



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



April 17, 2022

Easter

"In the Meanwhile, Will We Rise Up?"

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or sit quietly as we settle into sacred time and space

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia”

arr F.C. Maker

Sharon Neuenfeldt, *Worship Accompanist*

Dennis Peters, *Trumpet*

Candles represent the light of Christ among us

Addison Albright, *Acolyte*

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Call To Worship**

Cheri Schwartz, *liturgist*

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

All: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

All: Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

*****Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

#233

Vs. 1, 3, 4

*****Prayer of Gathering**

God of ceaseless new beginnings, we rejoice that through your powerful love Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. In resurrection you have shown that neither trouble nor persecution, hardship nor poverty, danger nor death can separate us from your love.

In resurrection, you bring new possibilities out of hopeless situations. Free us from all despair that we may bring your hope to others who have lost heart.

May the living presence of Jesus Christ draw us into a community of freedom, hope, and love. Work your new creation among us, that we may serve you without fear. God Most Holy, God Most Loving, God Most Knowing, we praise your name forever; through Jesus our risen Christ and Savior. Amen.

prayerful silence

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

We share the peace with those gathered with us now (in-person, virtually)

We extend the peace later by phone call, email or text message

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

Choral Anthem

“Risen Indeed!”

by Larry Shackley

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Children

Pastor Clare invites children forward 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 Kathy (Iverson), Payton, Phillip & Jensen (Wright),
Sarah (Deziel), Bill (Stokes) & Jackie (Savage)*

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

Sung Affirmation *We sing as they 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.**

We welcome our children's sounds and movements

Children's worship bags are available in the Narthex

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

Scripture Readings

The Inclusive Bible

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**I thank you, God, for your goodness!
Your love is everlasting!
Let Israel say it: “Your love is everlasting!”**

**God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation!
Raise shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the upright:
God’s right hand is doing mighty acts!
God’s right hand is winning;
God’s right hand is doing mighty acts!**

**No, I will not die—I will live to proclaim the deeds of God;
though God has disciplined me often, I am not abandoned to Death.
Open the gates of justice for me, let me come in and thank you, God!
This is the gate of God, and only the upright can enter!**

**Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.
It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the keystone;
this is God’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.
This is the day God has made—let us celebrate with joy!**

John 20: 1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

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John 20: 1-18 cont.

At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn't enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus' head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn't understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain.

They asked her, "Why are you weeping?"

She answered them, "Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body."

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"

She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!" –which means "Teacher."

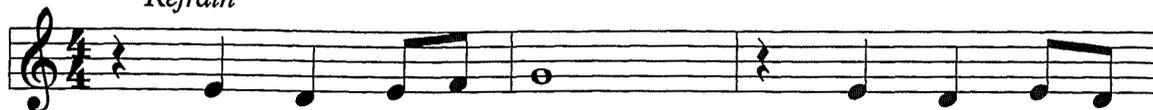
Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, "I'm ascending to my Abba and your Abba, my God and your God!"

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Morning Message "In The Meanwhile, Will We Rise Up?"

Prayer Hymn "Joy Comes With The Dawn"

Refrain



Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the



morn - ing sun; joy springs from the tomb and



Fine

scat-ters the night with her song, joy comes with the dawn.



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| 1. Weep-ing may come; | weep-ing may come in the |
| 2. Sor-row will turn, | sor-row will turn in-to |
| 3. We will re-joice, | we will re-joice, and give |



D.C.

night,	when dark	shad - ows	cloud	our	sight.
song,	and God's	laugh - ter	make	us	strong.
praise,	to the	One who	brings	us	grace.

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*

*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 as our own prayers quietly arise

Prayer of Jesus

**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 Choral Anthem “The Wondrous News”

by Dan Schutte,
Arr. by Gerard Chiusano

*We support the work of our church with financial gifts
as we have means to do so*

*Please consider leaving a gift in an offering plate at either exit,
scanning the QR code to give electronically (choose “offerings & tithes”),
or mailing in a check*



*****Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*****Prayer of Dedication**

**God of all, the gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess
comes to us by your grace. May our offerings extend your love and
Our gratefulness outward in an ever widening circles. May we use
our gifts to further your justice and love in the world. May we live
in new life and share that life with others. Amen.**



Integrity of Creation Sunday | April 24
@People's Park

Outdoor Worship | **9:30 am**

Fellowship | **10:30 am**

Antiracism Sacred Conversation | **10:45 am**
“The Arc is Long: People’s Progress Toward Antiracism”

1003 5th Ave. N., Bayport
(next to Barker’s Alp’s)

Welcome!

***No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!***

We invite anyone to complete a *Welcome card* found at the ends of pews
(*“welcome, first-time visitor” / “welcome back, friend”*)

Please join us any Sunday morning for worship

Easter Garden 2022

Jere & Dawn Fetter

In memory of the parents of Jere & Dawn Fetter

Jane Hanson

In memory of Robert, Opal, Robin & Dawn Laak

Andrea & Peter Favilla

In Loving Memory of:

Louis & Beverly Favilla (Peter's grandparents),

S. Van Christensen (Peter's grandpa),

Arnold & Carol Ford (Andrea's grandparents),

Sharon Ford (Andrea's mom), Gilbert Koller (Peter's uncle),

A. Michael Ford (Andrea's godfather)

Mary Maren Bjork

In memory of my parents, Al and Adeline Bjork,

(anniversary date, 4/18)

Pastor Clare Gromoll

In memory of my ancestors, grandparents & godparents

In honor of my parents, siblings & sons

Easter Garden 2022

Walt & Paula Richey

In honor and memory of all the brave Ukrainian people

Sue Favilla

In honor of my wonderful family!

Joe & Diane Legato

In memory of our relatives who have passed

Jeanette Schachtner

In memory of Charles

Sharon Binger

In honor of People's community

Mindy Peters

In memory of Thomas & Margaret Robertson

Kimberly & Joan Jackson

In memory of Gordon Jackson

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- *For new friend **Jeanette Schachtner**, experiencing debilitating hip pain. May an upcoming visit with an orthopedist lead toward relief and healing.
- *For **Sam Gromoll**, healing well after eyelid surgery in early April.
- *For **Kimberly Jackson** and **Jon Hicks**, grieving the loss of beloved dog Zena.
- *With **Lynn**, a friend in our Tai Chi Group, we pray for daughter **Valerie**, whose uterine cancer is spreading after a remission. We pray for healing energy as Valerie prepares for surgery and awaits further information.
- *For **Pat Mazzitello** as she heals from recent carpal tunnel surgery and shoulder surgeries that were more complex than anticipated.
- *We celebrate birthdays with **Kathy Iverson**, **Payton**, **Phillip & Jensen Wright** (11th), **Sarah Deziel** (15th), **Bill Stokes** (17th), **Jackie Savage** (19th) anniversaries with **Peter & Andi Favilla** (8th), **Jere & Dawn Fetter** (16th)

And in the wider community...

- *For the well-being of chickens and turkeys as the avian flu has killed more than 50 million birds in the past two months. We also pray for farmers and others experiencing economic loss as a result of the outbreak.
- *We pause in gratitude and awe for the faithful public witness by imams and other clergy, advocating for mercy in sentencing related to the August 2017 bombing of Bloomington's Dar al-Farooq Islamic center.
- *In the wake of the devastating shooting on Tuesday at a subway station in Brooklyn, New York (ten wounded by gunfire, thirteen sustaining other injuries), may we advocate for more sensible gun control.
- *For the well-being of Ukrainian refugees and sufficient resources for households hosting them. For safety as Ukrainians stay to defend their country. For efficient and just distribution of humanitarian resources. For each of us to participate in creating justice-based peace.
- *We celebrate the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the newest Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- *In the wake of the collapse of an ice shelf in Eastern Antarctica due to warming temperatures, may we faithfully examine how we are acting in solidarity as a global community for the wellbeing of our climate.
- *For all in need of healing as we cope with physical, mental and chemical health challenges. May we feel God's healing touch in new ways.

People's Book Club

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

dear white peacemakers



People's Congregational Church (Bayport)
May 12 | 6:30-8 pm (@ church, also Zoomed)

Interested? Contact us: office@peoplescongregational.org
Valley Bookseller is stocking a limited number of copies for us at 15% off the \$18.99 list price.

Learn about People's Antiracism Collective on our website:
peoplecongregational.org

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Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Music Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt, Dennis Peters, PCC Choir (music), Aidan & Sam Gromoll, Mary Binger, Sharon Binger (greeters), Cheri Schwartz (liturgist), Addison Albright (acolyte) Paul, Bob, Mark (tech), Sue Favilla, Claire Spilseth (breakfast), Andi Favilla (egg hunt, Decorations)



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1ST ANNUAL!



May 21, 2022

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

People's Park

(next to Barker's Alps)
1003 5th Ave. N.
Bayport, MN

**Seeking
Artisans**

**Register by May 1st
for our "Early Bird" rate!**

Artisan Sale | artist, crafter, vendor & nonprofit exhibitors

Gertens Plant Sale | flowers & gift cards | order online, March 15-April 6

Plant Swap and Sale | perennials, succulents & seedlings

Educational Moments | community garden, labyrinth, prairie restoration & tai chi

Hands-On Activities for All Ages | engage in wonder, appreciation & fun

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle | focused on art, nature & experiences

Food Trucks & Booths, Bake Sale | come hungry!

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