



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



August 1, 2021

“Will We Be Broken Open By Grace?”

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

“Praise to God, the Holy One”

trad German

Sharon Neuenfeldt, *Worship Accompanist*

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Gathering Prayer**

Mary Maren Bjork

**Open wide the windows of our spirits, God, and fill us with light;
Open wide the doors of our hearts that we may receive and entertain
you with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

*****Opening Hymn**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

#459 NCH

Cheri Schwartz, *cantor*

(see next page)

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

*****Prayer of Longing**

Merciful God, your care never ceases. So we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Jesus the Christ. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. 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!

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

***Sitting or standing

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her (socially distanced)

Blessing One Another

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

*Children return to their families to either remain in worship
or play on the playground.*

Scriptures Psalm 51:1-3, 6, 10-12, 15-17, Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16~ *NRSV*
Mary Maren Bjork

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Morning Message “Will We Be Broken Open By Grace?”

Prayer Hymn

“Create in Me”
(sung twice ~ see insert)

#492 *Chalice Hymnal*

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

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

AMEN.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Jesus What a Wonder You Are”

Bolton

***Sitting or standing

*****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 generous grace, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #377 NCH
(see insert)

*****Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

..Happy birthday dear Tony & John

*****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** “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

Tomer



People's Backyard Potlucks
Mark your calendars for two special events!
RSVP to Kimberly

*****New Day*****

Mon., Aug. 2, 5:30-7:30 pm - at Sharri Kinkead's Hudson home

Tues., Aug. 31, 5:30-7:30 pm - at Pastor Clare and sons' Shoreview home
We could have a carpool from the church for those who would like this option.

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share (salad, side, dessert).
** Label your serving container and spoon/tongs with your name! **
Host provides beverages, dishes, flatware, napkins, indoor restroom.

Invite a friend or neighbor along to meet your church friends!

(see Mid-Week for more details)

BAPTISM
CELEBRATION

**The Baptism of
William Shea Bjork**

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 pm to celebrate!
The Bjork family will provide cake and lemonade as we linger afterward,
sharing in this joyous occasion.
Outdoor location TBD.

***Sitting or standing

Kimberly will be on vacation July 30—Aug. 9.
There will be no Mid-Week email sent on Aug. 4.
Please contact Pastor Clare if you need immediate assistance.

PRAYER CORNER


Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- For justice to prevail in the proceedings related to the January insurrection at our U.S. Capitol. May we all be reminded to listen carefully for articulations of truth.
- For our global and local neighbors: for COVID vaccines to reach everyone, for justice-based peace in the Gaza Strip and in other armed conflicts, for people managing physical and mental health challenges, for those marginalized and oppressed due to part of their identity or life experiences, and for all who live without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- For accountability for killings of black and brown people, for continued courage and resilience in BIPOC communities as they seek justice, and for legislators to lead all of us in the work of building an antiracist society.
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- We celebrated Tony Graf's birthday on Wednesday and will celebrate with John Seigel on the 4th. We celebrated an anniversary with Matt and Emily Wulff on Friday (10 years) and celebrate Keely & Eric Vandre today (13 years).

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt, Cheri Schwartz (beautiful music), Mary Maren Bjork (lay reading) and Rolf Dittmann (Tech)



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