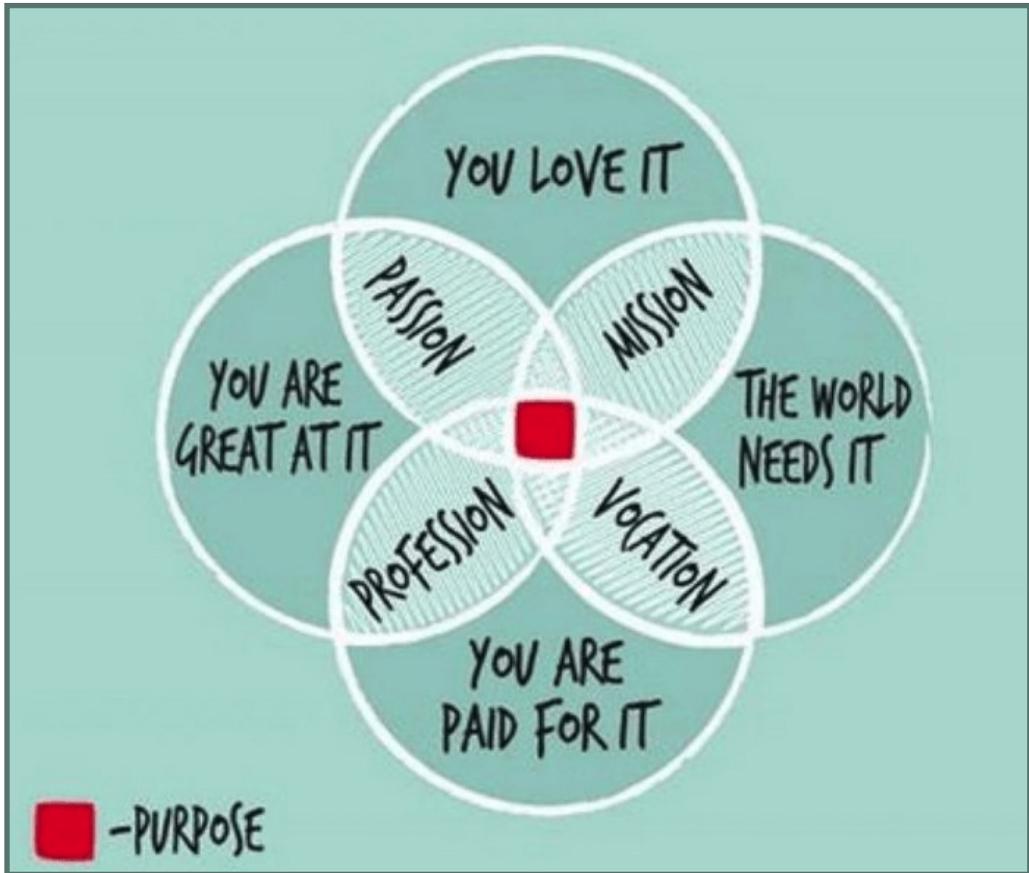




*"An inclusive community, celebrating God's unconditional love  
through engaging worship and faithful service"*



February 27, 2022

“What Makes You Glow? Who Sees You Glow?”

Transfiguration Sunday

## The Love of God Gathers Us

### **Gathering Music**

*You are invited to greet those around you or sit quietly.*

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**

“Put on Love”

*trad Norwegian*  
Addi Albright, *acolyte*

*Candles represent the light of Christ among us*

### **Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

### **\*\*\*Prayer of Gathering**

Mary Ann Litfin

One: Holy and loving God, we boldly claim the promise of Christ—

**All: that where two or three are gathered in that holy name,  
Christ is present.**

One: With Christ among us, we know the power of your love for us.

**All: With Christ among us, we see your glory in each other.**

One: With Christ among us, we believe we can do all things—

**All: through love’s strength at work in us.**

One: Free us now to be a people renewed by transforming love—

**All: through the one who came that we might have life, and have it  
abundantly. Amen!**

### **\*\*\*Opening Hymn**

“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

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## Acknowledging Our Humanness & God's Grace

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

One: Creator God, we cast our cares toward you and share our burdens with each other.

**All: Help us strip away our outer selves, dismantling our disguises.**

One: Manifest your presence as we lay bare our hearts and souls.

**All: Let your voice be heard in the silence of our spirits.**

One: Let your acceptance waft over us like a warm breeze as your calm and comfort envelop and cradle us.

**All: Let your love fill us with joy. May others sense your presence in our hearts and see you in our actions. Amen.**

*prayerful silence*

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

*We share a sign of peace with those gathered with us now (in-person, virtually)*

*We extend the peace later in the day (by phone call, email or text message)*

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

## Proclaiming God's Love

### **A Time with Children**

*Pastor Clare invites children forward (to the front row pews) to wonder together*

**Sung Invitation** *We sing as the children come forward*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

## **Singing “Happy Birthday”**

*..Happy birthday dear Sharon (Neuenfeldt), Addi (Albright), Zoe (Gilmore), Joe (Legato), Mary Ann (Litfin), Michael (Bjork) & Claire (Stokes)*

## **Blessing One Another**

*Seated, we open our arms to the children*

**Children : God be with you**

**All: And also with you**

*Children may follow leaders to Children’s Activity or remain in worship*

*We welcome our children’s sounds and movements*

*If needing to move around more, families are welcome to listen to the service from the Narthex play area, Meditation Room, or via baby monitor in the Nursery downstairs*

## **Sung Affirmation** *We sing as our children follow leaders or return to families*

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

## **Scriptures**

Exodus 34:29–35 & Luke 9:28b–36 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

### **Exodus**

As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them.

Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from God on Mount Sinai. When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of God, he would remove the veil until he came out again, and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

## Luke

Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzling white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah" Peter didn't really know what he was saying.

While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!"

When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

**Morning Message** "What Makes You Glow? Who Sees You Glow?"

**You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are the light of the world.**

**You are a city on a hill.  
You are a city on a hill,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a city on a hill.**

**You are a candle in the dark.  
You are a candle in the dark,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a candle in the dark.**

**You are a star in the night.  
You are a star in the night,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are a star in the night.**

**You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are.  
You are the light of the world.**

## 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  
Please project your joy or concern so we can hear it*

*To include a prayer in our Prayer Corner in coming days,  
please share it with Pastor Clare (by email, phone call or text message)*

One: God, in your love,

All: **Hear our prayer**

### Musical Interlude

*We listen for our own prayers to quietly arise*

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father and 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

“So Precious to Me”

*Kendrick*

#### \*\*\*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**

**Mighty God, we dedicate these gifts and our very selves to your way of empowering love. Stay with us as we share in the risks and challenges of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. As your glory shone in the face of Jesus, so shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.**

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

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182

**\*\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*\*Sung Response** **Irish Blessing**

*Sung twice*

**May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
The rain fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
Till we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand**

**Postlude** "May We Have Peace" *Tune*

*We carry the light of Christ with us in all times and spaces*

## **PRAYER CORNER**

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

\*We hold in the light Sharon Neuenfeldt and all who have loved her close friend **Sue**, who died from cancer mid-February. May Sue rest in peace. And may support surround her loved ones in the time ahead.

\*Mary Ann Litfin's sister's friend **Deb**, as she transitions from this life to the next.

\*With gratitude and thanksgiving, Jill Greenhalgh and Rolf Dittmann celebrate their sons, **Drew & Luke Dittmann**, beginning new jobs.

\*Comfort for the family of **Mark Jacobson**, who passed away. Mark has been part of our extended People's Congregational Church family.

\*For safe travels for **Aidan Gromoll** as she returns on March 3rd from Romania, where she has been providing medical care among refugees.

\*For Lisa Moriarty (who designed our labyrinth at People's Park), whose brother **Rolf** recently learned that his cancer has metastasized, leaving him with only a few months to live. (Shared by Mary Maren Bjork)

\*We celebrate birthdays with **Sharon Neuenfeldt** (22nd), **Addi Albright** (four the 22nd), **Joe Legato** (28th), **Mary Ann Litfin** (2nd), **Mike Bjork** (4th) and **Claire Stokes** (5th).

*And in the wider community...*

\*For the well-being of the people of Ukraine. May the nations lay down their weapons and build justice-based peace. May we work to elect leader who will take such action.

\*As deaths by firearm (including suicides) continue to occur, may we press elected leaders to collaborate on bold reforms in areas of gun control and public safety.

\*For all who struggle with chronic pain due to mental health, chemical health, and physical health challenges. May we honor one another's struggles and share the light of your compassion.



## From the Anti-Racism Collective

Sacred conversation  
Today

**10:30 am**

(incorporates fellowship time)

Please join us after worship on **today**, for:

### "Beyond the Yellow Pew Card: an Inclusivity Inventory of People's Church"

The people of People's proclaim our church to be progressive and inclusive. On Sunday we will look with open minds and hearts at the ways we do and do not convey ideals of racial justice to each other, our children, and the larger community. We'll gather in the Narthex at **10:30am** for a progressive fellowship experience that leads into our conversation.

By Zoom **11 am**, see Mid-Week for link.



"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV

**March 2 | 6:00 Soup Supper | 6:45 Worship Service**

Whether you've been part of us for a few weeks or for decades... your presence will have an impact as, together, we enter into the Lenten season. We'll share a simple meal at 6:00 pm. During 6:45pm worship, we'll share in Holy Communion and receive imposition of ashes (on forehead or hand). Let us seek the love of God in the company of one another.

# Lenten Season People's Congregational Church

*Ash Wednesday, March 2*

6:00 pm supper | 6:45 pm service

*Wednesday Evenings in Lent, Mar 9 - Apr 6*

5:30 pm | Contemplative Worship

6 pm | Soup Supper

6:30 - 7:15 pm | Topical Discussions

*rest, rhythm, time, happiness, wisdom & consecration*

Inspired by Wayne Muller's book, *Sabbath*



## *Holy Week Services*

**Palm Sunday | April 10, 10 am**

*Many churches meet @ the lift bridge (Stillwater)*

**Maundy Thursday | April 14, 7 pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae | April 15, 7 pm**

*With Bethlehem Lutheran @ People's Church*

**Easter Sunday | April 17, 10:00 am**

*Sunrise prayer gathering @ People's Park 6:15 am*

*Breakfast 9 am ~ Easter egg hunt 9:30 am*

## *People's Book Club*

We aim to read books that matter from diverse genres, topics and authors

*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives*  
by Wayne Muller

**March 31 | 6:30-8 pm**  
*In-person and Zoomed*

Books available Feb. 21  
at Valley Bookseller  
in Stillwater.

Mention People's Book Club and receive 15% off.



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## Volunteers Needed

We need **lay readers, greeters, fellowship hosts, acolytes** and **recorders** for Sunday services and Wednesday Evenings in Lent

There are 2 ways to sign up for a role:

1. Find the sign-up clipboard in the Narthex (*moved downstairs during Fellowship*)
2. Sign through the electronic tool *Sign-Up Genius* (*linked in each Mid-Week*)

Volunteering in advance greatly helps Kimberly. Thank you!



## Girl Scout Cookies

It's that great time of year when we can order COOKIES!

Our own **Evelyn Wulff** is selling cookies online only. Check out the Mid-Week for more details

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Music Dir. Michael Bjork,  
& Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt (beautiful music),  
Addi Albright (acolyte) Mary Ann Litfin (liturgist),  
Kris Strasburg & Cheri Schwartz (greeters),  
ARC members (fellowship hosts) & Paul Spilseth & Bob Dickie (recorders)



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