



August 20, 2023

12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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*

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude and Lantern Lighting

“Good Morning, Lord”

Bounds

Acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

Rev. Fritz West

* = Sitting or standing

***Call to Worship | Psalm 67 (responsive)**

O God, show us kindness and bless us, and make your face smile on us!
For then the Earth will acknowledge your ways, and all the nations will know of your power to save.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations shout and sing for joy, for you dispense true justice to the world—you guide the nations of the Earth!

Let the people shout and sing for joy; let all the peoples praise you!
The land has given its harvest: God, our God, has blessed us. May God bless us, and may God be revered even to the ends of the Earth!

***Opening Hymn (NCH #9)**

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

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

Prayer of Confession and Longing (unison)

Most loving God, we can scarcely comprehend the scope of your forgiveness. We can hardly believe your amazing care for us. We confess that often we close ourselves off from your saving presence; and in our pride, we withhold forgiveness from other people. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the assurance of your love. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for your grace which overflows with love toward others. 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”

**Jessy Hintze (14th), Mark Stephan (24th), Kaari Bjork (25th - 6 yrs),
Barb Hilliard (26th)**

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

Isaiah 56: 1,6-8

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV

Matthew 15: 10-20

Morning Message

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #188) "Give Me A Clean Heart" sung twice through

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Give Me a Clean Heart

Ps. 51:1-12

Margaret J. Douroux, 1970; alt.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

The first system of music features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve you."

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you."

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "For I'm not worthy of all these blessings."

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you."

Margaret J. Douroux, the daughter of a Baptist minister, is known especially for this gospel song, which was recorded by singer James Cleveland. Among her other popular songs found in church hymnals is "God Is Not Dead."

Tune: DOUROUX 10.12.10.10.
Margaret J. Douroux, 1970
Arr. Albert Denis Tessier, 1987

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)

**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.

An Update on the International Congregational Fellowship meeting in Fiji

Sharon Binger and Mindy Peters

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

“Alleluia ”

Sinclair

*Offertory Response



Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of your abundance and your never-failing compassion for all who need hope. For we pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the source of hope and joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Song** (SPP #201)

“Deep Peace”
All verses

***Benediction**

***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**

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee ”

Dubois

After-Worship Fellowship

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

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

- *With **Nat Graf**, we give thanks as she celebrates her promotion to be MN State Director for Dungeness Minnesota.
- *With Rolf, we give thanks for the life and friendship of his friend, **Al**, asking for peace and comfort for all who mourn his passing.
- *For **Merilee and her husband Dave**, a neighbor and friend, as they search for diagnoses for her suffering.
- *For Milan Horak's granddaughter, **Mia**, we give thanks for a transformative experience in the Arctic and a safe return home.
- *Celebrating Anniversaries: **Dale and Jennifer Shaller** (19th), **Jim and Mary Kay Dahl** (25th)

And in the wider community...

- *For the devastation in the wake of the fires that have ravaged **Maui**. For those suffering and for the organizations striving to assist with the love of God in the midst of it all.
- *For **those who suffer and struggle with mental illness** in mind and heart; who see no purpose in life and want their life to end - we pray for mercy in this pain.
- *For **those whose loved ones have taken their own life**, as they struggle with wondering "why?" and moving forward with the weight of such loss. May they know love and grace.



Backyard Potlucks

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

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

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 10th, 11 am

@ People's Church Fellowship Hall (and Zoomed @ 11 am)
St. Peter's Congregation @ St. Peter's UCC

Please join us as we vote on several items to affirm the merger!

Pastor Clare will be away Aug 14-21 | Pastor Daniel will be away Aug. 15-20,
each taking much-deserved vacation time to restore and refresh.

In the event of a question, concern, or urgent need; please contact:

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Thank you to today's partners:

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Cheri Schwartz (greeter and liturgist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (cantor), Sue Favilla (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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Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

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

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Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842
 Paraphrased by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.
 Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩

Ps. 104:24–30; Jer. 10:12, 13

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.

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

Deep Peace

$\text{♩} = 44$

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
 Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the

B¹¹ B B⁷ Em D G D Em

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

Bm C Am⁷ Bm/D D⁷ G Am/G G

peace, my peace I give to you.____
 love, my love I give to you.____
 joy, my joy I give to you.____