



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



October 2, 2022

*"Is a Life of Faith Self-Fulfilling?"*

World Communion Sunday

## 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**

“Here in This Place”

*David*

*Jonah Gromoll, Acolyte*

*The flame represents the light of Christ among us*

### **Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

### **\*\*\*Gathering Prayer (unison)**

*Mindy Peters, liturgist*

**O God, as we gather at your table all over the world, we pray that all who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together as one loaf. Free us from division in nonessentials, and unite us as partners in mission and service everywhere. As your people, may we sow righteousness and harvest peace through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **\*\*\*Opening Hymn**

“You are Welcome Here”

#26 Sing! Prayer & Praise

*All verses*

*see next page*

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*Lets' welcome one another by using name tags!  
Reusable name tags hang on a wall just outside Pastor Clare's office  
Disposable name tags are found in the Narthex (near front doors)  
Welcome forms are in pews (request a prayer, name tag, update contact info)*

♩=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** (*unison*)

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human siblings. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and wisdom, sometimes speaking in accents other than our own. Our sensibilities are jarred by ways our neighbors express their faith in Christ. Gracious God, forgive us and renew a right spirit within us – a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with a vision of unity in Christ, empowering us to incarnate love.

We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ to break down walls of hostility that divide the Earth's people, and to reveal your all-encompassing love that makes us all one. Through the power of your Spirit, may this unity become reality. 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 **Betsy** (Stokes), **Nat** (Graf), **Eleanora** (Favilla) & **Jere** (Fetter)*

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

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

*Children (age 3+) follow leaders to Children’s Activity (downstairs)  
or remain in worship*

*They will return to participate in Holy Communion*

**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  
Lisa (Childcare Provider) also cares for infants and toddlers in the Nursery  
downstairs*

*If needing space to move around, families are welcome to listen to the  
service from the Narthex (entry area) or Meditation Room (off front left exit  
from Sanctuary)*

### **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 the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall)*

## Proclaiming God's Love

### Scriptures

Habakuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

The oracle that Habakuk the prophet received in a vision.

“How long, God, am I to cry for help while you do not listen? How long will I cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you do not save? Why do you make me look upon injustice? Why do you countenance tyranny? Outrage and violence–this is all I see! All is contention, and discord flourishes. The law loses its hold, and justice never shows itself. The corrupt triumph over those who are righteous, and justice is perverted once again.”...

I will stand on my watchtower, and take up my post on my battlements, watching to see what God will say to me, what answers God will make to my complaints.

Then God replied, “Write down this vision, inscribe it legibly on tablets so that a herald can easily read it, since this vision will stand as a witness to the appointed time of judgment; it gives faithful testimony about a time that will come. If it is slow in coming, wait for it–for come it will, without fail:

Look–those whose hearts are corrupt will faint with exhaustion, while those who steadfastly uphold justice will live.”

Psalm 37: 1-8a ~ *The Inclusive Bible (responsive)*

Don't be vexed by evildoers,  
and don't be envious of the corrupt!  
**They'll soon fade like the grass,  
and wither away like unwatered plants.**

Trust in God, and do good,  
and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security.  
**Delight in God, and you'll be given the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to God, and trust in God; God will take action,  
**making your vindication as sure as the dawn and your integrity as bright as noonday.**

Be still before God and wait patiently;  
**don't fret about those who amass great fortunes  
and carry out their scheme unchallenged.**

Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind.

## 2 Timothy 1: 1-10 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

From Paul, by the will of God an apostle of Christ Jesus, sent to proclaim the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear child:

May grace, mercy and peace from God the Creator and from Christ Jesus our Savior be with you.

I thank God, the God of my ancestors—whom I worship with a clear conscience—whenever I remember you in my prayers, as indeed I do constantly, night and day. When I recall your tears, I long to see you again, which would fill me with joy. I'm reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and now, I'm certain, in you as well. That's why I want to remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God didn't give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, of self-discipline.

So don't be ashamed to give your testimony about Christ, and don't be ashamed of me, Christ's prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of God's own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

**Morning Message** "Is a Life of Faith Self-Fulfilling?"

### Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Hymn**

"We Offer Christ"

#527 NCH

*Vs. 1-3*

### **Prayers of the People**

*When sharing a joy or concern for yourself, another, or a part of the world; please project your voice to be heard. 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*

## **Prayer of Jesus**

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

**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**

*We support 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**

“The Words in Your Heart”

*Moore*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life  
Such a Way, as gives us breath  
Such a Truth, as end all strife  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my feast, my Strength  
Such a Light, as shows a feast  
Such a Feast, as mends in length  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love my Heart  
Such a Joy, as none can move  
Such a Love, as none can part  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Such a Heart, as joys in love.





**\*\*\*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.**

### **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 bread is gluten free, spaced out across a tray  
Juice is served in individual cups.*

*Please take a piece of bread and a cup  
Consume the elements as you step away from the table  
Place your empty cup in a receptacle on either front row pew*

**\*\*\*Words of Invitation**

**\*\*\*Communion Prayer** (*unison*)

**God of all creation, we worship and adore you for all the gifts you provide. We know that many of your children do not have a basic share; lacking adequate food and clothing, clean water, and safe housing. As we enjoy what we have, help us to remember that Jesus came and lived among us as one of the poor. Help us to focus our lives on you, sharing the good things of this Earth. As your love reaches out through all of creation, enlarge our hearts that we may share freely and joyously. We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to eat, pray, and live together; singing now our song of praise...**

**\*\*\*Sitting or standing**

**\*\*\*Sung Response**

**“Santo, Santo, Santo”**

#111 CH

*Sung twice - first in Spanish, then in English*

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

**Presentation of Breads of the World**

**Words of Remembrance & Blessing**

**Sharing the Bread of Life & Cup of Blessing**

*Please approach the Communion Table by the central aisle,  
returning by the side aisles.*

Sung Response

“Eat This Bread”

#414 CH

*Sung multiple times as we come forward to receive Communion*

G C Am D Bm

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and

Detailed description: This system contains the first five measures of the song. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. Chord symbols G, C, Am, D, and Bm are placed above the first five measures. The lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and' are written below the notes.

Em Dsus D G D Em Bm

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Detailed description: This system contains the next five measures. Chord symbols Em, Dsus, D, G, D, Em, and Bm are placed above the notes. The lyrics 'nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,' are written below the notes.

C D G

trust in me and you will not thirst.

Detailed description: This system contains the final three measures of the song. Chord symbols C, D, and G are placed above the notes. The lyrics 'trust in me and you will not thirst.' are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**\*\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**At this table we have been shaped and formed by you, God - the mystery that makes us one. You've welcomed us to taste bread that nourishes our souls, reminding us that your love brings healing and wholeness to our broken and divided spaces. You've welcomed us to receive drink that quenches our thirst for life made new, connecting us with one whose quest to honor the last and the least was so great it led to his death. Here we've become what you made us to be - one family, called to be in service to the world. May this simple meal nurture our union with your whole Earth community, united in the one body of Christ. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God's Love**

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn**      "In the Midst of New Dimensions"      #391  
*Vs. 1, 3, 5*

**\*\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*\*Sung Response**      Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller*

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as creator, family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

**\*\*\*Postlude**

“Peace Be Upon You”

Wilshire

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

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**All are welcome to gather downstairs after worship**

*10:30 am Fellowship*

*11:00 am Faith Conversations*

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**ST. CROIX VALLEY PRAYER CIRCLE**

**Oct. 26 | 5:30 pm**  
**@ People's Park**

1003 5th Ave. N.  
Bayport  
(by Barker's Alps)

*People of all faiths & paths*

**OUR EARTH COMMUNITY:**  
*Living in Balance & Harmony*

Join our circle of prayer  
Hearts unite & envision healing  
Each person contributes to our impact  
All ages welcome, bring friends  
Gather at fire pit, within our prairie restoration  
**\*Bring a flashlight for departing after sunset\***

hosted by: People's Congregational Church  
peoplescongregational.org  
Questions? Contact the office | 651-439-5667

## PRAYER CORNER

*Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:*

\*For Cindy Parsons' mother **Angie**, recovering from a recent fall.

\*For Rev. **Linda Tossey**, a former pastor of People's, who has been going through chemotherapy and radiation. Tests show slight improvements. We pray for healing and strength as Linda moves forward with immunotherapy treatments.

\*With **Stella** (cousin to Jan, Irene, Milan, and Mary), we thank those who create festivals like Derby Days – spaces of celebration and joy.

\*For Sharon Neuenfeldt's grandchild **Aidan**, facing difficult personal struggles.

\*For Loura, Josh and Mark; missing **Uncle Bob**. May he rest in deep peace.

\*For Carol Dusbabek's father **Ken**, now recovering after a fall and moving toward his 100th birthday.

\*With **Irene Horak**, we give thanks for summer months spent here in MN. We pray for a smooth transition after returning home to Switzerland last week.

\*For **Bino**, an incarcerated friend of People's and specifically of our Antiracism Collective. May Bino feel celebrated on his 45th birthday.

\*For Michael Bjork's cousin A'lex, facing difficult personal struggles.

\*We celebrate birthdays on these dates: **Betsy Stokes** (25th), **Nat Graf** (26th), **Eleanora Favilla** (9 yrs. on the 1st) & **Jere Fetter** (8th)

\*We celebrated an anniversary on this date:  
**Paula & Walt Richey** (65 years on the 27th!)

*And in the wider community...*

\*For individuals and families struggling with mental illness (1 in 5 US adults each year). May we participate in disrupting the stigma that silence creates.

\*For the ecosystems and human residents of Cuba and Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. May people be connected with resources as communities clean up and rebuild.

\*In the wake of Hurricane Fiona, may our elected leaders exercise compassion and generosity in providing emergency aid to Puerto Rico, a US territory. We also pray for recovery efforts in neighboring Dominican Republic.

\*We celebrate when immigrants are welcomed in this land. May their efforts to reach safety, peace and prosperity be met with justice and compassion.

\*For the people of Pakistan, experiencing unprecedented flooding during this monsoon season. May the more than 1,500 who have died (including 528 children) rest in deep peace. May 33 million affected people access the support they need to carry on. May we note our complicity in climate change and find ways to do better (*see Mid-Week for a link to donate to relief efforts through the UCC*).



## Faith Conversations

**Oct. 2 - Canon:**  
Mining for the Word

*We provide childcare to allow parents and grandparents the option to participate!*

*Please connect with Lisa by 10:45 am any Sunday to let her know that you will utilize childcare during Faith Conversations.*



Join us any Sunday for Faith Conversations. Our fall series, Animate: Bible, is “designed to reinvigorate and deepen understanding of the Bible.”

In 10-minute videos, contemporary progressive faith leaders present thought-provoking topics. Our discussions are fruitful.

**Sundays, 11 am—11:45 am** | combined in-person and Zoom

## Next Joint Church Potluck/ Hayride!

**Tuesday, Oct. 11 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

6211 Lake Elmo Ave. N.  
Stillwater, MN

Gina and Rick Buberl of St. Peter's UCC will host a potluck and hayride! They will provide sloppy joes, and beverages, plates, napkins and silverware. Please bring a dish to share. They have indoor space if needed, but we hope for nice weather!



## A Shift in Kimberly's Work as our Communications Coordinator

(A transition to mostly remote)

Kimberly will be in the office:

**Oct. 4-6**

You can reach her  
(T, W, Th 9 am - 4 pm) at  
651-439-5667  
and at

[office@peoplescongregational.org](mailto:office@peoplescongregational.org)


Need access to the church building?  
Want to visit with Pastor Clare or  
Kimberly in person?  
Please call (or email) ahead to avoid  
missing us.

Pastor Clare is on call at all times:  
651-600-6409

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir, Jane Hanson, Sue Favilla, Sam Gromoll (greeter) Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Mindy Peters (fellowship), Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (Children's Activity), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider), Mindy Peters (liturgist, Fellowship, Communion prep & server)



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