



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



July 17, 2022

*"Will We Notice, Listen and Engage?"*

## 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

Addison Albright, *Acolyte*

*The flame represents the light of Christ among us*

### Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

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

Mary Maren Bjork

**Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. In this morning hour of worship, give us a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song. Heal our souls with the balm of prayer. Enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation. Newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### \*\*\*Opening Song “You Are Welcome Here”

#26 *Sing! Prayer & Praise*

Keely Vandre, *cantor*

Eric Vandre, *guitar*

### 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.

♩=100

G D G A D G/D D G A

You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A

no mat-ter where you are. on life's jour - ney. You are

D G/D D G A G A

wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G/D A D 1.2.3.

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

A G/D D A D G/D D

1. Come now all peo - ple, join in the song, come be a part of the fam-

2. We pray for jus - tice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Sav-
3. Lift - ing each oth - er; do - ing what's right; stand - ing to - geth - er, what - ev -

G/D A A G/D D A D

- ly of God. We are God's peo - ple and you be - long,

- ior of all. We find God's mer - cy; we find re - lease,
- er may come; prais - ing our Sav - ior, shin - ing our light,

G/D A 4.

share in the joy of Christ. You are

- shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are
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## Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

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

Compassionate God, just God, faithful God, God of all beauty and goodness, and God of our most difficult times; we come to you for a moment of quiet - a fruitful pause in our busyness. Weary, we come to you for renewed energy. Disheartened, we come to you for encouragement. We long for the peace of your presence even as we feel afraid or overwhelmed by the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us. Enter, Spirit of God, into our community and empower us to love and serve you in solidarity with all your children. 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!**

## 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 **Tom** (Dusbabek) & **Cheri** (Schwartz)*

**Blessing One Another** *Seated, we open our arms to the children*

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

**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.**

*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) supervises 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*

## **Proclaiming God's Love**

### **Scriptures**

*Genesis 18: 1-8 ~ The Inclusive Bible*

God appeared to Abraham by the oak grove of Mamre, while Abraham sat at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Looking up, Abraham saw three travelers standing nearby.

When he saw them, Abraham ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by our tent. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves beneath this tree. As you have come to your faithful one, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves. Afterward, you may go on your way."

"Very well," they replied, "do as you have said."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick—take a bushel of fine flour and knead it into loaves of bread." Abraham then ran to the herd, selected a choice and tender calf, and sent a worker hurrying to prepare it. Then Abraham took cheese and milk and the calf which had been prepared, and placed it before the travelers; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

The expert on the Law replied:

“You must love the Most High God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your strength  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you’ll live.”

But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: “And just who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by the other side.

But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, “Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.”

Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?”

The answer came, “The one who showed compassion.”

Jesus replied, “Then go and do the same.”

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha, welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words.

Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus replied, Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

**Morning Message**     "Will We Notice, Listen and Engage?"

### Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Hymn**                     "Be Still and Know"     #111 *Sing! Prayer & Praise*  
*Cantor sings once, all sing twice more*                     *see page 8*

### **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.*

*We'll add it to our printed Prayer Corner.*

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

### **Musical Interlude**

*We listen as our own prayers quietly arise*

# “Be Still and Know” ~ Cantor sings once, all sing twice more

♩=108

Eadd9                    \*C#m7                    E/D                    C#m7                    Amaj7

Be still and know                    that I am God.                    Be still and  
Cal - ma tu ser,                    que soy tú Dios.                    Cal - ma tu

E/G#                    F#m7                    G#m7                    Amaj7                    B7                    Eadd9                    C#m7

know that I am God.                    Be still and know  
ser, que soy tú Dios.                    Cal - ma tu ser,

E/D                    C#m7                    Amaj7

that I am God.                    Be still and  
que soy tú Dios.                    Cal - ma tu

E/G#                    F#m7                    G#m7                    Amaj7                    B7                    Eadd9

know that I am God.  
ser, que soy tú Dios.



## Prayer of Jesus

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

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on Earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to the Offering

*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*

## Offertory

“Waiting on the World to Change”

John Mayer



**\*\*\*Doxology**

“Praise God”  
*sung twice*

*by John Mueller*

**Praise, God, for these gifts;  
we lift them up for heaven’s blessing.  
Praise God, for these gifts;  
we lift them up to serve you, Lord.**

**\*\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of generous love, we give thanks for opportunities to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you empower us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be ever more fully your embodied community. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God’s Love**

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn**

“Deep Peace”  
*Vs. 1 & 2*

*#201 Sing! Prayer & Praise*

**\*\*\*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**

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

## “Deep Peace” ~ Vs. 1 & 2

♩ = 44

G      D      Em      Bm      C      G/B      Cmaj7      D

1. Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_

E      Bm7      Cmaj7      Gmaj7      Cmaj7      D      G

Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_

Em      Bm7      Cmaj7      G      Am7

Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the  
 Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the  
 Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the

B<sup>11</sup>      B      B7      Em      D      G      D      Em

world gives, I give to you. Peace, peace, deep  
 world gives, I give to you. Love, love, strong  
 world gives, I give to you. Joy, joy, great

Bm      C      Am7      Bm/D      D7      G      Am/G      G

peace, my peace I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 love, my love I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy, my joy I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 am Fellowship | *All are welcome to linger after worship  
(tasty treats in good company)*



out of  
office

Pastor Clare will be out of the office:  
**July 22-28** (vacation, unavailable)

### Monthly People's Backyard Potlucks

**Tues., July 19, 5:30-7:30 pm** | Home of Rolf Dittmann & Jill Greenhalgh

273 St. Anne's PKWY, Hudson, WI 54016

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share (salad, side, dessert).

Invite a friend or neighbor along to meet your church friends!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jill ([jillstcroix@msn.com](mailto:jillstcroix@msn.com)),  
though feel welcome to come at the last minute if it works out.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful:

Keely & Eric Vandre (beautiful music), Bob & Kathy Iverson (greeters),

Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Addison Albright (acolyte),

Bob & Kathy Iverson (fellowship),

Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (childcare Provider)




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