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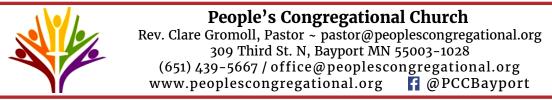
Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Choir Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt, Claire Bjork, Mary Bjork, Mike Bjork and Keely Vandre (music), PCC Choir, Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (greeters), Mary Bjork, Lori Mildon, Mindy Peters, Jenni Shaller, Kris Strasburg (worship planners), Mary Binger, Claire Bjork, Michael Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Sharri Kinkead, Mindy Peters, Cheri Schwartz, Dale Shaller, Eric Vandre, Keely Vandre (ARC Readers), Addison Albright (acolyte), ARC, Jackie Savage, Jill Greenhalgh, & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (childcare Provider)

in June:

June 25-28 (NACCC Conference |

will be checking email)

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

JUNETEENTH!



Reverend Pamela Ngunjiri

This special service commemorates the 157th anniversary of Juneteenth, the long-delayed day of freedom for the last of America's enslaved people, and celebrates the year of racial justice learning and exploration completed by members of the People's Antiracism Collective (ARC).

Gathering Music

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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Lantern Lighting

"Deep River" African American spiritual

Addison Albright, Acolyte

The flame represents the light of Christ among us

Choral Anthem "Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door"

Music: Elizabeth Alexander Words: Norman V. Naylor

Come on in; you are welcome here; And do not leave your cares at the door. Bring your pain and sorrow and joy, There's a place for them upon the altar of life. Be open to forgiveness and transformation -Come on in; you are welcome here; And do not leave your cares at the door. This is a place of grace, Of losing and finding the way upon the winding road, Meeting and parting, stumbling and starting over. Every story is sacred here, even yours. Do not leave your cares at the door. Do not leave them there when you come into this place. Be open to forgiveness and transformation —Come on in; you are welcome here; And do not leave your cares at the door. Amen.

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.

*As hearings unfold related to the Select Committee Investigation of the January 6, 2021 attack on the US capitol, may justice be served.

*We give thanks for our developing relationship with the MN Conference UCC and trust God to guide the work of our wider UCC and NACCC.

*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 protecting 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**, providing medical care to refugees in Moldova for the month of June.

*As our epidemic of gun violence continues, may our legislators hear and honor the cries of the people (particularly the call to action by youth and children through March For Our Lives). May we 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.

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.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

*We hold space for hope with **Mary Ann Litfin** as her estranged daughter **Natasha** opens her home once again to family members.

*We rejoice with **Claire, BJ and Edith Stokes** and their extended family upon the birth of William Paul Stokes on June 9th! All are doing well. William is named after grandfathers Bill Stokes and Paul Walthour. We look forward to surrounding William with our love!

*We celebrate with **Jackie Savage** as she retires from 45 years of service as a bus driver with Stillwater Area Schools.

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

*For Pastor Clare's brother **Sam**, his spouse **Martha**, and children **Naomi** and **Will**, emerging from COVID quarantine and recovering from symptoms.

*We give thanks for the opportunity **Sharon Neuenfeldt's grandson** had to visit New Orleans on with a combined Stillwater High School band.

*And for Sharon's brother, **Greg**, battling multiple myeloma and now home from the ICU, adjusting to a new blood thinner after experiencing a pulmonary blood clot.

*For the Holy Spirit's continued guidance as our **Antiracism**

Collective and Rev. Pamela lead us in commemorating Juneteenth today. For courage to embody God's love and justice in the St. Croix Valley.

*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 our own **Michael Bjork**, **BJ Stokes**, **Claire Stokes**, **Jackie Savage, Lisa Culbertson**.

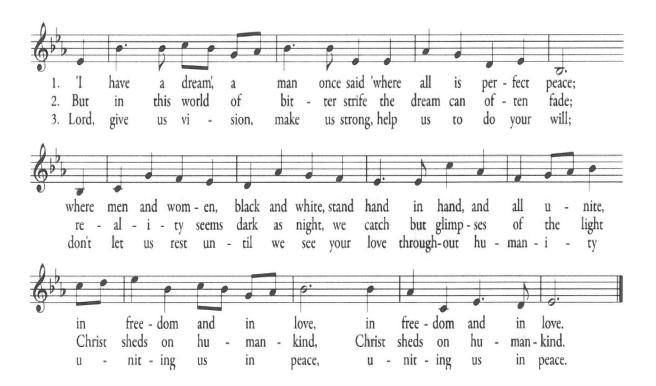
*We celebrate birthdays with **Sam** Gromoll (8 yrs. on the 12), **Delores** Davis & **Rolf** Dittmann (17th), **Andrea** Dittmann (24th), **Luke** Dittmann & **Paul** Spilseth (25th) and the anniversary of **BJ & Claire** Stokes (20th).

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll, ARC Members

***Opening Hymn "I Have a Dream, a Man Once Said"

Pamela J. Pettitt (tune: Repton)



***Prayer of Longing

Kenji Kuramitsu

Healer God, whose church predates the doctrines of white supremacy by more than a thousand years, empower us with words and wisdom to confront all racial divisions sown by colonizers and cultural elites. Teach us alongside all your saints to remember our people, all people, in our bones, to stitch their hymns and heritage into our hearts. Help us each to reconnect with the cultural heritage that birthed us instead of the violent racial categories into which we have been forced. Amen.



Closing Hymn

"Oh Happy Day"

Phillip Doddridge/Edwin Hawkins

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day) Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day) When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed) Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed) When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed) He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day) Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

He taught me how (He taught me how) To watch and fight and pray Watch and pray And live rejoicing every day Every day

Closing Remarks

***Benediction

*****Sending Song** "Amen/This Little Light of Mine" Sam Cooke



Rev. Ngunjiri and Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs serve as Co-Directors of Racial Justice for the Minnesota Council of Churches. A pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal denomination, Rev. Ngunjiri has been a social worker, college professor, and is recently completing a Doctorate in Ministry focused on Racism, White Supremacy and the Christian Church. She brings

eight years of experience pastoring historically Black Churches and decades of involvement in racially, culturally and ethnically diverse communities to her work.

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)

Prayer of Jesus

Jacob Trapp

O Thou, whose kingdom is within, may all thy names be hallowed. May no one of them be turned against the others to divide those who address thee. May thy presence be made known to us in mercy, beauty, love and justice. May thy kingdom come to be in the life of all humankind. May it come with peace, with sharing, and in a near time. Give us this day our daily bread, free from all envy and alienation, broken and blessed in the sharing. Keep us from trespass against others, and from the feeling that others are trespassing against us. Forgive us more than we have forgiven. Deliver us from being tempted by lesser things to be heedless of the one great thing: the gift of thyself in us. Amen

Time of Offering

"Juneteenth Celebration" Offertory

Sounds of Blackness

Today's special offering will be directed to the Twin Cities' "Sounds of Blackness."

Please consider leaving a gift to this ministry of love and music in the "Sounds of Blackness" offering container as you leave today.

Prayer of Dedication

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 Sam (Gromoll), Delores (Davis), Rolf (Dittmann), Andrea (Dittmann), Luke (Dittmann) & Paul (Spilseth)

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.

ARC Celebration

Readings

Recognition of ARC Participants

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear

Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free, Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice, Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

"The Fire of Commitment"

Words: Mary Katherine Morn Music: Jason Shelton

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Proverbs 6: 20-23 ~ Good News Translation

Son, do what your father tells you and never forget what your mother taught you. Keep their words with you always, locked in your heart. Their teaching will lead you when you travel, protect you at night, and advise you during the day. Their instructions are a shining light; their correction can teach you how to live.

Psalm 98: 4-9 ~ New American Bible (revised edition)

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy to the King, the LORD.

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell there. Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy, Before the LORD who comes, who comes to govern the earth, To govern the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

James 1: 22–25 ~ New International Version

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself,

goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Morning Message "Freedom Is Not Free" Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri