



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



June 12, 2022

"Through Whom Does Wisdom Call to You?"

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 & Lantern Lighting

“Center of My Life”

Inwood

Sam Gromoll, Acolyte

The flame represents the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Prayer of Gathering**

Sharri Kinhead

O holy God, we sense the beauty of this June day. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful Earth. We share the love of family and friends. We experience family and friendship as a church. Through the grace of Jesus the Christ, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day, worshipping with our community in joy and thanksgiving. We seek to be reminded of the good news we long to share with everyone. We move into this service of worship with awareness of our deep gratitude. Amen.

prayerful silence

*****Song of Longing**

“For All the Children”

*David Lohman
see next page*

*****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!

****Sitting or standing*



1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide, can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to doubt that they are
 May the mess - age now be ban - ished that Your love is for the
 As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they join us hand in



be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.
 few, may their faith in You re - new.
 hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

A Time With Children

Sung Invitation *We sing as our 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 **Cindy** (Parsons), **Pastor Clare** (Gromoll),
Zoey (Graf), **Sam** (Gromoll), **Delores** (Davis) & **Rolf** (Dittmann)*

Recognition of Graduates

Kaari Bjork, preschool graduate
Lake Area Discovery Center Kinderstart | at Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater

Jonah Gromoll, preschool graduate
Harambee Elementary | Roseville

Blessing One Another

Seated, we open our arms to the children

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

*We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship
Infants and toddlers (w/adult) are welcome to use our outdoor nursery*

*Lisa (Childcare Provider) will supervise older children on the playground
(if 3 or more children, we ask that a second adult assist her)*

Children under 3 on the playground must be watched by their own adult

Sung Affirmation *We sing as children depart 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.**

Proclaiming God's Love

Scriptures

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Doesn't Wisdom call? Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?
On the hills along the road, at the crossroads, she takes her stand;
beside the city gates of the town, in the gates themselves, she cries out,
“Women and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you!
I cry out to all of humankind!

...God gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation. I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began. Before the deep seas, I was brought forth, before there were fountains or springs of water; before the mountains erupted up into place, before the hills, I was born—before God created the Earth or its fields, or even the first clods of dirt. I was there when the Almighty created the heavens, and set the horizon just above the ocean, set the clouds in the sky, and established the springs of the deep, gave the seas their boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline. When the foundation of the Earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty. I was God's delight day after day, rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind.”

John 16: 12-15 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

**I have much more to tell you,
but you can't bear to hear it now.**

**When the Spirit of truth comes,
she will guide you into all truth.**

**She won't speak on her own initiative;
rather, she'll speak only what she hears,
and she'll announce to you
things that are not yet to come.**

**In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me,
for she will take what is mine
and reveal it to you.**

**Everything that Abba God has
belongs to me.**

**This is why I said that
the Spirit will take what is mine
and reveal it to you.**

Morning Message "Through Whom Does Wisdom Call To You?"

Gleanings from participants at the 60th Annual Meeting
of the MN Conference UCC, June 6-11

*Mary Maren Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Jill Greenhalgh, Jane Hanson,
Kathy Iverson, Walt Richey,
Kimberly Jackson (Communications Coordinator), Pastor Clare*

Prayer Song "Call to Prayer" #61 *Sing! Prayer and Praise*
Vs. 1 & 3 *see page 8*

Responding To God's Love

Prayers of the People

*When sharing a joy or concern for yourself, another, or a part of the world;
please project your voice so we can hear it.*

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

One: God, in your love, **All: Hear our prayer**

Musical Interlude

We listen as our own prayers quietly arise

"Call to Prayer" ~ Vs. 1 & 3

D G/D A/D G/D

D D/F# G D

1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
 2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
 3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.

F#m Bm E A

Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.
 Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;
 Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

Em A Bm/A A7 D/F# Em

Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;
 Fa - ther - ing, Moth - er - ing, birth - ing new ways;
 Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em/G A D

meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em A D

Meet us right here, touch us right now.
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.

***Sitting or standing

Prayer of Jesus

*Feel free to call God by names that are true for you
(Parent, Creator, Spirit, Friend)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and Earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Here Am I”

Damon

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

*Please consider leaving a gift in the offering basket as you depart,
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**

O God of limitless love, 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. Amen.

Sharing in Holy Communion

Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages.

*We welcome you in the name of Jesus,
whom we follow in the way of radically inclusive love.*

*Our individually prepackaged Communion elements are gluten free
(found in a basket at the entrance to the park)*

*****The Invitation & Prayer**

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: All-loving God, you are Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth. Therefore, we celebrate you - joining our voices with the wind and the streams, the animals and the flowers, the living and the dead (pause), the stars and the planets and all the company of creation - forever singing our unending hymn to proclaim your glory. Amen.

*****Sung Response “Santo, Santo, Santo”**

*#111, CH
see insert*

Sung twice - first in Spanish, then in English

Words of Remembrance & Blessing

Sung Response “Come to the Table of Grace”

Vs. 1, 3, 4

*#112 Sing! Prayer and Praise
see insert*

Sharing the Bread of Life & Cup of Blessing

The bread of life and strength, for all of us.

Thanks be to God!

we partake of the bread

The cup of blessing and salvation, for all of us.

Thanks be to God!

we drink from the cup

*****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of all, because you are a God of life and love, we affirm the goodness of life and the openness of the future. Even as you have come to us in this act of communion with one another, let us go out to others in Jesus' name. May our every prayer be an action that brings healing, reconciliation and hope to a broken and hurting world. Amen.

Prayer Cards

If you voice a prayer for a loved one today, we welcome you to start a card for us to sign during fellowship.

(prayer cards on shelf of entrance sign)

Please take the signed card with you as you leave, stamps provided.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #347, NCH
see next page

*****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 the Blessing of God” *M.T. Winter*

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

All are welcome to linger on the lawn after worship

10:30 am Fellowship | Treats and beverages enjoyed in good company!

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

*We celebrate with **Jackie Savage** as she retires from 45 years of service as a bus driver with Stillwater Area Schools. (*See the wonderful shout –out in or 6/7 Mid-Week.*)

*We celebrate with **Kaari Bjork and Jonah Gromoll**, who have both graduated from preschool and look forward to kindergarten in the fall.

*Grateful that **eight members** of People’s Church engaged in the Annual Meeting of the MN Conference UCC this past week, may we keep our senses open to all that we are learning as a congregation in covenant development with the UCC.

*With our friends from St. Peter’s UCC, we hold in the light of God's love **Fritz and also Cynthia**.

*For **Sharon Neuenfeldt's grandson**, traveling to New Orleans with a combined band from Stillwater High School.

*And for Sharon’s brother, **Greg**, battling multiple myeloma and recently admitted to the Luther Hospital ICU in Eau Claire with a significant pulmonary blood clot.

*For Jill's brother **Kurt**, now improving while hospitalized in Duluth with complications from COVID. We pray for healing and a full recovery.

*For Cindy Parsons' brother **Robert**, who has suffered a stroke due to blockages and now awaits MRI results and a treatment plan.

*For Cheri & Bob Schwartz's friend **Steve**, who suffered a heart attack last year and is now struggling with medications.

*For the **children and youth** of our congregation, families, and neighborhoods as they transition from the school year into summer vacation. May they have all the resources they need to sustain their physical and mental health. We give thanks for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and other school staff, especially those within our congregation: **Michael Bjork, BJ Stokes, Claire Stokes, Jackie Savage, Lisa Culbertson**.

*We celebrate birthdays with **Cindy Parsons** (7th), **Pastor Clare Gromoll** (9th), **Zoey Graf** (8 yr on the 11th), **Sam Gromoll** (8 yrs. on the 12), **Delores Davis & Rolf Dittmann** (17th) and the anniversaries of **Jennifer Halverson-Albright & Dennis Albright** (6th).

And in the wider community...

*We give thanks that, wherever we go and wherever we pause, we witness people reaching across potential divides to build community.

*During Pride Month, we focus on recognizing bravery and vulnerability within the LGBTQ+ community. May we be reminded of our belovedness, knowing the image of God is present in each of us as we emerge into the fullness of our gender identities and sexual orientations.

*As coronavirus surges, may we each do what is necessary to keep protect the youngest and immunocompromised among us.

*As genocide and warfare continue in Ukraine, may refugees be met with welcome and resources. We pray for wellbeing for Pastor Clare's sister **Aidan**, now serving as a pediatrician in Moldova - providing medical care to refugees for the month of June.

*As our epidemic of gun violence continues, may our legislators hear and honor the cries of the people. May they work hard to find common ground where responsible gun owners can pursue hobbies but high-capacity assault rifles cannot be easily accessed by anyone. For our elected leaders, clarity of conscience and courage to do good.





out of
office

Pastor Clare will be out of the office in June:

June 15-18

(work retreat in WI | will be checking email)

June 21-24 (vacation, unavailable)

June 25-28

(NACCC Conference | will be checking email)



Antiracism Collective


**Come to Worship on Juneteenth
Sunday, June 19!**

Please plan to help welcome our special guest preacher, the Rev. Pamela Njgunjiri, on Sunday, June 19. We will commemorate Juneteenth as we celebrate Father's Day and the year of work completed by our Antiracism Collective. Learn more about Rev. Pamela in this week's Mid-Week.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Choir Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt, Cheri Schwartz (cantor), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), Sam Gromoll (acolyte), Joe & Diane Legato, Mindy Peters (communion setup) Lisa Culbertson (fellowship), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (childcare Provider)



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