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through engaging worship and faithful service"*



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October 16, 2022

"Will We Amplify Acts Of Heart & Courage?"

Children's Sabbath

People's Congregational & St. Peter's 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

“Christ in Us”

Champan

Addison Albright, acolyte

The flame represents the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

***Opening Song

“Your Love is Amazing”

#163 Sing! Prayer & Praise

Vs. 1 ~ Choir

see next page

Vs. 2-3 ~All Sing

***Gathering Prayer (unison)

Cheri Schwartz, liturgist

O Holy One – You who have created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our neighbors: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and our savior. Amen.

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 or name tag, update contact info

♩=100
Csus² G/B

1. Your love is__ a - maz - ing, stea - dy and__ un - chang -
 - ing, I can feel__ it ris -
 - ing, stea - dy and__ un - chang -

Csus² Dsus

- ing, your love is__ a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.
 - ing, all the joy__ that's grow - ing deep in - side_ of me.
 - ing, your love is__ a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.

Csus² G/B

— Your love is__ a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift__
 — Ev - 'ry time I see__ you all your good - ness shines
 — Your love is__ a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift__

Csus² Dsus

— me. When I am__ sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.
 — through. I can feel__ this God__ song ris - ing up__ in me.
 — me. When I am__ sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.

Csus² G Dsus Em⁷

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Csus² G Dsus

your love makes me sing. Ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu -

Em⁷ Csus² 1.2. 3. G

- jah, your love makes me sing. 2. Your love is__ sur - pris - Hal le - lu - jah.
 3. Your love is__ a - maz -

Duet

“Waiting on the World to Change”

by John Mayer
Keely Vandre, *vocals*
Eric Vandre, *guitar*

One, two
One, two, three

Me and all my friends
We're all misunderstood
They say we stand for nothing and
There's no way we ever could
Now we see everything that's going wrong
With the world and those who lead it
We just feel like we don't have the means
To rise above and beat it

Chorus: So we keep waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
We keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

It's hard to beat the system
When we're standing at a distance
So we keep waiting on (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

Now if we had the power
To bring our neighbors home from war
They woulda never missed a Christmas
No more ribbons on their door
And when you trust your television
What you get is what you got
'Cause when they own the information, oh
They can bend it all they want

That's why we're waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
We keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

It's not that we don't care
We just know that the fight ain't fair
So we keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

And we're still waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
We keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

One day our generation
Is gonna rule the population
So we keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
Now I keep on waiting (waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
We keep on waiting (waiting)
We're waiting on the world to change
Waiting on the world to change
Waiting on the world to change
Waiting on the world to change

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

Prayer of Longing

Pastor Daniel Harrell

prayerful silence

Musical Interlude

We listen as our own prayers quietly arise

Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace

*****Passing 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 **Emily** (Mayaka), **Lori** (Mildon), **Sharri** (Kinkead),
Heather (Kennedy-Bordeaux), **BJ** (Stokes), **Finley** (Graff), **Walter** (Richey)
& **Chris** (Bordeaux)*

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*

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 more 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)*

Proclaiming God's Love

Scriptures

Genesis 32:22-31 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, and he was completely alone.

And there, someone wrestled with Jacob until the first light of dawn. Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled.

Then Jacob's contender said, "Let me go, for day is breaking." Jacob answered, "I will not let you go until you bless me." "What is your name?" the other asked. "Jacob," he answered.

The other said, "Your name will no longer be called 'Jacob,' or 'Heel-Grabber,' but 'Israel' — 'Overcomer of God's'—because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked "Now tell me your name, I beg you." The other said, "Why do you ask me my name?"—and blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel — 'Face of God'—because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared."

At Sunrise, Jacob left Peniel, limping along from the injured hip.

Psalm 121, sung from the NCH Psalter ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Psalm 121

Response

Antiphon: David Hurd, 1994

Unison

My help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

R

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

²My help comes from God,
who made heaven and earth.

³God will not let your foot be moved;
God who keeps you will not
slumber.

⁴God who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. *R*

⁵God is your keeper;
God is your shade at your side.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷God will keep you from all evil;
God will keep your life.

⁸God will keep your going out and your
coming in
from this time on and forevermore. *R*

(May be sung with double tone.)

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

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart:

“Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’”

Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? I tell you, God will give them swift justice. But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on Earth?”

Morning Message "Will We Amplify Acts Of Heart & Courage?"

Responding To God’s Love

Prayer Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *see next page*
Sung twice #305 Chalice Hymnal

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.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your spir - it

in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

1 (optional) Final

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)

Prayer of Jesus (unison)

*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

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*

*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*



Spiritual Practice: Offering our Knowledge, Interests & Energy

Our People's Nominating Team invites everyone (members and friends) to complete our Shared Gifts for Ministry Inventory during the Offertory and Postlude. Please place your completed inventory in an offering plate as you depart. St. Peter's friends, we welcome you to look through the inventory if you'd like. We'll enjoy an extended offertory this morning. Thank you!

Offertory

Medley of Tunes

*****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 (unison)**

God of all, we thank you for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us (consecrated us for your divine work of Love), we have much to give. With our offerings, we express our gratitude and our aspiration to more fully embody your loving presence. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn** “Draw the Circle Wide” #123 Sing! Prayer & Praise
Vs. 1 ~ Choir see next page
Vs. 2-3 ~All Sing

*****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** “Let Us Now Depart in Peace” *New Mexican Folk Tune*

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

All are welcome to gather downstairs after worship

10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Faith Conversations (child care provided)

♩=132

Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide._____ wide._____

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
 3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. _____
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. _____
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. _____

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*For **Aidan Gromoll**, who left Moldova and arrived in Eastern Turkey on Wednesday, joining a medical project caring for Syrian refugees. We pray that the project will be fruitful.

*For Jane Hanson's friend, **Thuy**, traveling back home after accompanying her father and brother in Vietnam during health challenges. Thuy has appreciated our prayers!

*We celebrate birthdays on these dates: **Emily** Mayaka (11th), **Lori** Mildon (15th), **Sharri** Kinkead (15th) & **Heather** Kennedy-Bordeaux (15th), **BJ** Stokes (18th), **Finley** Graff (3 yrs. the 21st), **Walter** Richey (21st) & **Chris** Bordeaux (21st)

And in the wider community...

(see Mid-Week for links to donation opportunities)

*Having honored Indigenous Peoples Day this week, may we sit in the sacred discomfort that comes with calling to mind centuries of oppression of indigenous peoples of this land by white immigrants. May discomfort lead to deeper listening, learning, reverence, and action.

*With Iranian women and girls protesting for freedom of dress, may we be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to push back against the evils of sexism and gender violence in all their manifestations.

*For the ecosystems and human residents of Cuba, Florida and the Carolinas in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, and of Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. May elected leaders exercise compassion and generosity in providing emergency aid. May people be connected with resources as communities clean up and rebuild.

*For the people of Pakistan, having lost 1,500 people (including 530 children) during unprecedented flooding this monsoon season. May 33 million affected people access support they need to carry on. May we note our complicity in climate change and effect positive change.



Faith Conversations:
Weekly Adult Forum



animate
BIBLE

Faith Conversations

Oct. 16 - Testaments:
One Story, Two Parts

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

CONVERGENCE

Vital Church
Assessment

A note from Pastor Clare:

*Thank you for engaging in multiple surveys in recent months. Each has aimed to support our vitality and growth in some specific way. I am currently several sessions into my 9-month **Leadership for Social***

***Justice certificate program** at **United Seminary**. I have no control over the timing, but we now have the opportunity to complete the Vital Church Assessment. Completion by the majority of our active members and friends will provide helpful data to Convergence (a company that consults with clergy and congregational leaders).*

Please complete the survey in one of these ways:

- **Electronically/online** (which takes approximately 25 minutes) by **Oct. 31st**.
- **Hard copy/paper version** (if you can't complete it electronically):

*See Mid-Week for link and more details.
Thanks in advance for engaging in this survey!*



St. Peter's UCC, Trunk or Treat

New participants welcome (adults with treats in trunks, children and youth in costumes)!

St. Peter's UCC will host a "Trunk or Treat" on **Sunday, October 23**, right after our 9:30am joint worship service there. We'll mingle with some possibly scary and costumed kids in search of treats!

St. Peter's UCC adults plan to decorate their car trunks for Halloween, bringing fun and delicious treats. They welcome us to join in alongside them, promising it is always a fun and howling time.

Contact Kimberly in the office if you have questions or would like to be counted on to participate!

651-439-5667 | office@peoplescongregational.org.



People's Church would like to host a blood drive

There has been discussion around People's hosting a blood drive.

The Red Cross requires a minimum of 30 people to participate as donors.

If you are willing to give blood at a future blood drive at our church building, please let Kimberly know ASAP:

651-439-5667 | office@peoplescongregational.org.

Thank you!

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



PEOPLE'S CHURCH

HARVEST FEST BAYPORT

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19
10 AM - 5 PM

FRESH DESIGNER WREATHS
GIFTS-TO-GO AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE
BAKE SHOPPE
LOCAL ARTISANS & MUSICIANS
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SOUP & BREAD LUNCH (10-2)
CHILI & CORNBREAD (3-5)

309 N. THIRD ST.
PEOPLESCONGREGATIONAL.ORG
651-439-5667

***Sitting or standing

See Mid-Week for more details and how to volunteer during Harvest Fest

People's Book Club

We aim to read books that matter from diverse genres, topics and authors

FREEING JESUS

Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence
By Diana Butler Bass

People's Congregational Church (Bayport)
Nov. 10 | 6:30-8 pm | @ church & Zoomed

Interested? Contact us:
office@peoplescongregational.org

Valley Bookseller has copies for us
(at 15% off the \$17.99 list price)!

Working while out of the office

Pastor Clare will be working from her ConNext Summit, Buffalo MN on Tuesday **Oct. 18**

She will be in the office Wednesday **Oct. 19**
8:30-1:00

She will be working from WI **October 20-22**

Please join us on **October 23 at 9:30 am** as People's Congregational and St. Peter's will worship together at St. Peter' UCC

A Shift in Kimberly's Work as our Communications Coordinator (A transition to mostly remote)

Kimberly will next be at church:
Nov. 1-3

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

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, Addison Albright (youth greeter & acolyte) Bob Dickie (greeter) Cheri Schwartz (liturgist), Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship), Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (Children's Activity), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider)



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