



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



October 9, 2022

**"What Does Healing Require?"**

## 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**

“The Love of the Lord”

*Joncas*

*The flame represents the light of Christ among us*

### **Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

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

Kathy Iverson, liturgist

**Dancing, exuberant, playful God; you come to us unmasked as pure warmth, love and energy. You strip away our masks; leaving us vulnerable, real, and renewed. We thank you for the mystery of life, for the mystery of our aliveness. Be close to us; take our hands and lead us in your Spirit-filled dance. Amen.**

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

“Your Love is Amazing”

#163 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 or name tag, update contact info*



## Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

### **\*\*\*Prayer of Longing** (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that our hearts sometimes feel closed tightly against your love and mercy. We hold on to unlove for ourselves, resentment against those for whom we care, anger at our helplessness, and complicity in the structures of society. We have developed false senses of emotional, social and spiritual security. Our selfishness has nourished the pain of the world rather than its hope. Open, loosen, and unbind us, God. Enable our stuck hearts to love, our clenched hands to help, and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray. We offer these longings in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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 **Jere** (Fetter), **Emily** (Mayaka), **Lori** (Mildon),  
**Sharri** (Kinkead) & **Heather** (Kennedy-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)*

### **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

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15 ~ *The Inclusive Bible*

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the ruler of Aram. He was a great officer and highly esteemed. It was at Naaman's hand that God gave a victory to Aram. He was a mighty warrior: And he had leprosy.

On one of their raids the Arameans captured a young woman who was an Israelite. She served Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "If only Naaman would see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would cure Naaman's leprosy." Naaman went to the ruler and told him what the Israelite woman said. "By all means, go," the ruler replied. "I will send a letter to the ruler of Israel." So Naaman left, taking ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the ruler of Israel read, "With this letter I am sending my attendant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of leprosy."

As soon as the ruler of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes, and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a fight with me!"

When Elisha the prophet of God learned that the ruler of Israel tore his robes, he sent a message to the ruler, "Why did you tear your robes? Have Naaman come to me and he will learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to the warrior, "Go wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry, and said "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there before me, calling on the name of God and wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

Naaman's attendants went to him saying, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'?" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the prophet of God told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a youth.

On the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus passed along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus was entering a village, ten people with leprosy met him. Keeping their distance, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Rabbi, have pity on us!"

When Jesus saw them, he responded, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

As they were going, they were healed. One of them, realizing what had happened, came back praising God in a loud voice, then fell down at the feet of Jesus and spoke his praises. The individual was a Samaritan.

Jesus replied, "Weren't all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Stand up and go your way; your faith has saved you."

**Morning Message** "What Does Healing Require?"

### Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Hymn** "Out of the Depths, O God, We Call" #554 *black hymnal*  
*All verses*

### **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)*

**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.**

## **Spiritual Practice: Offering our Knowledge, Interests & Energy**

*Our 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.*

*Thank you!*

## **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**

**“Healer of My Soul”**

*Talbot*



**\*\*\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*\*\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)**

**God of all, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to your work of love, of peace, of joy, of life. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

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

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

**“Deep Peace”  
*All verses***

**#201 Sing! Prayer & Praise  
*see page 10***

**\*\*\*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**

## “Deep Peace” ~ *All verses*

$\text{♩} = 44$

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. \_\_\_\_\_

*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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**Faith Conversations**

**Oct. 9** - History:  
Parchment to Pixel

*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

## **PRAYER CORNER**

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

*For persons known to us...*

\*For Jane Hanson's friend, **Thuy**, who is traveling back to Vietnam due to health challenges her father and younger brother are experiencing.

\*We celebrate birthdays on these dates: **Jere Fetter** (8th), **Emily Mayaka** (11th), **Lori Mildon** (15th), **Sharri Kinkead** (15th) & **Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux** (15th)

*And in the wider community...*

*(see Mid-Week for links to donation opportunities)*

\*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.

*~The NACCC Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is closely monitoring natural disasters and the hurricane situation in Florida, giving funds through OGHS.*

*~A gift to the UCC Hurricanes 2022 Fund will help with immediate needs while basic infrastructure is repaired, and more complete assessments can be made. Your gift enables the church to be present with people amidst catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all. You may send a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes Fund 2022" in the memo section.*

\*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, 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.

**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\***

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The poster features a dark brown border with various autumn-themed illustrations. In the top left, there is a red maple leaf and a pumpkin. In the top right, there is a yellow maple leaf. In the middle left, there is a green leaf. In the middle right, there is a red maple leaf and a green leaf. In the bottom left, there is a yellow maple leaf. In the bottom right, there is a pumpkin. The text is centered on a light yellow background.

**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*



## Harvest Fest Planning

Anyone is welcome at our next planning meeting: **Oct. 13 @ 1 pm**  
If interested in joining the planning team, please reach out to Mary Binger  
mehbinger@gmail.com | 651-357-8601

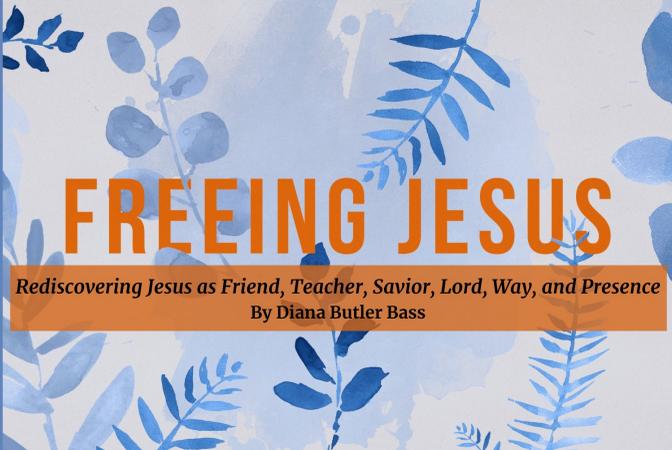
Find volunteer sign-up sheets on the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall.  
Best ways to help right now:

- Gather auction items
- Buy/sell 50/50 raffle tickets
- Help recruit artisan exhibitors & musicians
- Commit to making soup or baking
- Tell all your friends and neighbors to come to Harvest Fest!
- Share our Harvest Fest webpage and our Harvest Fest Facebook event!

Harvest Fest is back! Soup's on!

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**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

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Interested? Contact us:  
[office@peoplescongregational.org](mailto:office@peoplescongregational.org)

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

## 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 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](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), Bob Dickie (greeter)  
Kathy Iverson (liturgist), Kathy & Bob Iverson (fellowship), Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (Children's Activity), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech),  
Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider),



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