



July 9, 2023

“The Dangers
of a
Scarcity Mindset”

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

“Morning Star”

M.S. Gast

Acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

* = Sitting or standing

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

Carol Dusbabek, *liturgist*

Psalm 145: 8-14

God, you are gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
God, you are good to all and compassionate toward all your creatures.

All your creatures will praise you, God, and your holy people will bless you.

They will tell of the glory of your reign and speak of your strength.

You make known to all humankind your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your reign.

Your reign is a reign for all the ages, and your dominion endures from generation to generation.

You lift up those who are falling and raise up those who are oppressed.
In a spirit of awe, we come to worship you. Amen.

***Opening Song** (SPP #163)

“Your Love is Amazing”

verses 1-3

Acknowledging Our Need for God’s Grace

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

Pastor Daniel Harrell

God of the journey — when we carry excess baggage, teach us to travel more simply. When our possessions own us, free us to trust you and share with others. When our need for control keeps us anxious and demanding, help us to loosen our hold. When we carry a load of guilt, may we confess it and trust in forgiveness. O God, make us simple — simple in trust, simple in life, simple in commitment to your way of Love. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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”

**Dawn Fetter (4th), Matt Wulff (6th), Tom Dusbabek (11th),
Cheri Schwartz (11th)**

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 | NRSV

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Morning Message

“The Dangers of a Scarcity Mindset”

Pastor Daniel

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #42)

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You ”

verses 1-2

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

Invitation to the Offering

Greeters pass offering baskets at this time

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)

[Blue electronic Giving Card](#) and Welcome Forms go in the offering basket



Offertory

“God Is So Good ”

Trad.

***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.**

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 & Prayer**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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 (SPP #112)

“Come to the Table of Grace”

verses 1-3

Prepackaged gluten-free Communion elements are distributed at this time

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The bread of life, for all of us.

Thanks be to God!

We partake of the bread

The cup of salvation and blessing, for all of us.

Thanks be to God!

We drink from the cup

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

God of all — for the healing you give us through the broken bread and poured-out cup, we thank you. For the community that you restore in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you promise to us, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power, known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #33)** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
verses 1 & 3

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *...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** “Grace, Love and Fellowship”

Fettke

After-Worship Fellowship

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

Special Congregational Meeting | Wednesday, July 12th at 7pm

Regarding People's Congregational Church's current ministries.



We will discuss, gather input, and take votes on three important and timely issues concerning People's Park land and upgrades to the church roof.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*For **Aidan Gromoll**, who has arrived safely in Dunkirk, France. May her work be fruitful across the next few months as she provides medical care among refugees.

*For **Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux**, grieving the recent death of her mother Molly. May arms of Love hold Heather and all of Molly's loved ones.

*For **Dennis Peters** (musician friend of People's) as he and extended family grieve the death of his great nephew Caius. May arms of Love hold them all.

*For **Catherine Knutson**, daughter to Anne and Ken Knutson, grieving the death of her mother-in-law soon after Ken's passing. Anne was a member of People's and died in 2020.

*Celebrating Anniversaries: **Jessica and Matthew Buck** (17th)

And in the wider community...

*For dry, hot, **suffering Earth**; with her warmest-ever recorded temperature on July 3. May the rains fall and may we water her with gentle kindness.

Let's support Community Thread's **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).

Interested in a volunteer opportunity to shop for and sort supplies? Please let Megan

(office@peoplescongregational.org, 651-439-5667)

or Kathleen (kadennison@msn.com, 651-303-4794)

know by July 10th.

For more information or to view the supplies-needed list, please check the Community Thread website: <https://communitythreadmn.org/stuff-the-bus/>



Backyard Potlucks

The next one is:

July 26th , 5:30pm at Lori Mildon's home in Stillwater.

Mark your calendars for August 22nd at St. Peter's UCC and 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), Rolf Dittman and Mary Binger (cantors), Carol Dusbabek (greeter & liturgist), Mindy Peters (greeter and Communion preparer), Kathy Iverson (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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Your Love Is Amazing

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$\text{♩} = 100$


1. Your love is a - maz - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -
 - ing, I can feel it ris -
 - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -



- ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.
 - ing, all the joy that's grow - ing deep in - side of me.
 - ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.



— Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —
 — Ev - 'ry time I see — you all your good - ness shines
 — Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —



— me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.
 — through. I can feel this God — song ris - ing up in me.
 — me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,



your love makes me sing. Ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu -



- jah, your love makes me sing. 2. Your love is sur - pris - Hal le - lu - jah.
 3. Your love is a - maz -

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Ps. 55:22

Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your

heart through all your ways, you will find strength, with God be -
 hope, with heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de -

side you, to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who
 mea - sure will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our
 serv - ing, there find the truth to set you free; God will not

trust God's change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
 fail to guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
 Georg Neumark, 1657

ENCOUNTER

112 Come to the Table of Grace

♩=90

1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____
 2. Come to the ta - ble of peace. _____
 3. Come to the ta - ble of love. _____
 4. Come to the ta - ble of joy. _____

Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of peace. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of love. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of joy. _____

This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or mine.
 This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or mine.
 This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or mine.
 This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or mine.

Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of peace. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of love. _____
 Come to the ta - ble of joy. _____

