



July 2, 2023

Community Worship  
at Lakeside Park

“While We Wait:  
What Does Christ  
Want of People?”

*Let's welcome one another!* Youth greeters offer nametags at the picnic shelter.

### The Love of God Gathers Us

**Gathering Music**      *We greet each other quietly, settling into sacred time and space.*

**Prelude**                              “America the Beautiful”                              *S. Ward*

**Words of Welcome**    *Pastor Bonnie Lomen*

**\*\*\*Prayer of Gathering** (*responsive*)

Gracious God, we gather this morning to worship you –  
**Adding our voices to the chorus of praise from wind, water, and all life.**

We come as we are: distracted, weary, hopeful, open—  
**Knowing you accept and hold our cares and joys in your loving presence.**

Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention –  
**That we might center ourselves upon you.**

Speak to us, Spirit of Life, in word and melody and quiet –  
**Renewing our faith and strengthening us for service. Amen.**

\*\*\* = Sitting or standing

**\*\*\*Opening Song (Sing! Prayer and Praise #66) “Every Step of the Way”**  
sung twice

♩=128  
 F C/E Dm C B♭ Dm/A C/G Gsus G

Cmaj<sup>9</sup> G/B Am Am/G

Help me do the jus - tice to be

Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus G C G/B

done to - day. Help me love kind -

Am Am/G Dm<sup>7</sup>

- ness in all I do and say

Gsus G Em<sup>7</sup> F C<sup>#dim</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus

— Help me walk hum-bly with you, O God I pray

G F

— ev - 'ry step of the way,

Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F/G C

— ev - 'ry step of the way.

## Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

**\*\*\*Prayer of Confession and Longing** (*unison*)                      Pastor Clare Gromoll

Loving God: you invite us to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Created and surrounded by Love, we are made whole in loving but sometimes lose our way. When we forget your infinite compassion for us, forgive us. When we withhold forgiveness from each other, forgive us. When we lose hope that we can ever love those who have hurt us, forgive us. Free us from all fear. Grant us the grace, that we may begin again. Amen.

*...we continue in prayerful 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.**

**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** | NIV

Isaiah 40:27-31

**A Reading from the New Testament** | *The Message*

Acts 1:3-8

**A Reading from the Gospels** | *The Message*

Matthew 10:37-42

**Morning Message**

“While We Wait: What Does Christ Want from People?”  
Pastor Bonnie Lomen

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Hymn (Chalice Hymnal #305) “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**  
**sung twice**

The image displays a musical score for a prayer hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 (optional) Final

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

## Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world*

One: God, in your love

All: Hear our prayer

## Prayer of Jesus (*unison*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on Earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to the Offering

*Today's loose offerings will go Valley Outreach.*

*Gifts clearly marked "for BLC" or "for PCC" will go to the designated church.*

## Offertory

"God of Peace"

Olsen

### \*\*\*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, we offer ourselves with our gifts – confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

### Going Forth to Share God's Love

### \*\*\*Closing Song (Sing! Prayer and Praise #201)

“Deep Peace”  
all 3 verses

$\text{♩} = 44$

G D Em Bm C G/B Cmaj7 D

1. Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_  
2. Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you.\_\_\_\_  
3. Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you.\_\_\_\_

E Bm7 Cmaj7 Gmaj7 Cmaj7 D G

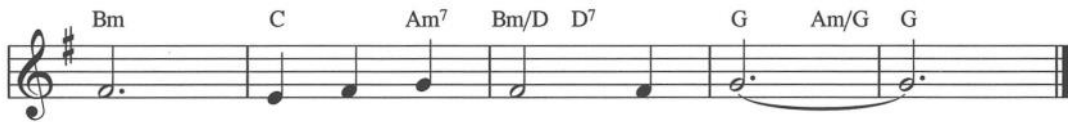
Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_  
Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you.\_\_\_\_  
Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you.\_\_\_\_

Em Bm7 Cmaj7 G Am7

Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the  
Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the  
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world gives, I give to you. Peace, peace, deep  
 world gives, I give to you. Love, love, strong  
 world gives, I give to you. Joy, joy, great



peace, my peace I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 love, my love I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy, my joy I give to you. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*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.**

**\*\*\*Postlude**

“God of Ages, Who With Sure Command”

Warren

***After-Worship Fellowship***

*All are welcome to linger for fellowship and treats,  
 generously provided by the Bayport Community Action League (BCAL).*



**Today's loose offerings will go to Valley Outreach!**

*"We help people move their lives forward through basic needs services and personalized support."*


People's Church makes 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.*

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