



April 30, 2023

“Christ as the
Good Shepherd”

Pastor Daniel Harrell

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 & Candle Lighting

“Savior Like a Shepherd Leads Us”

Bradbury

A flame represents the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Daniel Harrell

*****Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Mary Maren Bjork, *liturgist*

In the wake of the rising of one we call Christ,
we gather as a people of sanctuary.

As a people of Sabbath, ever seeking God’s presence,
ever in awe of new life around us.

Accept our music as gift, our words as offering,
our movements as service, our breath as worship. Amen.

Let’s welcome one another!

Name tags (permanent & one-time use) are in the Narthex/entry area
Welcome forms in pews: request a prayer, update contact info, join email list

***** = Sitting or standing**

*****Opening Song** “You Are Welcome Here” *Sing! Prayer and Praise #26*
verses 1-2

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

Prayer of Longing (*unison*)

God of life and death, we confess that sometimes we are not fully alive to the possibilities you offer. In the midst of pain, unfairness, and fear; we find little reason for hope. We feel despair or blame others when we could turn to you for renewal. Forgive us and show us how to share the new life you offer, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”

traditional spiritual
Arr. By Kurt Kaiser

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

One: The peace of Christ be with you! **All: And also with you!**

*****Passing the Peace**

We share signs of peace (smiles, handshakes, hands at heart center)
We extend the peace later by phone or email

A Time With Children and Youth

Sung Invitation

...as our young people 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”

**Shaun Stokes (28th), Sharon Binger (2nd), Evelyn Wulff (2nd),
Jane Hanson (7th), John Norheim (10th)**

Wondering Together

Sharon Binger

Blessing One Another *Seated, we open our arms to the children and youth*
Children: God be with you **All: And also with you**

Sung Affirmation *...as young people 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.**

Youngest children (infant - age 3) | downstairs Nursery
Older children (age 4 - gr. 6) | downstairs Sunday School Room
We welcome sounds and movements of children who stay in worship.
Need space to move around? Feel free to use the Narthex/entry area
or Meditation Room (exit at front of Sanctuary)

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Peter 2:19-25 *New Testament, p. 233*

A Reading from the Gospels John 10:1-10 *New Testament, p. 103*

Morning Message "Christ as the Good Shepherd" Pastor Daniel Harrell

*10:00 bells | When the St. Charles Church bells ring, we pause to listen,
mindful of ecumenical and interfaith relationships*

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song "Deep Peace" *Sing! Prayer and Praise #201*
all verses

Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
We'll add your prayer to our Prayer Corner*

Prayer of Jesus (*unison*)

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

Offertory

“Gayom ni hingami”

Trad Philippine tune

Greeters pass offering plates at this time
We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)
If giving electronically, we can place a **blue Giving Card** in the plate
Welcome Forms also go in the plates



***Offertory Response

“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*)

Wonderful, generous God; we thank you for raising Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. May we awaken to new opportunities to love and serve you. Use us and our gifts to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn** (NCH #247) "My Shepherd Is the Living God"
all verses

*****Benediction**

*****Sung Response** *...forming a circle around the perimeter of the Sanctuary*

"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

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

*****Postlude** "God Be With You" *Tomer*

All are welcome to gather downstairs for after-worship fellowship.

Today Following Worship:

10:30 am | Fellowship

10:45 am - 12 pm | Land Recognition and Stewardship Learning Session
(childcare provided)

You Are Welcome Here

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$\text{♩} = 100$

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 A D 1.2.3.

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

A G D A D G 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-ge-th-er, what-ev-

G A A G 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 A G/D D 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 —

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Deep Peace

$\text{♩} = 44$

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

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. _____

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My Shepherd Is the Living God

Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27-30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

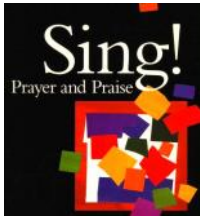
Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
 Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza
 above becomes two stanzas.)

**Sponsor 1 of 40 Copies of *Sing! Prayer and Praise*
(24 sponsored thus far!)**



Please consider gifting one or more \$15 song books to our church. You can include an "in honor of" or "in memory of" dedication with your gift (which will be placed inside the front cover later in the year).

Order forms available at both Sanctuary entrances.

Launching Our Spring Quarterly Mission— *Today!*

The Justice and Outreach Team invites all People's people to be part of our spring quarterly mission, *Land Recognition and Stewardship*. We will begin to understand the indigenous story of the land we cherish at People's Park and explore how we can honor its sacredness through wise and thoughtful land use decisions and active support for Native people in our area.

People's Book Club

Thurs. May 4th | 6:30-8 pm (in-person & Zoomed)
"Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount"
By Richard Rohr

For more information, contact:
office@peoplescongregational.com



Peace Pole Dedication | *May 14th, 10:30am*

All are welcome as we install a Peace Pole in our front yard at People's Church.

This brief and meaningful ceremony will last 10-15 minutes, followed by Fellowship time on the lawn (weather permitting). Learn more about the International Peace Pole Project here:
www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject



May Festival (2nd Annual!) | *May 20th*

Art, plants, family activities, food, music, and more!
See the Mid-Week News and website for more information.
Sign-up to volunteer (sign-up sheets downstairs).



PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*For **Janna** (sister to Lori Mildon), and Janna's husband, **Leo**, as Janna struggles with cancer.

*For **Will** (a longtime friend of Jill Greenhalgh's brother), experiencing immense grief after escaping a fire. Will lost his sister and his house in the fire.

*For **Carl** (Jane's friend), who had open heart surgery on Friday, April 28th.

*With **Linda Tossey** (former pastor to People's) we rejoice over a recent negative PET scan.

*For **Joan Jackson** (mother to Kimberly Jackson), who recently fell at home and will now transition to living with Kimberly and Jon in Northern Minnesota.

*For 6th grade youth (**Zoey** of People's, **Brayden** of St. Peter's) and **Pastor Clare**, attending Conference Youth Event this weekend at Camp Onomia in Onamia, MN. *Activities and experiences will help them listen to their bodies, practice stillness and quiet, open up "heart spaces" for connection, and tap into their innate capacity to know, love, and connect.*



And in the wider community...

*For the country of **Sudan** as they suffer through multiple traumas, including civil strife and flooding.

*For the families and friends of the **2 girls who died in an ATV accident in Afton** last weekend.

*For **inspired youth**, who strive to be good stewards of the Earth. May we learn to live in mutually respectful, caring relationships with all beings.

*For neighbors coping with **historic flooding of the St. Croix River**.

Special Congregational Meeting
May 7th, 11:00 am (preceded by brunch)
11:00-12:15 pm childcare provided!

***Review and discuss a first draft of a church merger proposal**

***Discuss and vote on adding an affiliation with the MN Conference United Church of Christ (UCC) alongside our affiliation with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC)**


Update: On April 22, the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the MN Conference UCC met in our Fellowship Hall. As part of their agenda, Rolf Dittmann and Pastor Clare met with them to discuss our congregation's interest in becoming affiliated with the UCC. Based on that conversation, COM unanimously forwarded to the MN Conference UCC Board of Directors the recommendation that People's Congregational Church be received into affiliation.

***Discuss and vote on several edits to our bylaws (adding UCC affiliation, adjustments to committee term limits).**

Note: Votes on bylaw changes require at least 1/4 quorum (17 members) of the congregation.

Thank you to today's partners: Pastor Daniel Harrell, Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir (cantors), Cheri Schwartz and Jane Hanson (greeters), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Jill Greenhalgh and Rolf Dittman (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (Tech Team), Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (Sunday School), Jackie Savage (Sanctuary organizer, outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider), Andi Favilla (decorations)

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