

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

“Will We Manifest  
the Spirit for the  
Common Good?”

**Let's welcome one another!**

Name tags (permanent & one-time use) are at the entrance sign  
Welcome forms in songbooks: request prayer, update contact info, join email list

**The Love of God Gathers Us**

**Gathering Music**

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

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude & Lantern Lighting**

“Sing a Song of Praise”

*Klusmeier*

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

\*\*\* = Sitting or standing

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

Mary Maren Bjork, *liturgist*

Eternal Spark, on Pentecost we celebrate the power of your Spirit in all of creation – including in each of us.

**You transform us, empower us, guide us, and sustain our hope.**

We are touched by your flames and wind –  
**when poetry or prose moves us to tears or laughter,**  
when we listen to music that moves our soul,  
**when a friend takes our hand, showing us love in action.**

Clothe our spirits in red and stir the wind chimes of our very beings,  
**so that our lives sing your melody today and always. Amen.**

**\*\*\*Opening Hymn (NCH #38)** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”  
**all 3 verses**

### **Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace**

**Prayer of Longing** (*unison*)

**Loving God – Open our hearts, that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit. Unclench our hands, that we may reach out to one another and share in healing. Open our lips, that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Unclog our eyes, so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Breathe your Spirit into us and touch our lives with the life of Christ. 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**

*...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”**

**Jill Greenhalgh (27th), Edith Lisbeth Stokes (28th),  
Bob Iverson (29th), Deb Francis (June 2nd), Sue Favilla (June 3rd)**

### **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**

*...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.**

*Children age 4+ are welcome to go to the playground with Lisa  
(children 3 and younger must be supervised by their own adult on the playground)  
Families with infants and toddlers are welcome to use the blanketed outdoor nursery space  
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship*

## Proclaiming God's Love

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Acts 2: 1-18

**A Reading from the Epistles**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

## Morning Message “Will We Manifest the Spirit for the Common Good?”

### Responding To God’s Love

Prayer Song (Sing! Prayer and Praise #61) “Call to Prayer”  
all 3 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

### 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

Greeters pass offering baskets 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 basket  
Welcome Forms also go in the baskets



**\*\*\*Offertory Response**

“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*)

**O God, on Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit continues to move in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and ignite our energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God’s Love**

**\*\*\*Closing Song (Sing! Prayer & Praise #120)**

“Dream God’s Dream”  
**verses 1 & 2**

**\*\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*\*Sung Response** *...forming a circle around the perimeter of the worship space*

“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.**

## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.*

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for songs of end-less praise.  
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some mel - o-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, pre - cious pres - ence, pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

*Converted to Methodism at age 20, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.*

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
*John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813*

## ENCOUNTER

## 61

## Call to Prayer

$\text{♩} = 100$

D G/D A/D G/D

D D/F# G D

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.

F#m Bm E A

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;

Em A Bm/A A7 D/F# Em

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;

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em/G A D

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

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em A D

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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 (Words revised by the Praise Song Advisory Team, 2009.)

RESPOND

120

Dream God's Dream

$\text{♩} = 69$  D C G D C G D Em7

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

D/F# G Bm7

Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is

F#m7 G Em7 A A/G

jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to

D/F# G Bm7 A

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D

Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

C G D C G D C G

1. I'm dream-ing\_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing\_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing\_ of the way that I want my life to

D C Em7 D

skin will mean less than\_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.  
me, how to use my\_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;  
go. I've got hope and\_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.



RESPOND

C G/B D C

A world where wa - ter's clean and where  
to do the work of Christ to say  
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I

G D Em7

air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry\_ chi - ld  
God, please use my life to spread Your\_ heal - ing  
won't for - get the scars of Christ who\_ died to

D/F# Em7 G Asus D Coda

born has e - nough to eat. dream.  
love and to live Your truth.  
show that the dream's for all.

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

**\*\*\*Postlude**

“Go Forth for God”

Douglas

***After-Worship Fellowship***

*All are welcome to linger on the lawn  
for treats, beverages, and good company!*



**Walking Tour of People's Park | Today 10:45am**

On behalf of our Leadership Team, Paul Spilseth will offer a walking tour of our park after worship. This tour will be an opportunity to visualize impacts of a potential sale of a strip of land on the far west edge of People's Park prior to a preliminary discussion on June 4th.

**Joint Church Supper & Merger Conversation**

**Wednesday, May 31, 5:30-7:00pm**

@ People's Fellowship Hall (and Zoomed @ 6:00pm)

5:30pm | supper

6:00-7:00pm | conversation about merger proposal (childcare provided)

*As you read through the merger proposal, please note any questions or concerns you may have.*

*Feel free to email them to Pastor Clare ([pastor@peoplescongregational.org](mailto:pastor@peoplescongregational.org))*

*by Tuesday, May 30th.*

**Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, June 4, 11:00am**

@ People's Fellowship Hall (and Zoomed @ 11:00am)

10:30am | brunch

11:00am-12:00pm | discussion and vote on merger (childcare provided)

*[9:30am worship will occur at People's Park]*

**Memorial Day Parade Hospitality | Monday, May 29, 8:30 am**

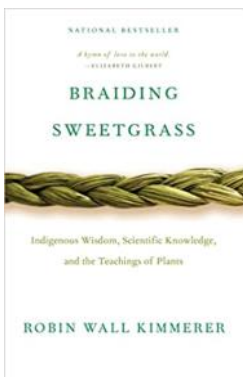
We will once again provide treats & coffee, blessings of animals, and communion on the church lawn.

Contact Cindy Siegel (cindysiegel98@gmail.com, 651-343-3270) if you can help!



**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

**Blood Drive | 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



Our **Backyard Potlucks** are coming back for the warm months!

Please let Pastor Clare know if you would like to host sometime in **June**.

([pastor@peoplescongregational.org](mailto:pastor@peoplescongregational.org),  
651-600-6409)

## PRAYER CORNER

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

### *For persons known to us...*

\*We give thanks that **Sharon Neuenfeldt** (Worship Accompanist) is back with us and healing swiftly.

\*With the Vandre family, we give thanks for **Walter**, who recently celebrated his 5th birthday.

\*We hold space for Jane Hanson's friend, **Gerene**, who recently lost her daughter to suicide.

\*With **Cheryl** (friend, mentor, and boss to Claire Bjork), who has been caring for her mother and now also caring for a daughter with a serious health issue.

### *And in the wider community...*

\*Gratitude for the space of **People's Park**, where we gather in many ways across the year!


\*We give thanks for community connections and goodwill fostered through our second annual **May Fest!**

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (worship accompanist), PCC Choir (cantors), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (Tech Team), Jackie Savage (Outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider)



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