"Inclusive, Inspiring Worship in Beautiful Sacred Space"

June 27 2021 ~ Pride Weekend

"Will We Welcome, Affirm & Heal?"

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*

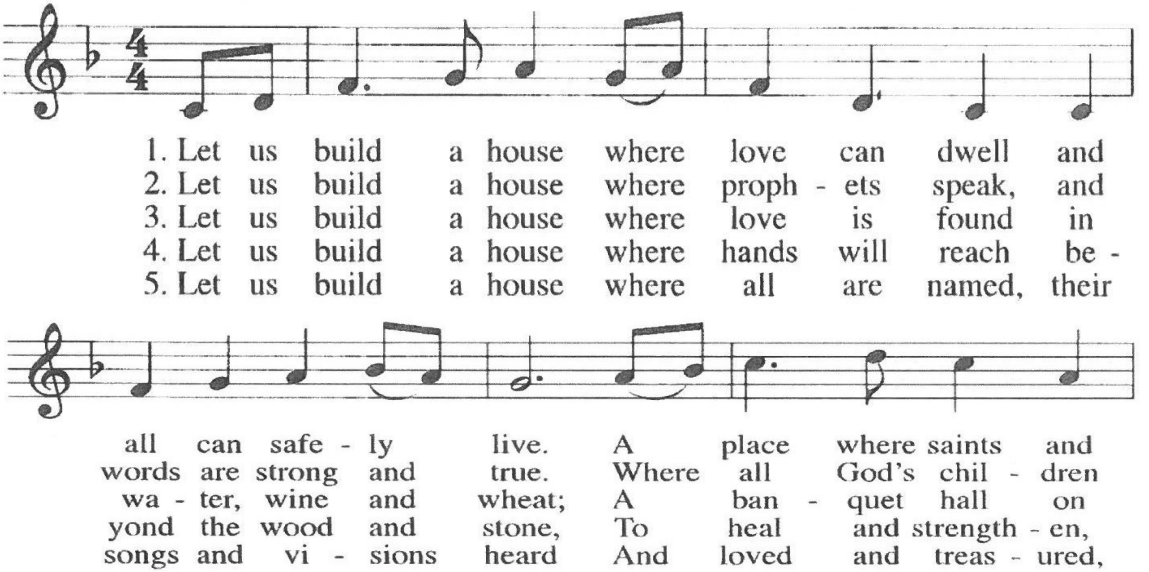
Prelude "Jesus Brings Us All Together" *Trad. American*
Sharon Neuenfeldt, *Worship Accompanist*

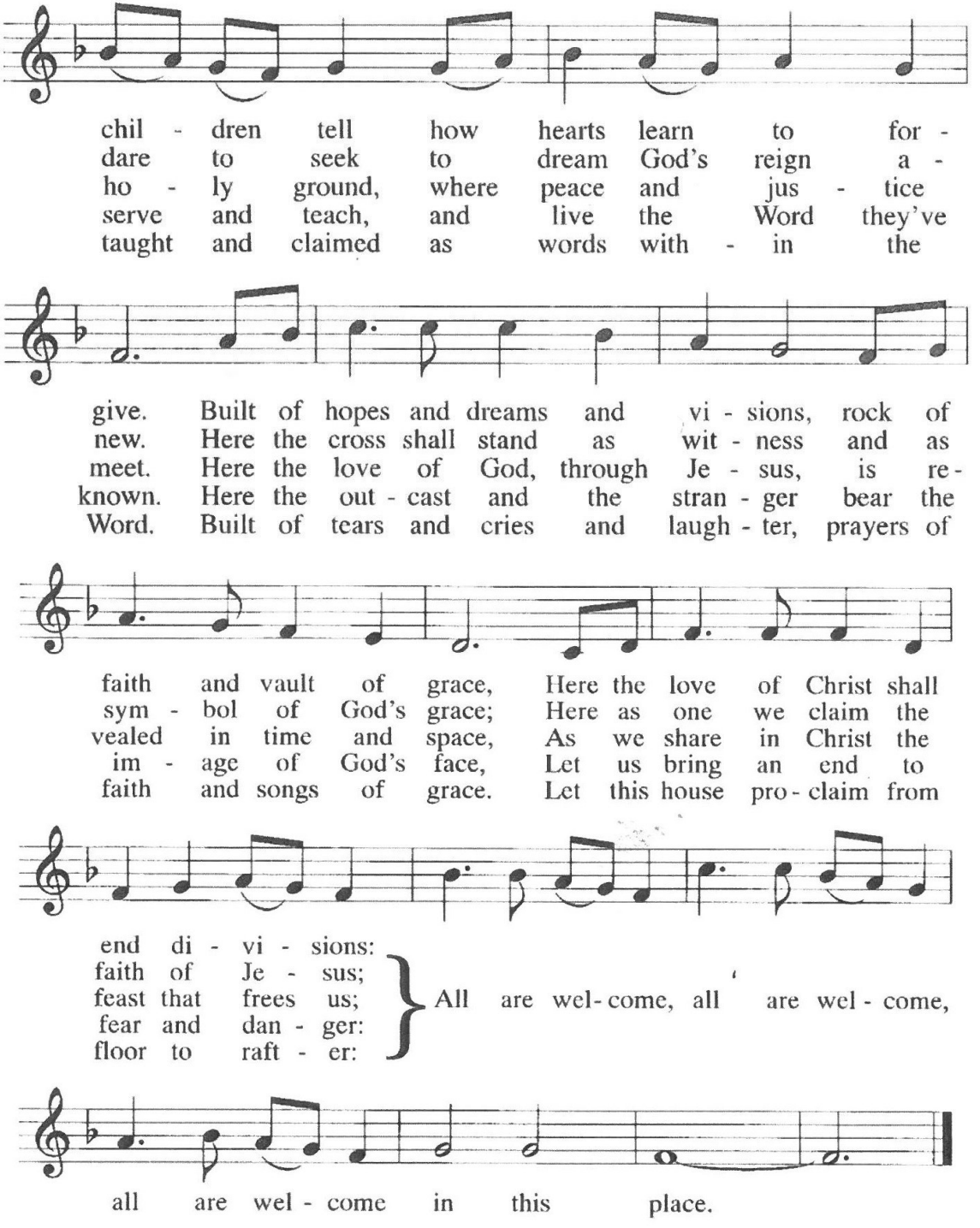
Words of Welcome Pastor Clare Gromoll

***Gathering Prayer**

Holy One, we gather now in your presence and around Jesus Christ, Center of our lives. Our rainbow of diverse humanity makes our life together vibrant and exciting. We bring together our many personal experiences. As your call to share ministry extends to each of us. Be our teacher and our guide as we join in your work of loving our neighbor and renewing the whole creation. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Center of our lives. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "All Are Welcome " *TWO OAKS/Marty Haugen*
Mike Bjork, *cantor*





*Sitting or standing

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

***Prayer of Longing**

Mysterious yet intimate God, you gather us this summer morning and we feel a call to worship you. Although we sense your presence in the natural beauty that surrounds us, we long for more signs that you are with us. We confess that as we listen to the news, we feel the anxiety, we hear the cries, and we know in our bones that all is not well in the world. There are far too many who suffer needlessly—at our borders, across the world, within our neighborhoods, even in our congregation. We confess too that we wonder how our choices play into this mix of fortune and misfortune. We are all in the boat together, yet not all have the peace and joy that you dream for your world. God help us to see and hear, to act in faith, and to have the courage to take steps that will reflect your love for all. 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 Psalm 30, Mark 5: 21-43~*NRSV* Mary Maren Bjork

Morning Message "Will We Welcome, Affirm & Heal?"

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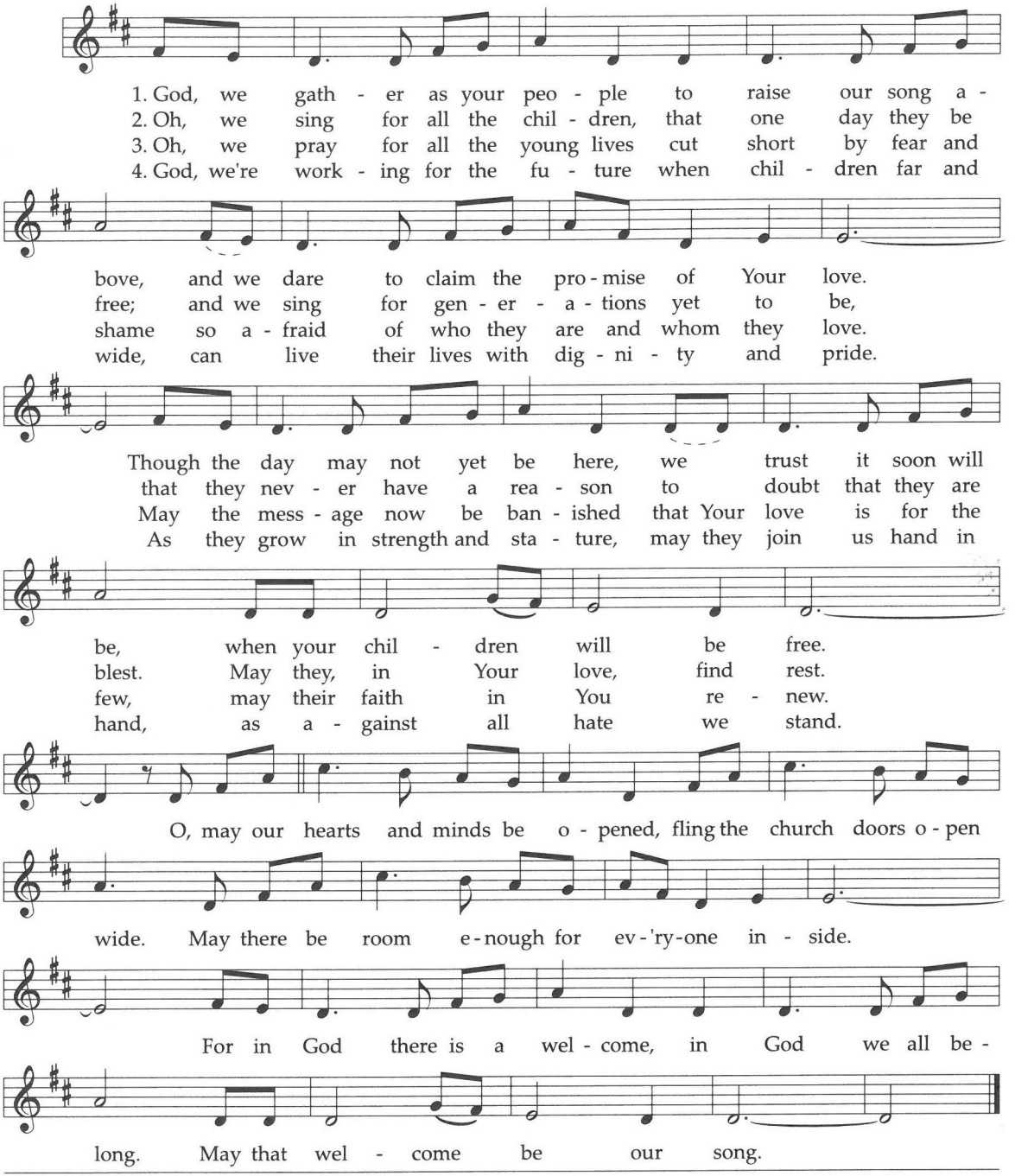
Duet

"For All The Children"

David Lohman

Congregation joins in on the chorus after vs. 2,3 & 4

Claire & Mike Bjork



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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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father and our Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Harlech" *Welch Tune*

***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**

God of all, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead. May we each be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn** "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" *#476 (see next page)*

***Singing** "Happy Birthday"

..Happy birthday dear Jed, Andrea, Paul, Luke, Shizuko & Jim

***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.

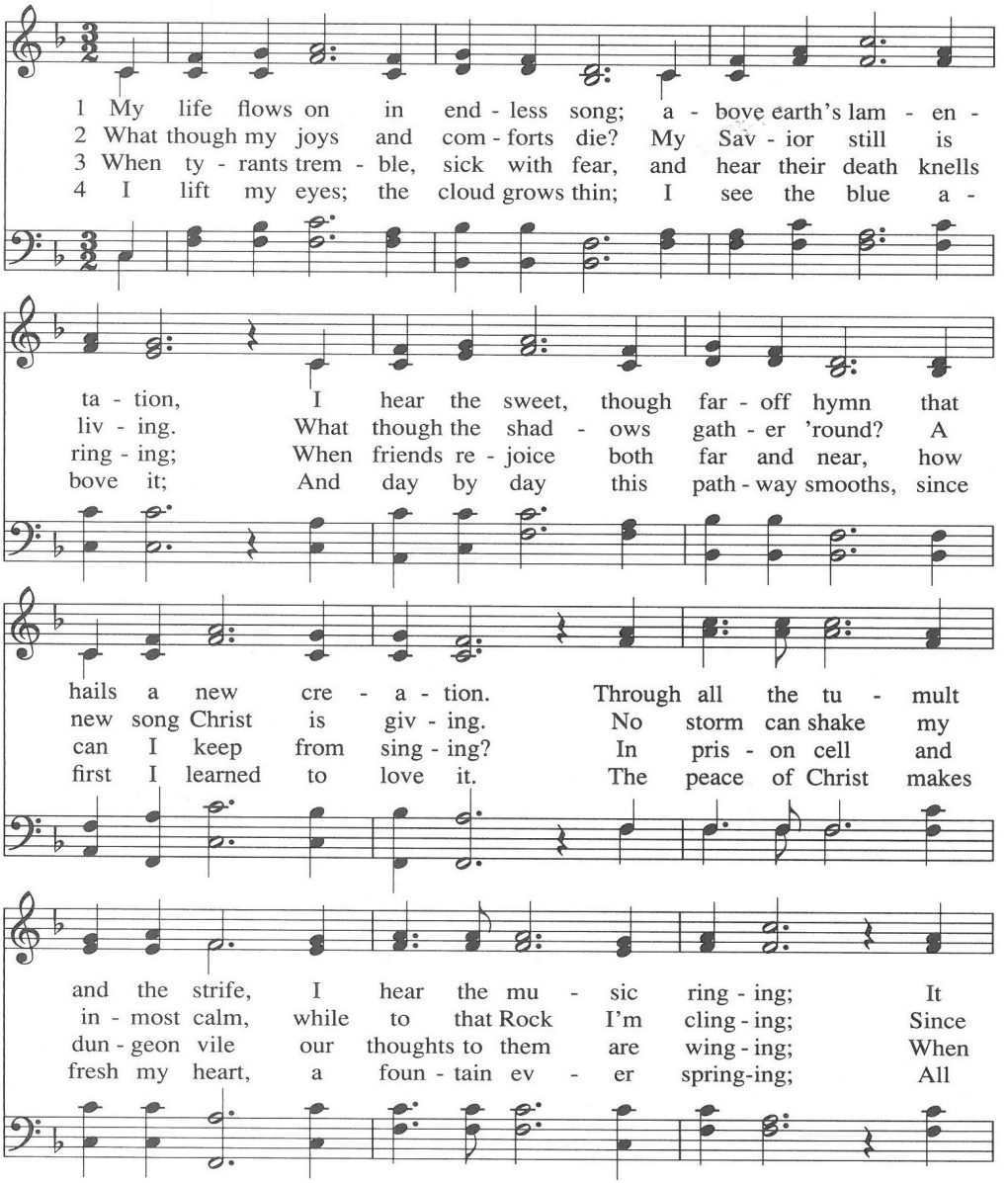
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

***Postlude** "May the Lord Be With You" *S. Jones*

476 My Life Flows on in Endless Song
(How Can I Keep from Singing)

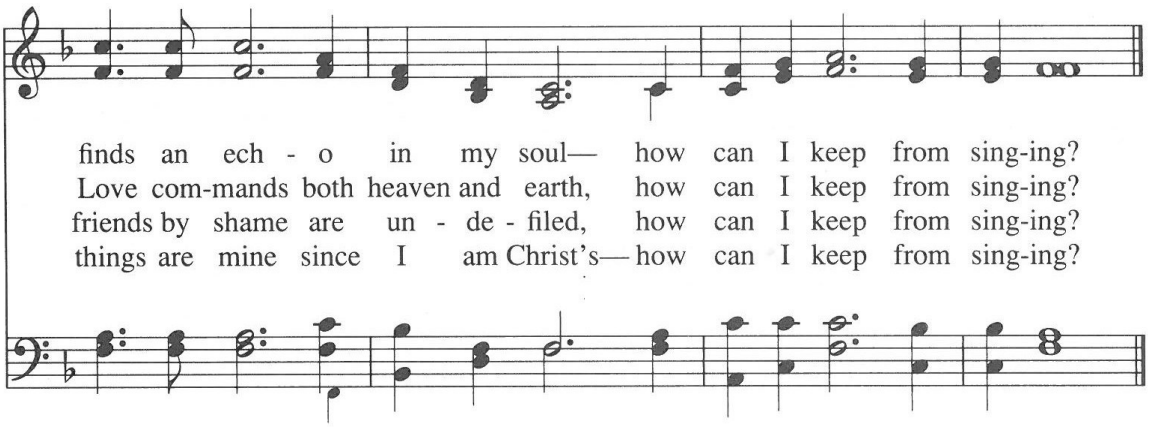
Ps. 46:1–7; 1 Cor. 3:21–23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School,
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957



In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School, *New York, 1869*



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Sunday, July 4, 2021

9:30AM

All-Community Ecumenical Worship Service:

People's Congregational Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lakeside Park in Bayport

Masks recommended but optional

In case of rain the service will be held at:
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
490 4th St. N., Bayport, MN 55003

Bring a lawn chair. Loose offering and designated checks will go to Valley Outreach. Checks made out to churches and church envelope offerings will go to their respective congregations.

Hi, everyone, Just a gentle reminder to fill out your antiracism survey that is in your email. We need your input; it is important to us. Your response by Sunday, June 27 will help us know how to proceed for the coming year. Thank you very much.

The Antiracism Task Force
Mary Bjork, Lori Mildon, Jenni Shaller

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

July 11th
Weekly alternation begins

After thoughtful consideration, our Reopening Team recommended and our Leadership Team approved beginning to alternate between indoor and outdoor worship. Our Leadership Team. Our Worship Planning Team has set the following schedule:

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:

- Andi Favilla's father Tom Ford in Michigan, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery and looks ahead to replacing another knee and a hip.
- 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.
- Mark Stephan's brother Kurt and their extended family, as they grieve the death of Kurt's wife Lin Stephan. Lin recently died after a brain hemorrhage caused severe damage from which her brain did not recover.
- Sharon Neunfeldt's friend Sue, who has been diagnosed with Type B Lymphoma. And Sharon's brother Greg, who has Multiple Myeloma. and crumbling bones.
- 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.
- Accountability for killings of black and brown people, for legislative police reform, and for all of us to work to build an antiracist society.
- We celebrated Bj & Claire Stokes' anniversary on Sunday and birthdays with Jed Seeger (Wednesday), Andrea Dittmann (Thursday), Paul Spilseth & Luke Dittmann (Friday), Shizuko Purnick (Saturday). We celebrate Jim Dahl's birthday today and Bill & Betsy Stokes' anniversary this next Tuesday!

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt, Claire & Mike Bjork (beautiful music), Mary Maren Bjork (lay reading), Children's Activity Leaders and the Tech Team.

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