



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

LIVE THE WAY
YOU WANT TO BE
REMEMBERED.

August 28, 2022

"How Will You Be Remembered?"

People's Congregational & St. Peters UCC

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

Eric Vandre, *Guitar*

Sam Gromoll, *Acolyte*

The flame represents the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

***Call to Worship

Rolf Dittmann, *liturgist*

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born,
and we are newly alive in it.

**All: We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the
human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our
lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping
even in nighttimes of loneliness.**

One: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to dedicate
ourselves to God's work in the world.

**All: May the love of God inspire us, so that this time together may be
honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

***Opening Hymn

“You are Welcome Here”

#26 *Sing! Prayer & Praise*

see next page

Keely Vandre, *cantor*

Prayer Cards

If you voice a prayer for a loved one during Prayers of the People,
we welcome you to start a card for us to sign during fellowship.

(prayer cards on entrance sign shelf)

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 _
 shar-ing the joy_ of_ Christ.____ You are _

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

*****Prayer of Longing**

Holy God, we trust your way of receiving us - not according to our goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus the Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit and change us by your love, that we may sing with joy and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

prayerful silence

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

We share a sign of 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 **Mark** (Stephan), **Kaari** (Bjork),
Barb (Hilliard), **Alex** (Favilla) Sommerfeld, **Jenni** (Shaller) & **Paula** (Richey)*

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
We invite infants and toddlers (w/adult) to use our blanketed 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

Luke 14: 1-14, Psalm 122 & Hebrews 13: 1-6, 15-16 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Luke 14: 1-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus came to eat a meal in the house of one of the leading Pharisees, the guests watched him closely. Directly in front of Jesus was a person who suffered from edema.

Jesus asked the experts on the Law and the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they kept silent. With that, Jesus laid hands on the individual and healed the swelling, then sent the person away.

Jesus said to the guests, "If one of you has a child—or even an ox—and it falls into a pit, won't you rescue it immediately, even on the Sabbath day?" They had no answer to this.

Jesus went on to address a parable to the guests, noticing how they were trying to get a place of honor at the table.

“When you’re invited to a wedding party, don’t sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished has been invited. Otherwise the hosts might come and say to you, ‘Make room for this person,’ and you would have to proceed shamefacedly to the lowest place. What you should do is go and sit in the lowest place so that when your hosts approach you they’ll say, ‘My friend, come up higher.’ This will win you the esteem of the other guests. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to the host, “Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends or colleagues or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. No, when you have a reception, invite those who are poor or have physical infirmities or are blind. You should be pleased that they can’t repay you, for you’ll be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Psalm 122 (*responsive*)

Alleluia! Happiness comes to those who revere God, who revel in God’s commands!

Their children hold power on earth; the descendants of the just will always be blessed.

There will be riches and wealth for their families, and God’s justice can never be changed.

For the just, God shines like a lamp in the dark; God is merciful, compassionate and righteous.

Good people are generous, and lend money without interest; they are honest in all their dealings.

They are never shaken, because they love justice and will leave an imperishable memory behind them.

They never fear bad news, because their unwavering hearts trust in God.

With peaceful hearts, they fear nothing; and in the end they will triumph over their enemies.

Quick to be generous, they give to the poor, doing justice always and forever; their horn will always be lifted in honor.

The corrupt become infuriated when they see this; they grind their teeth and waste away, finally vanishing like their empty dreams.

Hebrews 13: 1-6, 15-16

Continue to love each other as siblings. Don't neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. And be mindful of those who are being treated badly, since you know what they are enduring.

Let marriage be honored by everyone, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge covenant breakers and adulterers.

Put the love of money out of your lives and be content with what you have, for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Thus we may say with confidence,
"God is my Helper,
and I will not be afraid;
what can mere humans do to me?"

Through Jesus let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise—that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name.

Keep doing good works and sharing your resources. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Morning Message

"How Will You Be Remembered?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn

“Be Still and Know”

#111 Sing! Prayer & Praise

Cantor sings once, all sing twice more

♩=108

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

When sharing a joy or concern for yourself, another, or a part of the world; please project your voice so be heard. We'll add it to our printed Prayer Corner.

One: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

***Sitting or standing

Musical Interlude

We listen as our own prayers quietly arise

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 churches with financial gifts
as we have means to do so*

*We're invited to leave a gift in the offering basket as we depart,
scan the QR code to give electronically, or mail in a check*

*Gifts we offer today (including electronically) will be split between
St. Peter's UCC & People's Church*

*If giving your gift to one church, note that explicitly in the memo line
or on the envelope*

Offertory

“You Walk Along the Shoreline”

♩.=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

B¹¹ 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. _____

***Postlude

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

After-Worship Fellowship

*Treats and beverages enjoyed in good company!
 All are welcome to linger on the lawn*

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

*For **Addison Albright**, a preschool-aged child of People's, who was admitted to Children's Hospital on Wednesday evening with fever and rapid breathing. Jennifer and Dennis await test results and a treatment plan for Addi.

*For **Frank Cole**, a new friend of People's, whose son Tim Cole died recently from a complex illness. Tim lived in Austin, TX. May he rest in deep peace.

*For **Diane and Wendy**, former co-worker friends of Jane Hanson, each of whom lost their mother recently.

*For baby **Camille** (born to friends of Sharon Neuenfeldt), struggling with a severe genetic condition called Edwards' Syndrome.

*For **David Silverman**, son-in-law to Milan Horak, whose oncology report came back with a finding of cancer in his neck. We pray for a path forward toward healing and recovery.

*For **Aidan Gromoll**, sister to Pastor Clare, who traveled back to Moldova on Aug. 25-26 to volunteer as a pediatrician caring for Ukranian refugees.

*For **Pastor Daniel**, a swift recovery after a COVID diagnosis.

*For **Jere Fetter**, who had tests at Mayo Clinic on Aug. 18-19 for ongoing upper leg pain.

*We celebrate birthdays on these dates: **Mark** Stephan (24th), **Kaari** Bjork (5 yrs. the 25th), **Barb** Hilliard (26th), **Alex** (Favilla) Sommerfeld (30th), **Jenni** Shaller & **Paula** Richey (2nd).

*We celebrate anniversaries on these dates: **Jim & Mary Kay** Dahl (25th), **Rolf** Dittmann & **Jill** Greenhalgh (27th) & **Bob & Cheri** Schwartz (28th).

And in the wider community...

*For surviving family and friends of the man who died by suicide at Eden Prairie Center. And for all who experience suicidal ideation.

*For those seeking affordable housing, endurance through the challenges they face. May we create more equity in housing as we work with ecumenical partners through the Homeless Strategy & Advocacy Team in St. Croix Valley.

*As heavy rains have torn through Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi; we pray for physical, mental and spiritual support to surround all who are struggling. May tangible support reach communities to empower them as they rebuild.

The United Church of Christ's Disaster Ministries unit is extending a helping hand to survivors of record-breaking floods and tornadoes that devastated communities from Missouri to Kentucky and West Virginia within the past eight months. In late July, flash flooding in the St. Louis area broke a century-old rainfall record, said Lesli Remaly, minister for disaster response and recovery with the UCC's Global H.O.P.E. team. Thousands of households have been affected. "Then that same record storm that inundated central and eastern Missouri traveled on to batter eastern Kentucky and West Virginia," sweeping away homes in areas that had never before flooded, said the Rev. Greg Denk, UCC Indiana-Kentucky Conference disaster coordinator.

He said 3,400 homeowners in 13 Kentucky counties already have reported damaged property. Disaster Ministries already was responding to tornado disasters that destroyed or heavily damaged more than 600 homes in western Kentucky on Dec. 11, 2021, and Jan. 1, 2022.

Donate to these efforts by choosing "Emergency USA" at his link:

support.ucc.org



Peace Poles: on our Front Lawn and at People's Park!

Way to go, People of People's!
We reached our goal and then
some!

Excess funds raised for this
project (Aug 10-22) have been
placed in our Blessing Fund
to support other justice and
outreach projects.

Eight languages will be
represented on our Peace
Poles: Arabic, Dakota,
English, French, Hebrew,
Hmong, Ojibwe and Spanish.

Thank you, Mindy Peters, for
spearheading this project!





The Blessing Fund: Gift Given to Anuak Community

At our Juneteenth service, we gathered a free will offering of \$525 for “Sounds of Blackness” and pledged to make a matching gift to another Black-run local organization this summer. Our Finance Committee and Leadership Team approved our Justice and Outreach Team

recommendation to award the matching gift to the local Anuak community. This amount will be paid from the portion of our Blessing Fund set aside for missions. Approximately 1,200 Anuak refugees (primarily from Western Ethiopia) have settled in Minnesota. The funds will be used to support driving education for Anuak women. Without classes, it is difficult for them to pass the driving test for a license. The Justice and Outreach Team encourages all members to recommend other organizations for awards from the funds available for missions. These two matching gifts constitute \$1,050 of \$4,000 we hope to give out in 2022.

Procedures for recommending Blessing Fund recipients:

1. Congregation annually approves an amount to withdraw from the portion of our Blessing Fund earmarked for mission efforts (\$4,000 for 2022).
2. On a quarterly basis, any congregation member may submit to our Justice & Outreach Team a request to give funds to an organization/person that works in one of our congregation's three “justice” areas of primary focus.*
3. Our Justice and Outreach Team reviews each request to determine that a recipient addresses one of the three justice areas and compares the need with other requests received in same period.
4. Approved requests are submitted to the Finance Committee to determine availability of funds and to record transactions appropriately.
5. Requests approved by the Finance Committee are submitted to the Leadership Team for final approval of funding.

**Key areas of concern intersect and include identity justice (antiracism*, LGBTQ+ inclusion), economic justice (income, home and food security), and environmental/ climate justice.*

~ People's Justice and Outreach Team (Mary Maren Bjork, Lori Mildon, Cindy Parsons, Walt Richey, Dale Shaller, Jenni Shaller, Pastor Clare)



Harvest Fest, Nov. 19

The Harvest Fest planning is underway! Our next meeting will be held on **Sept. 6 @ 2 pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Interested in joining the team? Reach out to Mary Binger: 651-357-8601
mehbinger@gmail.com

Upcoming Joint Church Potluck

August 30th (Tuesday), 5:30-7:00pm
@ St. Peter's UCC



Come enjoy St. Peter's UCC's outdoor space.
Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you have one.
Hot dogs and brats will be provided.
St. Peter's will provide plates, napkins, silverware, and beverages.
We hope to see you there as we wrap up our summer!

Thank you for all who made today wonderful:
Keely & Eric Vandre (Music), Rolf Dittmann (liturgist),
Jonah Gromoll (greeter) Sam Gromoll (acolyte),
Bob & Kathy Iverson (Fellowship)
Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider)



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