



July 30, 2023

“What Work Is Yours  
As We Embody  
The Kindom Of  
Heaven?”

**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*

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude and Lantern Lighting**

“All You Works of God”

*Haugen*

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

\* = Sitting or standing

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

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation.

**Move in and around us, filling us with your creative energy and extravagant light.**

Open and stir our hearts—for the work of love to which you call us  
and the hope of the world for which we labor.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

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

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

**Prayer of Confession and Longing** (*responsive*)

Inspired by Psalm 119

Breathe on me, O Breath of Inspiration. In the silence of my tranquil  
heart, infill me with your wisdom.

**O, that I might radiate the compassion and peace, the truth and beauty of  
the Beloved!**

Direct my steps, O Holy One, that I may humbly walk with you.

**The unfolding of your Way gives light; it imparts understanding to the  
simple.**

My mouth pours forth praise continually, for I am ever grateful for  
your Promises.

**You come to me and are gracious to me, as You are to all who open their  
heart’s door.**

Guide my steps according to your Wisdom, and show me how to  
lovingly co-create with you.

**Let me not be lured by the world’s values, that I may walk the path of  
wholeness.**

Breathe on me, O Breath of Inspiration.

**In the silence of my tranquil heart, infill me with your wisdom. Amen.**

*...the singing bowl welcomes us into silence as our own longings 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”**

**Maya Klisch** (23rd -5 yrs), **Tony Graf** (28th), **Naomi Kirstein** (Aug. 1st),  
**John Siegel** (Aug. 4th)

### **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 on the playground, staffed by Lisa  
Younger children on the playground must be supervised by their own adult  
A blanketed outdoor nursery space is available for infants and toddlers  
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship*

## Proclaiming God's Love

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

1 Kings 3: 5-12

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

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-46

### **Morning Message**

“What Work Is Yours As We Embody the Kindom of Heaven?”

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Song (SPP #84)**

“All My Days ”

**all verses**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

*We'll add them to our printed and electronic Prayer Corner*

*Please let Pastor Clare know if you don't want yours added to the 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

Loose offerings go to People's Church

Please clearly designate gifts for St. Peter's UCC

We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)

Envelopes and **blue electronic giving cards** are tucked within SPP songbooks

**Offertory**

“Waiting ”

Grundy

**\*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** (*responsive*)

**Bakerwoman God, your generous presence is the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love, that we may nourish hope among humanity. We trust in this possibility. Amen.**

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

**\*Closing Song (SPP #151)**      “God's Love Endures Forever”  
**Cantor sings verse 1 | Then all join in**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** (*see next page...*)

**\*Sending Song**

*...forming a circle around the perimeter of the worship space*

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**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.*

**\*Postlude**

“As You Go, Tell the World”

*Anonymous*

***After-Worship Fellowship***

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

**Our Welcome Team Invites You to Our Next Inquirers Gathering!**

**August 3rd | 9:30—11 am | People's Park**



For newer and long-time friends alike...  
Learn about the life and work of People's Congregational Church,  
our denominational affiliations, and about our merger with  
St. Peter's United Church of Christ. Explore deepening your  
participation in our congregation and learn about membership.

We look forward to our next New Member Sunday - **August 27!**

Please let Pastor Clare know if plan to attend the Aug. 3rd  
Inquirers Gathering ([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...*

\*For **Jere Fetter**, after recent surgery—smooth healing and relief from upper leg pain.

\*For **Linda Tossey**, a former pastor of People's Church, as a life-limiting cancer diagnosis and treatment affect her body, mind, and spirit. As Linda moves to Woodbury, we welcome her with open arms.

\*For Milan Horak's granddaughter, **Mia**, traveling through the Arctic for 45 days with 6 other young people. We pray for a safe and expansive experience.

\*For **Sam Gromoll**, son of Pastor Clare, as he meets with a gastroenterologist in early August to sort out if acid reflux or other complications of Lowe Syndrome have caused recent vomiting episodes.

\***Sharon Binger** and **Mindy Peters** are participating in the quadrennial International Family Conference (of the Congregational Church) in Fiji. We pray for a fruitful experience and smooth return travels on August 1st.

\*Celebrating Anniversaries: **Matt and Emily Wulff** (30th), **Eric and Keely Vandre** (1st)

## “Day Camp” at People’s Park—register by TODAY!

**Saturday, August 5th | 10 am—3 pm**

An opportunity for people of all ages to:

Pause \* Connect \* Grow \* Engage \* Strengthen Faith  
through a variety of Spiritual Practices



Let’s support the **Stuff the Bus** initiative!

Drop off school supplies at People's Church or St. Peter’s UCC anytime before **August 6th** or take them directly to Community Thread (2300 Orleans St W in Stillwater).

For more information or to view the supplies-needed list, please check the Community Thread website:

<https://communitythreadmn.org/stuff-the-bus/>



## Backyard Potlucks

**August 22nd, 5:30pm at St. Peter's UCC.**

Mark your calendars for September 12th  
at Sharri Kinkead's in Hudson.

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:

Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Carol Dusbabek and Jane Hansen (greeters), Sam Gromoll (youth greeter), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist), Sue Favilla (cantor), Lori Mildon (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, 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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## 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

## All My Days

84

♩=78 N.C. A<sup>7</sup>sus

1. You

D D/F# G A<sup>7</sup>sus G/B D D/F# D G

know my\_ words, be - fore they're said. You know my need and  
I should fly\_ be - yond the\_ dawn, the shad - ows will\_ not  
ev - ery\_ thought, each word we say,\_ the whole of\_ time, the  
mend my\_ heart and free my\_ voice. From sin re - leased, I

E/G# Esus A F#7/A# Bm F#m7 G Am D7 Gadd9

I am\_ fed. You give me\_ life... You know my\_ ways, my  
o - ver - come. If I lie\_ down in deep - est\_ night, still  
pre - sent day,\_ are held with - in\_ your might - y\_ hand too  
will re - joice. O search me\_ now, my spir - it\_ cries, and

D/A G/B Em/C#F#aug Bm D7/A D/G D/F# Em7

strength, my path. for all my\_ days, my strength, my\_ path, for  
you are\_ there, my truth, my\_ light, still you are\_ there, my  
won - der - ful\_ to com - pre - hend, too won - der - ful\_ to  
let my\_ song of praise a - rise, and let my\_ song of

Asus N.C. A<sup>7</sup>sus Asus N.C. Dadd9

1. 2. 3. 4.

all my days.\_\_\_\_\_ 2. If praise a - rise. \_\_\_\_\_  
truth, my light. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Our  
com - pre - hend. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. O

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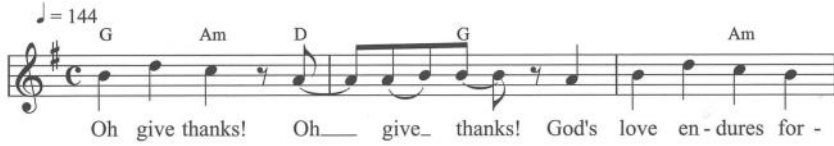
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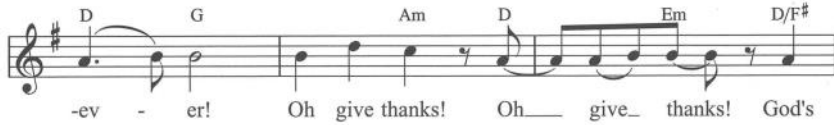
RESPOND

# 151 God's Love Endures Forever

$\text{♩} = 144$



Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for -



-ev - er! Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's



love en-dures for - ev - er! Last time, Fine



1. With our dreams and our fears, with our joys  
2. With our strength and our weak-ness with our gifts



and our pain, we come, we come  
and our needs we come, we come