



May 10, 2023

Mother's Day

“Do We Lean Into
Companioning
Love?”

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

*We greet those around us or sit quietly,
settling into sacred time and space*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Jonah Gromoll, acolyte

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

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

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

Mary Binger, *liturgist*

Jesus said, “This is my commandment: Love one another.”
We come to worship the God who is Love, that we may learn to love one another.

Jesus said, “No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

May we worship God by leaning into love.

May we honor our interdependence in community, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*****Opening Hymn (NCH #17)** “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”
Verses 1-3

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

Prayer of Longing (*unison*)

Companioning God, you heap love upon us like a family member embraces a child with tenderness. Forgive us when we withhold your love from others. Nurture our trust, that we might live securely and abundantly in your love. Guide us to share love freely, confident that your grace will never run out. Amen.

*...the singing bowl welcomes us into silence
as our longings quietly emerge*

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 (*acapella*) ...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” (*acapella*)

Jane Hanson (7th), John Norheim (10th), Walter Vandre (20th)

Wondering Together

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 (*acapella*) ...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)

GOD

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To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Ps. 148

St. Francis of Assisi, 1225
Adapt. Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

Descant

4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

Unison

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-
 2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
 3 Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
 4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

ev - ery way sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold-en
 sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
 hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun - ti - ful and
 way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant

Miriam Therese Winter described her thoughts about adapting this text: "As I entered into communion with the word and spirit of the hymn, I felt called to enable that unknown-to-me poet's wisdom to live on into the future, a moving commission, and also felt a bond with the one who had gone before."

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
8.8.4.8.8. with alleluias
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 Now we who are of ten - der heart,
 for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,
 sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 To you we lift our pain and care,
 re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6 In you, a kind and gen - tle death
 pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ goes be - fore us to re - new
 the way that leads us home to you.
 Hear our prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ENCOUNTER

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Call to Prayer

♩=100

1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
 2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
 3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.

Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.
 Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;
 Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;
 Fa - ther - ing, Moth - er - ing, birth - ing new ways;
 Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;

meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.

Meet us right here, touch us right now.
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.

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Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading Inspired by Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 66

Psalms for Praying, by Nan Merrill

Morning Message

“Do We Lean into Companionship Love?”

*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 (Sing! Prayer and Praise #61)

“Call to Prayer”

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*

One: God, in your love

All: Hear our prayer

A Mother's Day Litany

Prayer of Jesus (*unison*)

**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 power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

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 go in the plates



Offertory

*****Offertory Response** (*acapella*)

“Praise God” by John Mueller

sung twice

**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 companioning love, 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 (NCH #17)** “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

verses 4-5

*****Benediction**

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

see next page...

*****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**

***All are welcome to proceed out to the front lawn for
the Peace Pole Dedication.***



Peace Pole Dedication | **Today, 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



Blood Drive *coming soon*

Thursday, June 8 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

See Mid-Week News for link to schedule your donation or contact the church office at 651-439-5667

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*For **Megan Adams** (our Office Coordinator), her spouse **Mike** and children **Sawyer** and **Ruby**; experiencing immense grief after the death of their dog **Teddy**.

*With **Bob Schwartz** (spouse to Cheri), we give thanks for successful cancer treatment and for the love and care of this praying faith community.

And in the wider community...

*For all who grieve the loss of St Croix County deputy **Kaitie Leising**, who was killed in the line of duty.

*For all those affected by gun violence, particularly **survivors of the shooting on Saturday in a mall in Allen, TX**. May we break the cycles of violence.

Land Recognition and Stewardship Mission:

“Indian Lands and Acknowledgements”

Cris Stainbrook, President, Indian Land Tenure Foundation



Sunday, May 21, 10:45 am

Peoples' Park

10:45 am -12:00 pm childcare provided!

Please join us following our first outdoor worship service (weather permitting) as we continue our mission with a very special guest speaker.

This is the second of three Land Recognition and Stewardship learning sessions in our mission to meaningfully recognize and honor the Native people whose homeland we worship upon through land-based education, financial support, and action/advocacy.

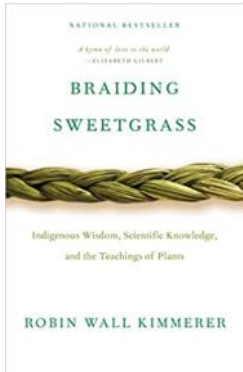


May Festival (2nd Annual!) | **May 20th**

See the Mid-Week News and website for more information.
Sign-up to volunteer (sign-up sheets downstairs).

People's Book Club

Wed. June 7th & Thurs. June 15th | 6:30-8 pm



Meeting in person at People's Park
(contact Pastor Clare about participating virtually)

Valley Bookseller has copies in stock at a 15% discount
(mention our book club!)

The book is also available through libraries and online booksellers.


Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux will facilitate our discussions.
On June 15th, we're honored to welcome Heather's sister-in-law,
a native healer, to share with us:

Renee Butters 'Awanishbaasin ~ The Breath of the Spirits'
Ojibwe Snake Clan, White Earth Nation

Thank you to today's partners: Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Michael and Claire Bjork, Sharon Neuenfeldt (worship accompanists), Sam Gromoll and Others (greeters), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir (cantors), Mary Binger (liturgist), Mindy Peters and Kathy Iverson (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 (Chancel decorations)

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