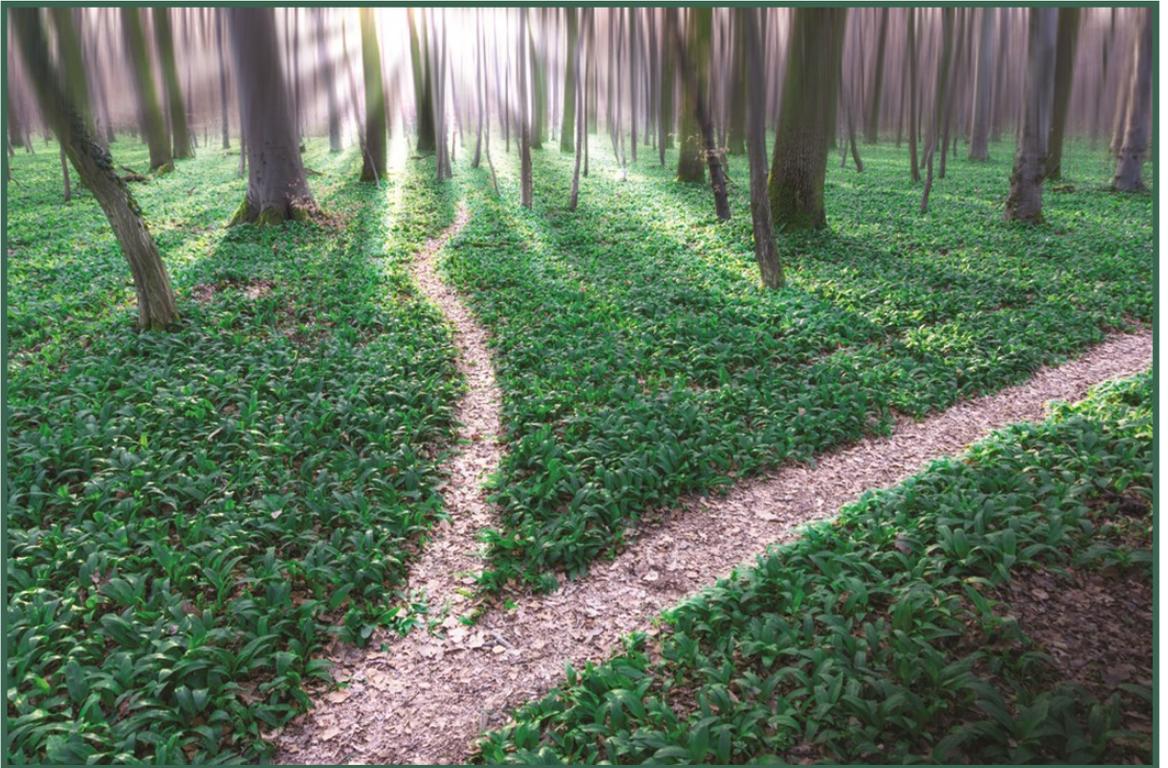




*"An inclusive community, celebrating God's unconditional love
through engaging worship and faithful service"*



October 30, 2022

"Will We Participate in Reformation?"

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 “Faith, Hope and Love” *American Tune*
Sam Gromoll, acolyte

The flame represents the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Gathering Prayer** (*unison*) Sharri Kinkead, *liturgist*

God of all, we are always your people—even as the circumstances of our lives change. As opportunities unfold before us, guide us toward the abundance of life you offer. We cling to your promise that you are always with us. Open our spirits to the possibilities of new faith experiences. Amen.

*****Opening Song** “Come, Let Us Worship God” *see next page*

Choir sings vs. 1 (one side leads, the other side echoes)
Congregation joins in vs. 2-5 (one side leads, the other side echoes)

Lets' welcome one another!

*Reusable name tags hang just inside the front doors
Disposable name tags are also in the Narthex (entry area)*

Welcome forms in pews: request a prayer or name tag, update contact info, etc.

Come, Let Us Worship God



Leader: *Come, let us wor-ship God.* **Come, let us wor-ship God.**



Come, let us wor-ship God. **Come, let us wor-ship God.**



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one **Wel - come ev - 'ry - one**



to the love of God. **to the love of God.**

2. Food for the hungry...
3. Rest for the weary...
4. Hope for the children...
5. Come, let us worship God...

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Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

Poem of Longing (*the voice of God within each of us*)

**Please don't limit my being; untie the ribbon!
Instead of restricting my presence; remove the lid.
When you are afraid to see what I am; let me sit in your hands.
When you could keep me quiet; let me use your voice.
Instead of leading me in your ways; let me guide you in our journey.
Resist the hardening of your heart; let me transform your life.
Open the box you keep me in; let me open your life.**

prayerful silence

Musical Interlude *...as our own longings quietly emerge*

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 **Drew** (Dittmann) & **Jennifer** (Halvorsen-Albright)*

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, our Childcare Provider, is away today. She typically cares for infants and
toddlers in the downstairs Nursery.*

Families with very young ones are welcome to utilize the Nursery on your own.

*If needing space to move around while participating in worship,
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

Isaiah 1: 10-18 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Hear the word of God, you rulers of “Sodom”! Listen to the command of God, you people of “Gomorrah”!

“These interminable sacrifices of yours: what are they to me?” says God. “I am fed up with burnt offerings of rams and the fat of calves! The blood of bulls, lambs, and goats nauseates me. When you came to present yourselves before me, who asked you to trample over my courts? Don’t bring any more of your useless offerings to me—their incense fills me with loathing. New moons, Sabbaths, assemblies—I cannot endure another festival of injustice! Your new moons and your pilgrimages I despise with all my soul. They are wearisome to me; I am tired of bearing them. When you open up your hands in prayer, I turn my eyes away from you. You may heap prayer upon prayer, but I won’t hear them—your hands are covered with blood! Wash! Clean yourselves! Get your injustice out of my sight! Cease to do evil and learn to do good! Search for justice and help the oppressed! Protect those who are orphaned and plead the case of those who are widowed!”

“Come now! Let’s look at the choices before you,” says God. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they can be like fleece.”

Luke 19: 1-10 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zaccheaus, the chief tax collector. Zaccheaus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short.

In order to see Jesus, Zaccheaus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zaccheaus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight.

When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest."

Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold."

Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

Morning Message "Will We Participate in Reformation?"

Prayer Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" *see next page*

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

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Choir sings vs. 1, then all sing vs. 1

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G/B F/A Dm Gsus C F/G

C B/G F/A Dm G7 Am Em7/G

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Change my heart, O God,___ | make it ev - er true. ___ |
| *2. Cleanse my soul, O God,___ | wash it with your grace. ___ |
| *3. Stir my mind, O God,___ | move it to be - lieve. ___ |
| *1. Change our hearts, O God,___ | make them ev - er true. ___ |
| *2. Cleanse our souls, O God,___ | wash them with your grace. ___ |
| *3. Stir our minds, O God,___ | move them to be - lieve. ___ |

Fmaj7 Cmaj7/E Dm G7 C G7/B

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Change my heart, O God,___ | may I be like you. ___ |
| Cleanse my soul, O God,___ | ten - der your em - brace. ___ |
| Stir my mind, O God,___ | help me to per - ceive. ___ |
| Cleanse our hearts, O God,___ | may we be like you. ___ |
| Cleanse our souls, O God,___ | ten - der your em - brace. ___ |
| Stir our minds, O God,___ | help us to per - ceive. ___ |

Chorus

Esus E Am Dm G Am Gadd9

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| You are the Pot - ter, | I am the clay. ___ |
| You are the Pot - ter, | we are the clay. ___ |

F E Am Dm G/D D G Gsus G

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mold me and make me, | this is what I pray. |
| Mold us and make us, | this is what we pray. |

C G/B F/A Dm Am

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change my heart, O God,___ | make it ev - er true. ___ |
| Change our hearts, O God,___ | make them ev - er true. ___ |

F Dm⁷ Gsus C G

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —
 Change our hearts, O God. — may we be like you. —

Esus E Am Dm A

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. —
 You are the Pot - ter, we are the clay. —

Esus E Am Gsus/D D G

Mold me and make — me, this is what I pray.
 Mold us and make — us, this is what we pray.

C G/B F/A Dm G⁷ Am Em/G

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —
 Change our hearts, O God, — make them ev-er true. —

F Cmaj⁷/E Dm G C

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —
 Change our hearts, O God, — may we be like you. —

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

Prayer of Jesus (unison)

*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.

Witnessing Steward

Jane Hanson



“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.” (Acts 2:46)

Each witnessing steward (Oct. 30 - Nov. 20) will invite us to wonder: How does participation in our congregation nourish you and inspire your gifts of money, energy, skill, and presence to support continued vitality and growth of our ministries as People’s Church.

Invitation to the Offering

We support our church with financial gifts as we have means to do so

*Please consider leaving a gift in an offering plate as you depart,
(in Narthex or at front of Sanctuary)
scanning the QR code to give electronically, or mailing in a check*



Offertory

Take My Gifts

Gibson

*****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** (*unison*)

**God of all, as we invest our money and energy in your work of love,
you work through our community to bring forth new life. We trust
your love to multiply and share our gifts wherever there is hunger
for your fierce grace. Amen.**

Going Forth to Share God’s Love

*****Closing Hymn** “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”
All Verses

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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)

*****Sitting or standing**

*****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**

“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

Cagle

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

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*For People's Tai Chi Group member Shula's daughter **Talia**, who is receiving aggressive treatments for cancer that has returned after a 21-year remission.

*For **Gary McLaughlin**, who is receiving hospice care as his lung disease progresses swiftly. Gary welcomes our prayers and cards as his family and hospice team support him in staying as comfortable as possible.

****Sitting or standing*

*For **Laura Mayaka**, who had knee surgery on Wednesday. We pray for smooth healing and recovery.

*For **Jere Fetter**, who continues along a journey with pain in his upper leg. He and Dawn have been traveling frequently to and from Mayo Clinic in Rochester. A recent discovery by the medical team is fueling hope of relief from pain. Jere had surgery on Wednesday and welcomes our prayers for healing.

*For **Aidan Gromoll**, who recently traveled from Turkey to Pakistan. For one month, she is delivering medical care to persons who have been internally displaced by floods. We pray that the project will be fruitful.

*For **Rev. Linda Tossey**, a former pastor of People's, who has gone through rigorous chemotherapy and radiation. She will soon learn how effective these treatments have been. We hope with her for good news.

*We celebrate birthdays on these dates: **Drew Dittmann** (28th),
Jennifer Halverson-Albright (2nd)

*We celebrate anniversaries on these dates: **John & Cindy Seigel** (23rd),
Pat Mazzitello & Nat Graf (25th) & **Sue & Mike Favilla** (2nd)

And in the wider community...

*As mid-term elections approach, may we each learn about candidates in all races. May we exercise our right to vote, informed by our faith-based values.

*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. We specifically pray for the wellbeing of Iranian rock climber Elnaz Rekabi, who recently competed without a hijab, as she remains under scrutiny.

*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. *To donate to relief efforts through the UCC, find a link in our Mid-Week e-newsletter.*



Nov. 6, All Saints Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Labyrinth Walk

We'll gather at the cusp of sunrise to join in gentle song and silence, articulate words of land acknowledgement (honoring First Peoples ancestors and all living being who have come before us at People's Park), and walk the labyrinth in the company of all of our ancestors and saints.

Lori will provide hot coffee and scones afterward!

9:30 am indoor service

Is there anyone you'd like us to remember?

On All Saints Sunday, we call to mind those who have died in the past year. We light a candle, toll the bell, and say the name of each one during our 9:30 am worship service. We've listed below members and friends of our congregation as well as other beloved ones who have died since November 7, 2021.

If you'd like to add someone to the list, please call or email Kimberly

by **Wednesday, Nov. 2,**

giving the person's name and their relationship to you.

Members & Friends of People's | Gloria Phillips, Harry Martin
Beloved Ones in our Wider Circles | Greg Boettcher, Sue Belisle, Deb Beisman, Mark Jacobson, Abe Abu-Saba, Clare Maturen, Dolores Beach, Isaac Schuman, Bob Sookochoff, Tim Cole, Mark Horst



Faith Conversations:
Weekly Adult Forum



animate
BIBLE

Faith Conversations

Oct. 30 - Gospels: Unexpected Good News

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

No child care today

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 aimed to support our vitality and growth in a specific way. In currently my 9-month Leadership for Social Justice certificate program at United Seminary, 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.

Please complete the survey in one of these ways:

- **Electronically/online** (requires approx. 25 minutes) **by Oct. 31st**
See Mid-Week for link to electronic version.
- **Hard copy/paper version** (if you can't do it electronically) **by Oct. 30th**
*Find a stack of hard copies in the Narthex TODAY.
Complete and leave it in Kimberly's door inbox.
Thanks in advance for engaging in this survey!*

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



People's Church would like to host a blood drive

The Red Cross requires a **minimum of 30 people** to participate as donors.
We have 18 interested donors thus far.

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 to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist),
Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC choir, Sam Gromoll (acolyte),
Jonah Gromoll (youth greeter) Kathy & Bob Iverson (greeters)
Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), Diane & Joe Legato (fellowship),
Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (Children's Activity), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech)



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