



June 4, 2023  
Graduate Sunday

“Do We Notice and  
Collaborate in the  
Very Good?”

**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*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude & Candle Lighting**

“No Matter”

*Miller*

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

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

Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux, *liturgist*

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!

**When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars  
–why do you think of us?**

You have made us with glory. You have created us with honor and joy.

**O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!**

In the wisdom of all ages, God gives us life honor and glory!

**We shall praise God for the works of wonder around us!**

**\*\*\*Opening Hymn (NCH #3)**

“Wakantanka Taku Nitawa”/ “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works ”  
**verses 1-2 (sung in English)**

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

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

Gracious Spirit, when the dry wind of confusion fills our every breath;  
when the shadows of fear echo every step,

**Restore our hearts into hope, that we might seek a good path.**

When every door seems locked up tight; when every thought seems  
weighted down,

**Restore our hearts into hope, that we might seek a good path.**

When the sheltering ground turns unstable and entangled; when the  
nourishing streams turn dry and arid,

**Restore our hearts into hope, that we might seek a good path. 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"**

**Edith** Lisbeth Stokes (28th), **Bob** Iverson (29th), **Deb** Francis (June 2nd),  
**Sue** Favilla (June 3rd), **Pastor Clare** Gromoll (9th), **William** Stokes (9th)

### **Celebrating our Graduates**

**Addison Albright**, pre-K graduate  
*St Croix Central Elementary | Roberts, WI*

**Eddy Hintze-Graf**, pre-K graduate  
*Lilly Lake Elementary | Stillwater*

**Maya Klisch-Solano**, pre-K graduate  
*Knowledge Beginnings Pre-School | Woodbury*

**Michael Bjork**, M.A. in Education  
with a focus on Culturally Responsive Teaching  
*St Mary's University*

### **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, open 9:15—10:30  
Older children (age 4 - gr. 6) | downstairs Sunday School Room

## Proclaiming God's Love

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

Genesis 1:1–2:3

**A Reading from the Psalms** | *Psalms for Praying*

Psalm 8

**Morning Message**      “Do We Notice and Collaborate in the Very Good?”

*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

**Choral Anthem**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*traditional Irish Hymn  
Arr. By Russell Robinson*

**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

**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



**Offertory**

“Enter My Heart”

*Martin*

### **\*\*\*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!**

### **Sharing in Holy Communion**

*Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages  
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive Love*

### **\*\*\*The Invitation and Prayer**

**Pastor:** God be with you.  
**All:** **And also with you.**  
**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.  
**All:** **We lift them to God.**  
**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All:** All-loving God, you are Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth. Therefore, we celebrate you - joining our voices with the wind and streams, animals and flowers, the living and the dead (pause), the stars, planets, and all members of creation forever proclaiming your glory. Amen.

### **Words of Remembrance & Blessing**

**Sung Response (Sing! Prayer and Praise #81)**      **“More Than We Can Ask”**  
**Cantor sings refrain, then all join in from the beginning**

### **Sharing the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing**

*Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a small cup of juice  
Consume the elements as you step away from the table  
Place your empty cup in a receptacle on either front row pew*

# Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.

For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24–25; Jer. 10:12–13; 2 Esd. 16:56–60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi  
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,  
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,  
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -  
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni  
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.  
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.  
 Native American melody (Dakota)  
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Harm. James R. Murray, 1877

ENCOUNTER

# 81 More Than We Can Ask

$\text{♩} = 88$  C Am<sup>7</sup>

More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Dm<sup>7</sup> G

more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

Vamp during prayer: Am F Am G Am F Am Following last prayer to Coda

Following each prayer:

One: Am G Many: Am G D.C.

Hear, oh hear\_ our pray'r. Hear, oh hear\_ our pray'r.

Coda C Am<sup>7</sup>

More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Dm<sup>7</sup> G

more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

One: Am G Many: Am G C

A - - men. A - - men.

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HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

*This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).*

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975





**Musical Interlude**

*...as we come forward to receive Communion*

**\*\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**God of all, may we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by your hands.  
May we be as fruit of your Spirit, poured out that others might know joy.  
Love be the leaven within us. Love be the flavor of thought and word and  
deed. Peace be among us. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God's Love**

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn (NCH #347)**      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”  
**verses 1 & 3**

**\*\*\*Benediction**

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

**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**

“Put Peace into Each Other's Hands”

*Kaan*

**Today** | Special Congregational Meeting

10:30am fellowship

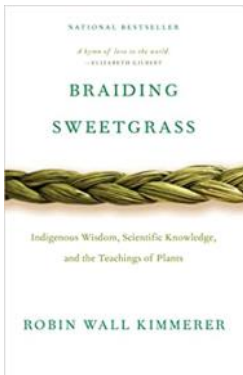
11:00am-12:00pm | discussion and vote on merger (childcare provided)



Thanks to SO many who contributed, in innumerable ways, to our vibrant 2nd Annual May Fest. Our dedicated May Fest Planning Team (led by co-chairs Sue and Jane); providers of plants, crafts, and prizes; musicians and 25 exhibitors; and many volunteers made it wonderful!

### People's Book Club

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



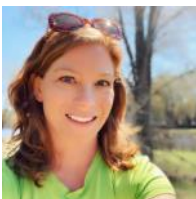
Meeting in person at People's Park  
(contact Pastor Clare about participating virtually)  
Valley Bookseller has copies in stock at a 15% discount  
(mention our book club!)  
The book is also available through libraries and online  
booksellers.

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



The Justice and Outreach Team welcomes

**Angie Hong**

**Water Education Senior Specialist**

**Washington Conservation District**

for more Land Stewardship learning!

**Sunday, June 11 | 10:45 am**

(at People's Park, weather permitting; rain location at church)

## 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 Bohan**, 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**.
- \*Having observed **Memorial Day**, we honor those who gave their lives in service to our country and acknowledge the grief of those who miss them.
- \*For answers for **Tori Albright**, coping with perplexing thyroid issues that cause challenges in daily life.

### *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), Cheri Schwartz (greeter), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist), Mindy Peters (Communion preparer and server), Chris and Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (Tech Team), Carol Dusbabek and Claire Spilseth (Sunday School), Jackie Savage (outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider), Andi Favilla (Chancel decorations)



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