's promise is for all, so we will seek new relationships of respect with this land and our neighbors, in particular the Dakota and Ojibwe, the first communities to live and pray beside the Mississippi.

**God's future is for all, so we will live in hope.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## Benediction

Rev. Dan Adolphson

## Postlude

Toccata on DUKE STREET, Gilbert Martin

Donna Hackler



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Thank you to all who helped with this Sunday's service.

**Worship Leader:** Katy McFall

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**Elders:** Martha Harris, Justin Carlson

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## **Announcements**

**Please let us know you are worshipping with us** by filling out the online worship attendance form. The link is in the Livestream chat, and on the front page of our website, [www.fccmpls.org](http://www.fccmpls.org). Please send prayer requests to [prayer@fccmpls.org](mailto:prayer@fccmpls.org).

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**There are several dates available to serve as worship leader** through the end of the year. You can be a worship leader onsite or online through Zoom. Signup is on the front page of the website.

**September 8 - 11: Disciples Mission Week** Information in eblast

**September 25 - 27: CCUM Women's Retreat, Paynesville**

Becki Whitaker is co-coordinator, Deb Murphy is chaplain

Registration info on website and eblast

### **FCC Weekly Calendar**

*All events are held online unless otherwise noted.*

*You can receive the links by signing up for our eBlasts using the purple QR code below.*

#### **Sunday, August 30**

9 am to 10:00 am – SpringHouse Youth Group

10:00 am – Worship (in person & livestream)

Immediately following worship: Pr. Dan's Sabbatical Sending Lunch

#### **Wednesday, September 2**

9 am – Coffee Hour with the Community

7 pm – Elders

#### **Saturday, September 5**

9 am – The Breakfast Club

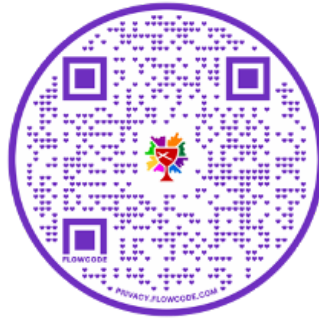
### **SpringHouse Happenings**

**Squiggle Space Cleanout** • Sunday, September 6, after worship

The SpringHouse Building Committee and Youth Ministry team are on a mission to create a functional space for our youth. Step 1 is to clear out items from the back half of the Squiggle Space. Lend a hand with moving, organizing, and discarding. If you know of anything in the Squiggle Space that can be removed, please feel free to do so at any time. Questions or suggestions can be directed to Allison at [shcoordinator@fccmpls.org](mailto:shcoordinator@fccmpls.org).

**Joint Worship** • Sunday, September 13, 10am

As the academic year begins, gather with SpringHouse congregations for worship.



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