



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



June 6, 2021

“Is the Truest You Available for Growth?”

## Gathering in Love

### **Gathering Music**

*You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.*

### **Ringing of the Bell**

*Signifies the beginning of the service*

### **Prelude**

**“We Sing Worthy”**

*Davis*

*Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist*

### **Words of Welcome**

*Pastor Clare Gromoll*

### **\*Gathering Prayer**

**Loving God, we come to you for truth, that we might see clearly and understand. We come to you for comfort, that we might be sustained and understood. You challenge us to remember that our ways are not your ways, and that we can change. We come to you, Holy One. We come to you. Amen.**

### **\*Opening Hymn    “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”**

*#417 (see insert)*

*Vs. 1-3 & \**

*Cheri Schwartz, cantor*

## Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

### **\*Prayer of Longing**

**Mighty Planter God, you have thrown your seed on the ground that it might take root. You intend for us hope, abundance and new life. In our limited understanding, we have mixed some of our seeds in with your own - seeds of fear, bitterness, greed and apathy. Even worse, seeing our mistakes, we have sometimes torn up your garden. We have pushed out our brothers and sisters, created laws that hurt and destroy, and built walls that isolate us from others and from ourselves. Forgive us our anxious weeding, O God, and help us to repair the garden of your heart. Show us how to cultivate a place of fruitfulness and hospitality, a place of grace and peace. Teach us to trust that you will use all of us to tend your garden. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

*Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing*

**\*Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you!  
**All:** And also with you!

## Proclaiming God's Love

## A Time with Young People

*Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her*

# Blessing One Another

**Children: God be with you    All: And also with you**

*Children may follow leaders to Children's Activity  
or remain with their families in worship*

**Scriptures** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34  
Mary Maren Bjork

## **Morning Message** “Is the Truest You Available for Growth?”

## **Prayer Hymn**    “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way”       #465 (*see insert*)

## Responding To God's Love

# Prayers of the People

You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world. Raise your hand or stand and project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible. Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, “God, in your love...”

One: God, in your love,  
**All: Hear our prayer**

\*Sitting or standing

## **Lord's Prayer**

Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be,  
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,  
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,  
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth  
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.  
May we find the bread that we need for today,  
And for the hurts we cause one another  
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.  
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;  
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;  
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.  
May you reign in the power of human love,  
Now and forever. Amen

## **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**      “We Bring Praise”      Dearman

## \*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, you have been extravagant in your generosity. You have planted within us the seeds of hope, nurtured within us the saplings of faith, and harvested the fruits of your creation. You spread before us the feast of possibility! Words cannot fully express our gratitude. May we embody our thanks with extravagant generosity. May we offer our lives to you in acts of compassion for one another. May we walk gently upon the Earth, ever mindful of your gifts of breath, of love, of life itself. Amen.

## **Sharing in Holy Communion**

*Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages. We welcome you in the name of Jesus, whom we follow in the way of radically inclusive love.*

### **\*The Invitation & Prayer**

Pastor: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is a right, good, and joyful thing always and everywhere ... Amen.

### **\*Sung Response**

**“Santo, Santo, Santo”**

#111 Chalice Hymnal  
see insert

### **Words of Remembrance & Blessing**

### **Call to the Feast**

### **Sharing the Bread of Life & the Cup of Blessing**

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**O Holy One, in this place, at this table, we have touched,  
we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. May  
we go away from this service of worship filled with your love, so that it  
overflows to those who are all around us. May we become the body of  
the Risen Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.**

\* Sitting or standing

## Going Forth to Share God's Love

\***Closing Hymn**

“Take My Gifts”

#562  
see insert

\***Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

*..Happy birthday dear Pastor Clare, Zoey, Sam, Delores & Rolf*

\***Benediction**

\***Sung Response**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller*

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as creator, family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

\***Postlude**

“Part in Peace”

*B. Wren*

\*Sitting or standing



## Combined In-Person & Zoom Bible Study

Pastor Clare facilitates as we draw connections between the week's scripture texts and our present-day lives. All are welcome!

**NEW TIME: Wednesdays, 11 am-12**



We update our church directory every January and June to send out to our members and active friends. Please look over your information (in the copy you have on hand) and let Kimberly know of any changes. Due to spam calls last year we will not post the directory on any electronic platform (this includes the Mid-Week). In late June, Kimberly will email the updated directory to members and active friends who are listed in it.



## Tuesday Fellowship at People's Park

Weekly, 6:30-7:00 pm

Arrive early, stay late –  
all are welcome!



Children play together on  
the playground. Adults  
enjoy conversation.

Please invite friends and  
neighbors to join us!

## **PRAYER CORNER**

*Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:*

- Kurt and Lin Stephan, brother and sister-in-law of Mark Stephan. On June 6, Lin had emergency surgery for a brain hemorrhage. Neurosurgeons are still determining the causes and extent of the damage.
- Lou Favilla, Claire Stokes, Emily Wulff, the Hillard's grandson Ben and granddaughter Lisa, the Fetter's grandson Jacob Helmer and Sharon Binger's grandson Justin, all celebrating graduations this spring.
- Sharon Neunfeldt's friend Sue, who has been diagnosed with Type B Lymphoma. And Sharon's brother Greg, who has Multiple Myeloma. However, they still don't know why his bones are crumbling.
- For our global neighbors: for the COVID vaccine to reach everyone, for the people of Yemen to experience relief from intense suffering, and for all who live without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- *"We fervently pray for our Palestinian partners and for the people too long suffering under occupation and fear, and that a peace with justice will prevail, and we commit to continue to oppose the injustices that we see."* (from Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church Disciples of Christ, full statement linked in the Mid-Week)
- For accountability for killings of black and brown people, for legislative police reform, and for all of us to work to build an antiracist society.
- This week, we celebrated birthdays with Pastor Clare's on Wednesday, Zoey Graf who turned 10 on Friday and Sam Gromoll who turned 7 on Saturday. Next week we celebrate the birthdays of Delores & Rolf on Thursday.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt and Cheri (beautiful music), Carol Dusbabek (lay reading), Claire Spilseth, Sue Favilla, and Carol Dusbabek (Children's Activity) and Mike Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Paul Spilseth, Mark Stephan, and Kimberly Jackson (tech team).



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