



June 11, 2023

“What If You Don’t
Need Grace?”

Let’s welcome one another!

Name tags (permanent & one-time use) are in the Narthex/entry area
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

Jonah Gromoll, acolyte

Acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*** = Sitting or standing

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

Carol Dusbabek, *liturgist*

The Holy Spirit gives us life, pouring on us the power to become new people!

The winds of the Spirit give us breath.

The fire of the Spirit kindles in us a love for God and each other.

We come here in faithfulness, open to surprises brought by God's Spirit.

We open our lives to the presence of God, trusting that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.

May God help us be people of Spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

*****Opening Hymn (NCH #11)** “Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

verses 1-3

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

*****Prayer of Longing** (*responsive*)

Pastor Daniel Harrell

There is a world that weeps, yearning for a sign of mercy.

The heart of God within us has no hands but our own.

There is a friend in anguish, besieged by unexpected pain.

The heart of God within us has no ears but our own.

There is a multitude harmed and weary from prejudicial ways.

The heart of God within us has no eyes but our own.

A stranger faces death alone, wondering if anyone will remember.

The heart of God within us has no tears but our own.

There is a life, hollow and lonely, longing for someone to walk alongside.

The heart of God within us has no feet but our own.

God of all, forgive our resistance and open us further to your Spirit's work —

Through all that we are and all that we do. 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”

**Pastor Clare Gromoll (9th), William Stokes (9th-1 yr), Zoey Graf (11th-12 yr),
Sam Gromoll (12th-9 yr), Delores Davis (17th), Rolf Dittmann (17th)**

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 age 3 and younger on the playground must be supervised by their own adult).
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*

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

11

Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil- grims on a jour-ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep- ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny,

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord of G2, Bb2, and Eb3, followed by a series of chords and notes that correspond to the lyrics. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor- row 'til we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and a- go- ny.

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line continues with the lyrics, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures | *The Inclusive Bible*

Hosea 5:15—6:6

A Reading from the Gospels | *The Inclusive Bible*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Morning Message “What If You Don't Need Grace?” Pastor Daniel Harrell

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (Sing! Prayer and Praise #107) “Your Grace Is Enough”
verse 1—cantors | verse 2—all

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*)

**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.

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 basket

Welcome Forms also go in the offering plates



ENCOUNTER

107

Your Grace Is Enough

$\text{♩} = 116$
F F/A B \flat B \flat /D C/E F

1. Great is your faith-
2. Great is your love.

F/A B \flat B \flat add9 F

- ful-ness, O God of Ja-cob; you wres-tle with-
— and jus-tice, God of Ja-cob; you use the weak

F/A B \flat F

— the sin-ner's rest - less heart. You lead us by-
— to lead the strong. You lead us in-

F/A B \flat B \flat add9 Dm

— still wa-ters in - to mer-cy where noth-ing can
— the song of heav - en's vic-t'ry, and all your peo-

F/A B \flat B \flat add9 Gm F/A

— keep us a - part. So re - mem - ber your peo - ple, re -
- ple sing a - long.

B \flat maj7 C Dm

- mem - ber your chil - dren, re - mem - ber your

C F/A B \flat add9

prom - ise, O God. For your

ENCOUNTER

F Fadd9 Gm7
 grace is e-nough, yeah, your grace is e-nough, yeah, your grace

F/A Bbadd9 Dm C/E
 is e-nough, yeah, your grace is e-nough for me.

F F/A Bb Bb/D C/E Dm C/E F
 for me.

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Offertory

***Offertory Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**God of all, may we become a more open people...
open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,
open-hearted in healing a broken world,
open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love.
With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our resources
and the whole of ourselves. Amen.**

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Song (Sing! Prayer and Praise #123) “Draw the Circle Wide”
all 3 verses**

***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.**

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

RESPOND

123

Draw the Circle Wide

$\text{♩} = 132$

Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our-

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide._____ wide._____

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
great and small; let our lov - ing
dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. _____
know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. _____
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. _____

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***Postlude

After-Worship Fellowship

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



Land Recognition and Stewardship Mission:

Angie Hong

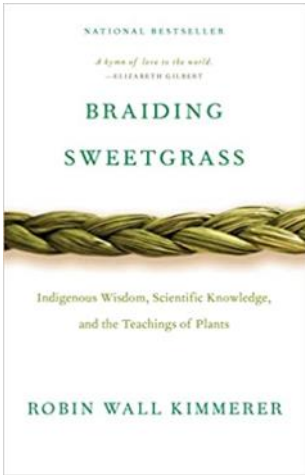
Water Education Senior Specialist
Washington Conservation District

TODAY | 10:45 am
People's Park

Please join us after worship in welcoming Angie Hong as she shares her experience in ecological restoration and indigenous approaches to regaining the historic integrity of landscapes around the metro area.

Angie's specific expertise will enable us to incorporate native plantings that can thrive at People's Park and enhance it for people and wildlife alike to gather.

We are heartened by the interest shown by the people of People's throughout this land education process, and we are grateful for the rare opening in Angie's busy schedule that makes today's visit possible. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome and learn from one of our area's leading conservation educators!



People's Book Club

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.

On June 15th, we're honored to welcome
Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux'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



Welcoming the Summer Solstice: An Invitation to Bloom

June 21st, 7 pm | @ People's Park

We celebrate self-growth.
We celebrate the transition from seed to bloom.
We celebrate the extended hours of sunlight that
nurtures all of us.

Join us for a celebration, engaging all our senses!



People's Backyard Potlucks

(see Mid-Week News for more details)

June 29, 5:30-7 pm

(@Pastor Clare and sons' home, Shoreview)

Please let Pastor Clare know if you would like to
host sometime in **July or August**.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

- *For **Bob Neuenfeldt**, who recently suffered a stroke, swift healing and full recovery.
- *For **David Kirstein**, a path forward toward relief from intense back pain.
- *With our new friend, **Brad Bohlen**, we pray for safety and wellbeing for daughter **Emma** and her mother **Natasha** as they flee the war in Ukraine to join him in Bayport. And we pray for all people suffering from the effects of war.
- *For Pat Mazzitello's daughter-in-law **Jackie**, healing after tearing a humerus in a recent car accident in which her vehicle was totaled.
- *With Mary Binger, who recently visited the Namekagon River, we give thanks for those who work to **protect and preserve the integrity of precious lands**.
- *For answers for **Tori Albright**, coping with perplexing thyroid issues that cause challenges in daily life.
- *Celebrating anniversaries: **Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright & Dennis Albright (6th)**, **Kim & Roger Klisch (8th)**

And in the wider community...

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

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir (cantors), Sam Gromoll (greeter), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Carol Dusbabek (liturgist), Sue Favilla (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (Tech Team), Jackie Savage (outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider)




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