

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025**



Prelude

Nenad Ivočić

Welcome

Rev. Shannon Wall

Announcements

***Unison Call to Worship**

Here at the First Church of Christ Woodbridge we have a variety of gifts and approaches to service, but the same Lord. God's gifts and talents are given to each of us and activated by the Holy Spirit. Today, let us celebrate the multiplicity of our gifts and the unity of the Spirit as we worship together.

Kids' Church Children are welcome to meet in the entrance area of the sanctuary for Kids Church in the Parish House.

Ms. Julie

***Gathering Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

#386 Black Hymnal

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are Christ's new creation by water and the word; From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free; with precious blood he bought us for all eternity.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth, one name together blessing, one holy food we share, to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! God, give us the grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***Passing the Peace** Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

Scriptures *Psalm 36:5-10 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-12* (pg. 483 & 999 in your pew Bible)

Sermon *Belonging*

***Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

#1 Red Hymnal

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame;
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Service of Prayer

Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer *adapted from Teri McDowell Ott*

God, our refuge and strength, shelter us from life's storms, from hopelessness and despair, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks under her wing, so we can know that we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace.

When the world feels tumultuous, comfort and guide us. God, help us find ways to rest, restore and renew ourselves. Help us step away from work, still undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us behold and enjoy you. Help us embrace stillness as your great gift.

Silent Prayer

We continue in some moments of silent prayer. United as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, "Our Father..."

Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering

Call to Offering

Choir Anthem *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Setting Allen Pote

Faye Chen & Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; (or) Praise God, from Whom All blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Praise Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

Won't You Let Me be Your Servant?

#539 Black Hymnal

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be a Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be a Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit

2025 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are in the Memorial Room. Please print your name next to the number that corresponds with the number printed on the envelope box.

Thank you.



Award-Winning Storyteller
Valerie Tutson

**Stories & songs of blessings
for all ages!**



Sunday, March 16th

2:00 - 3:00 PM Stories & Songs

3:00 - 3:30 PM Refreshments

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