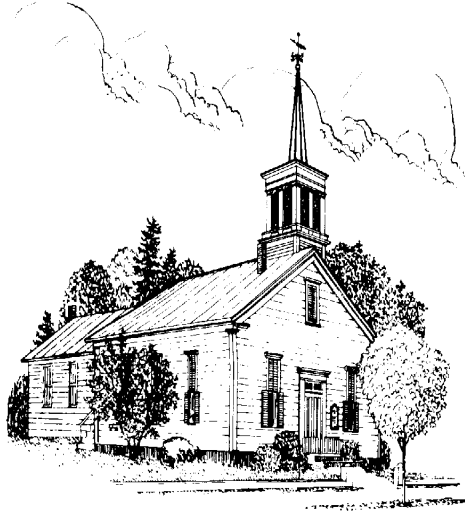


*First Christian Church of Freedom*  
THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE ESTABLISHED IN 1858



***Combining  
Traditional & Contemporary Worship***

*Knute Ogren, Pastor*

*May 10, 2026*

## Prelude

## Centering

“All for one and one for all.”

— Alexandre Dumas, *The Three Musketeers*

## Welcome to First Christian

### Call to Worship

Psalm 66: 16-20

All believers, come here and listen,  
let me tell you what God did for me.

**I called out to him with my mouth,  
my tongue shaped the sounds of music.**

If I had been cozy with evil,  
the Lord would never have listened.

**But he most surely *did* listen,  
he came on the double when he heard my prayer.**

Blessed be God: he didn't turn a deaf ear,  
**he stayed with me, loyal in his love.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God:

**Thank you for gathering your people in this place.**

**Thank you for blessings. Thank you for your**

**faithfulness. We put our trust in you, O God, the one  
who lifts us and shapes us. Enter into our midst this**

**morning as we look to you. Fill our hearts with**

**wonder and stir into us the compassion and mercy**

**Jesus. In a spirit of love, we pray. Amen.**

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **\*Gloria Patri**

**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**

### **Announcements**

**\*Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies #100

**Reading:** Acts 17: 24-31  
*Read by Ed Barosky*

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of

their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading:**

1 Peter 3: 13-22

*Read by Nadine Chapman*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your

good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Special Music**

**Gospel:**

John 14: 15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a

little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**\*Hymn:** Crown Him With Many Crowns #234

## **Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

## **Offering**

## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**\*Hymn:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #233

## **Benediction**

*Traditional Irish Blessing*

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall softly on your fields, and until we  
meet again,

May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.

*Verses based on Ecclesiastes 3:2-8; adapted by Lori True, b 1961  
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## **Postlude**

\*Please stand, as you are able.

## **Visitors**

We welcome your presence with us for worship this morning. Please sign the guestbook at the back of the church, and join us for coffee after the service in the Davidson Room.

## **Pastoral Visits**

Should you want a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Knute or one of the deacons. Also, if you notice that someone hasn't been in church for several weeks, please mention it to a deacon or the Pastor.

## **Deacons**

Ed Barosky, Judy Blake, Ellie Bossdorf, Carol McIntire, Jim Osborne, Dianne Park, Marty Perreault, David Wilcox and Libby Wilcox

## **Today in Church**

**Head Usher:** Mark McKinley

**Coffee Hour:** Dianne Park and Jane Hartnett

The altar flowers are given by Knute Ogren, given in thanks for all of God's Blessings.

Many thanks to Ellen Schwindt, guest organist for today's Service.

## This Week in Church

<b>Tuesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ladies Guild	8:30 AM – 1 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	Food Pantry	10 AM - Noon
<b>Sunday</b>	Choir Rehearsal	9 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service	10 AM

## HIGH TEA - MAY 20 AT 4 PM

Join us for a **“State of the Church”** address, we’ll honor a couple of folks with awards, and we’ll enjoy some treats — including birthday cake. This event will invite anyone who wishes to do so to make a one-time gift to the church in support of our VBS (Very Blessed to Serve) experience for kids this summer.

## Prayer List

Family of Kathy Avery	Gale Morris
Todd Baker	Kelley O'Connell
Ellie Bossdorf	Barb, Rick & Ed Pelton
Nancy Bossi	Marc Perreault
John Bourque	Bob Phinney
Sandy Boyle	Henry Rodriguez
Susan Brown	Nancy Sarden
Family of Dorothy Brooks	Alan Scales
Cecilia Costa	Dan Spear
Family of Bill Elliott	Ellie Stokes
Anna Hlushuk	Jim Tracey
Susan Jancetic	Robin Tyner
Alex Klotz	Family of Caitlin Veglia
Grace Kull	Barbara Veglia
Jean Marshall	Wheaton Family
Bill McIntire	Grandville Wilkins
Matthew Meserve	Marjorie Works
John Mocerri	

Our country's military personnel and their families, first responders and all those who serve the public good.

To ensure your prayer request is added to the list, please write down the information and place it in the offering plate or on the administrative assistant's desk. Also, please let us know if you wish to have a name removed from the list.

## Food Pantry

Food Donations needed: *Anything!* The Food Pantry requests that donated food is not out of date and there are no open containers. There is always a need for clean plastic grocery bags and clean cardboard egg cartons.



## Music – Art – Community

**Dwayne Haggins**

**July 9**

**White Mountain Ramblers**

**July 23**

**Ben Cosgrove**

**August 13**

**Darlin' Corey**

**August 27**

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