



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”

**A Father Said To His Son:**  
Be careful where you walk.



**The Son Responded:**  
You be careful,  
I walk in your footsteps.

June 20, 2021 | Father's Day

“Will We Recognize and Lament Our Racism?”

## 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.*

### **Ringling of the Bell**

*Signifies the beginning of the service*

### **Prelude**

**“A Song For Dad”**

*S. Neuenfeldt*

*Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist*

### **Words of Welcome**

**Pastor Clare Gromoll**

### **\*Gathering Prayer**

**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. We also come with reluctance, joy, sadness and fear. We know that you receive us as we are. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

**“We Are Called”**

*(see insert)*

*Mike Bjork, cantor*

## **Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace**

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

**O God, words fail us to express the grief in our hearts over the racial unrest that has swept our country. As followers of Jesus, we long to be people who bring you glory. In the intentional and unintentional ways that we have contributed to pain, we fall on your mercy and seek forgiveness from those we have hurt. Recent events have broken our hearts, but it is the generational wounds of invidious discrimination and suffering from which these events are sourced, that breaks our hearts the most. They demonstrate how truly heinous our sinfulness can be, and we know them to be an affront to Your holiness. God, use these times of rightful mourning to mold and shape us into the image of your Son.**

**Show us the sinfulness of our ways so that our fellowship with you and one another can be restored. Give us hearts modeled after your own, for yours beats in a way that is always gentle and lowly. We subject ourselves to the gospel's transformative work with our every waking moment. Teach us how to love more deeply, trust you more fully, and always consider the needs of others to be greater than our own. We depend on you, Lord, to change us and unite us. May your love be demonstrated in our obedience. In Jesus' 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**      2 Samuel 11: 2-7, 14-17, 26-27; 12:1-20 ~ *NRSV*

Jere Fetter

**Antiracism Task Force Presentation**

Mary Maren Bjork, Lori Mildon, Jenni Shaller

A reading from Daniel Hill's

*White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White*

*Antiracism Task Force Objective: Between June 2021-June 2022, to carry out a monthly process of examination, exploration and education on anti-racism attitudes and behaviors that could lead to transforming our church identity.*

\*Sitting or standing

**Morning Message** “Will We Recognize and Lament Our Racism?”

**Prayer Hymn** “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

#485  
(see insert-last page)

### **Responding To God’s Love**

#### **Prayers of the People & Father’s Day Litany**

*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

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days —  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One. AMEN.

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

\*Sitting or standing

**Offertory**

“Yahwah”

U2

Keeley Vandre, *Vocals*

Eric Vandre, *guitar*

**\*Doxology**

**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**

**O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people...**

**open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,**

**open-hearted in healing a broken world,**

**open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love.**

**With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God's Love**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Lead Us from Death to Life”

#581 (*see insert, middle*)

**\*Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

*..Happy birthday dear Delores, Rolf, Jed, Andrea, Paul, Luke, Shizuko*

**\*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**

“Traveling On”

*Trad. English*

Each man present today is invited to take a rose with you as you depart. We give many thanks for the many ways God nurtures us through the men in our lives.

*\*Sitting or standing*



## July 11th Weekly alternation of indoor/outdoor worship begins

After thoughtful consideration, our Reopening Team recommended to alternate between indoors and outdoors worship. Our Leadership Team empowered our Worship Planning Team to determine a schedule for the remainder of the summer and have set the following :

- June 20 - People's Park
  - June 27 - People's Park
  - July 4 - Lakeside Park w/ Bethlehem Lutheran Church
  - July 11 - indoors
  - July 18 - People's Park
  - July 25 - indoors
  - Aug 1 - People's Park
  - Aug 8 - indoors
  - Aug 15 - People's Park
  - Aug 22 - indoors
  - Aug 29 - People's Park
  - Sept 5 - indoors (return to indoors for the rest of the fall)
- See midweek for indoor protocols/procedures approved by the LT.*



### Worship Leaders Needed

During these upcoming Sundays when Pastor Clare will be away on vacation or continuing education, we need people to fill in by preparing and offering the morning message (either alone or by splitting the time with another):

- July 18
- July 25
- August 15

Please let Pastor Clare know if you are interested and available.  
Friends will appreciate hearing your reflections!

## **PRAYER CORNER**

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

- Jackie Savage's friend Deb Weyer, who has undergone chemo and surgery for stage four breast cancer and now needs to decide on future treatments.
- Deb Francis, her brother Scott Laiti, and their extended family as they mourn the death of their brother, Bruce Laiti, who was living in Arizona.
- Kurt and Lin Stephan, brother and sister-in-law of Mark Stephan. Lin had emergency surgery for a brain hemorrhage on June 6. She remains mostly unresponsive and the family and doctors will have to make tough decisions in the days ahead.
- 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 COVID vaccines to reach everyone, for relief from suffering in Yemen, for a just peace in the Gaza Strip, and for all living without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- 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 Delores & Rolf on Thursday and BJ & Claire Stokes Wedding anniversary is today! Next week we celebrate with Jed Seeger on Wednesday, Andrea Dittmann on Thursday, Paul Spilseth & Luke Dittmann on Friday, Shizuko Purnick on Saturday and Jim Dahl on Sunday.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt, Keely & Eric Vandre (beautiful music), Jere Fetter (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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