



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



May 1, 2022
"All We Don't Know"
Rev. Karl Jones

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

*We greet those around us or sit quietly
as we settle into sacred time and space*

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting “Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

Doherty

Addison Albright, Acolyte

A flame represent the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Rev. Karl Jones

*****Prayer of Gathering**

Rolf Dittmann

One: Rising One, come to me this day. Transform shadow to light.

All: Returning One, come to me this day. Hear and then soften the sounds of my cries.

One: Rising One, come to me this day. Wake me and move me to dance.

All: Returning One, come to me this day. Sing in me songs of peace.

One: Rising One, come to me this day. Appear over and over again.

All: Returning One, turn toward us as we turn toward you during this season of Easter.

*****Opening Hymn**

“Wake My Soul”

#91

Vs. 1 & 2

Acknowledging Our Humanness & God's Grace

*****Prayer of Longing**

One: Dancing Light, shed light on the corners of our souls,

All: where aches linger and anger builds like mold, where memories ferment and self-pity licks its wounds.

One: Dancing Light, brighten the shadows deep within

All: where lies are hidden and criticism awaits its prey, where contempt lurks and distrust rustles underfoot.

One: Dancing Light, shine upon the windows of our hearts,

All: where love can live and forgiveness be always ready, where hope is bright and praise ever lifts our tongues. 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!**

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Children

Rev. Karl 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 Sharon (Binger), Evelyn (Wulff), & Jane (Hanson)

Learning To Sing with the Earth

"Garden Song" by David Mallett

*Michael teaches us the refrain, which we sing together
Feel free to join in on the verse as well*

Refrain:

**Inch by inch, row by row,
Gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe,
and a piece of fertile ground.**

**Inch by inch, row by row,
Someone bless these seeds I sow,
Someone warm them from below,
Till the rain comes tumblin' down.**

Verse:

**Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
We are made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand**

Repeat refrain

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 or via baby monitor in the Nursery downstairs*

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.**

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Readings

Psalm 30 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

**I praise you, O God, because you raised me up and kept my enemies from gloating over me.
I cried to you for help, God my God, and you healed me.
You brought me back from the realm of the dead, God; you spared me from going down into the Pit.**

**Sing to God, you who love God! Praise God's holy Name!
God's anger is fleeting, but God's favor endures forever.
There may be tears during the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

**When I presumed I was secure, I boasted, "I will never be defeated!"
When I stood in your favor, God, I stood firm as a mountain.
But then you hid yourself from me, and I was filled with terror.
So I called to you, God, I pleaded for your help: "What good will come from my destruction, from my going to the grave? Does dust praise you, God? Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness? Hear me, God, and be merciful! Help me, God!"**

Then you changed my despair into a dance—you stripped me of my death shroud and clothed me with joy. That's why my heart sings to you, that's why I can't keep silent—God, you are my God, and I will thank you forever.

Acts 9: 1-6 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Meanwhile Saul continued to breathe murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus. He had gone to the high priest and asked for letters, addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorize him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way that he could find, both women and men.

As he traveled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed about him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

"Who are you?" Saul asked. The voice answered, "I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me. Get up now and go into the city, where you will be told what to do."

Morning Message "All We Don't Know"

Prayer Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(sung twice) #305 Chalice Hym-

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your spir-it
in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

1 (optional) Final

The image shows a musical score for a prayer hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. grace!". The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system has two endings: a first ending marked "1 (optional)" and a final ending marked "Final".

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 Kimberly (office@peoplescongregational.org
651-439-5667)*

One: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

Musical Interlude

We listen as our own prayers quietly arise

Prayer of Jesus

**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

“With All My Heart”

Mason

*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 or mailing in a check*



*****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, bless our gifts that they may be shared in the spirit of an
Easter people, ever seeking ways to live out our faith in acts of
service. Amen.**

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn** "God's Actions, Always Good and Just" #415
Vs. 1 & 4

*****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** "Take The Name of Jesus With You" *Morris*

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

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

*For **Mary Ann Litfin's** grandson **Ari** and his family as he navigates managing symptoms of ADHD.

*For **Jenni Shaller's** friend **Ronald**, we lift a prayer of fervent hope.

*We celebrate birthdays with **Sharon Binger** (2nd), **Evelyn Wulff** (8 yrs old on the 2th), **Jane Hanson** (7th)

And in the wider community...

*In the wake of the devastating murder-suicide in Duluth last week, may we advocate for more sensible gun control.

*Having recently marked Earth Day with our Integrity of Creation Sunday service, may we take bold new steps to honor our interdependence in the web of creation.

*In the midst of war and genocide in Ukraine... may refugees be met with welcome and resources, may the violence come to an end, may we claim our own responsibilities as co-creators of justice-based peace.

*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.



Karl Jones graduated from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 2012 and was ordained as a United Church of Christ minister in 2014. He currently has the honor of serving as a chaplain in healthcare.



We're excited to bring back our backyard potlucks for the warm months! Please let Pastor Clare know if you would like host in early June... Perhaps a Tuesday June 7th or 14th?



Note from the May Festival Co-Chairs



50/50 raffle tickets are ready to be sold!
Please see **Claire Spilseth** this Sunday:
~Right before or after worship
~Self serve in Kimberly's bin on her office door
Or pick up tickets at our church offices (Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm)

May Fest preparations continue! Please spread the word among your neighbors, friends and family about the need for exhibitors (artists, crafters, vendors, nonprofit groups)!

Thank you very much! Flyers are also available in the Narthex.

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)

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Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Music Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt (beautiful music), May Binger & Kris Strasburg (greeters), Rolf Dittmann (liturgist), Addison Albright (acolyte), Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship) Addison Albright (acolyte) Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Jill Greenhalgh (faith conversations)



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