



June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

~  
Pride Weekend

Rev. Fritz West

**Let's welcome one another!**

Name tags 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*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**

“Jesus, My Jesus”

C. Cymbala

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Fritz West

\*\*\* = Sitting or standing

**\*\*\*Call to Worship** (*responsive*)  
Inspired by Psalm 69

Sharri Kinkead, *liturgist*

O Beloved, create within me a clean heart!  
**Let me live simply, sharing what I have with those in need, that the abundance of your creation might be reflected!**

Let me speak out of the Silence, that through the words given, others will learn of You!

**Come to my aid, Gentle Healer, for my prayer is to You.**

In your perfect timing, Beloved, in the abundance of your Love, answer my cry.

**With your strength, O Rock, lift me up, let me not sink into the mire;**

Let me be delivered from my fears as from deep waters.  
**Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the abyss overwhelm me. O Beloved, create within me a clean heart! Amen.**

**\*\*\*Opening Hymn (NCH #44)**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
**all verses**

### **Acknowledging Our Need for God’s Grace**

**\*\*\*Prayer of Confession and Longing** (*unison*)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**\*\*\*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”**

**Andrea Dittmann (24th), Paul Spilseth (25th), Luke Dittmann (25th),  
Shizuko Purnick (26th), Jim Dahl (27th)**

#### **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*

## Proclaiming God's Love

**A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures** | *The Inclusive Bible*

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

**A Reading from the Gospels** | *The Inclusive Bible*

Matthew 10:24-39

**Morning Message**

Rev. Fritz West

## 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 printed and electronic Prayer Corner*

*(Feel free to let Pastor Clare know if you don't want it added to the 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 basket



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

**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*)

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live - surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God’s Love**

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn (NCH #43)** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”  
**verses 1-3**

**\*\*\*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.**

THANKSGIVING

44

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

\*originally "Father"

*This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Chisholm to composer Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with Refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

ENCOUNTER

61

Call to Prayer

♩=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.



# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

Heb. 6:19

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.*

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain  
 William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

***After-Worship Fellowship***

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

**Land Recognition and Stewardship Mission:**



This spring we have envisioned the future of People's Park both as a sacred gathering space and as a living acknowledgment of the land's indigenous history. As our Land Recognition and Stewardship mission comes to a close, we ask you to add to our Blessing Fund donations to two native-led land justice organizations working in our area and around the country.

Please consider adding your offering in any amount to:

**INDIAN LAND TENURE FOUNDATION ([iltf.org](http://iltf.org))** which works to restore Native reservation lands to Native ownership

**DREAM OF WILD HEALTH ([dreamofwildhealth.org](http://dreamofwildhealth.org))**, whose farm in Hugo provides food to Native communities while restoring indigenous food and cultural traditions.

*Your offerings will help take us beyond words of land acknowledgment to actions and advocacy in support of Native people.*

You may donate today or send it by mail before June 30 to:

**People's Congregational Church**  
309 North Third Street  
Bayport, MN 55003

Checks payable to People's Church with ILTF or Dream in the memo line (or Mission if you'd like us to divide your offering between both organizations)!

## PRAYER CORNER

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

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

- \*For **Milo Holler** and his family in celebration of his baptism last Sunday!
- \*For **David Kirstein**, as he prepares for outpatient back surgery on June 26th. We pray for a successful surgery, smooth healing, relief from pain, and full recovery.
- \*For **Tom Ford** (father to Andi Favilla) as he prepares for June 27th knee replacement surgery.
- \*Celebrating anniversaries: **BJ and Claire Stokes** (20th), **Bill & Betsy Stokes** (29th), **Naomi & David Kirstein** (29th)

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

- \*Blessings on **the important men in our life**, who have modeled God's love and grace for us. Prayers that we, too, can model this love and grace.
- \*For **our merging congregations**. May we continue to create the unity we strive for.



## 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**.*



## Community Worship at Lakeside Park

**July 2, 9 am**

Shelter #4 | 95 Central Ave, Bayport

Together in Christ, the service will be led by  
Bethlehem Lutheran & People's Church

*Bring a lawn chair and a non-perishable food item  
for the food shelf.*

*All loose offering will go to Valley Outreach.*

**Pastor Clare will be away June 19–26 and Pastor Daniel will be away June 19–30,**  
each taking much–deserved vacation time to restore and refresh.

In the event of a question or urgent need, please contact one of the following:

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We make an annual gift to Walker West (St. Paul, MN) as a reparation  
payment for use of “This Little Light of Mine.”

*Walker West creates a music learning community rooted in the African-American  
cultural experience, where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather, explore,  
and grow through music.*

Thank you to today's partners: Rev. Fritz West (Guest Preacher),  
Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Cheri Schwartz (cantor),  
Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), Bob Dickie (greeter), Sue Favilla (fellowship),  
Paul Spliseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team),  
Jackie Savage (outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider)




## A Merging Congregation...


*with roots in People's Congregational Church & St. Peter's United Church of Christ*



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