



September 3, 2023

“What Does  
‘Doing All You Can’  
Look Like?”

**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**

“This is the Day”

Garret

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

\* = Sitting or standing

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

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

**We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**

Come, all who seek to weave work, play, service and worship into a meaningful whole.

**We gather for renewal and support for living out our commitments.**

Come! Bring your fears and loves, failures and successes, sorrows and joys.

**Let's respond to the Spirit's leading, open to receiving God's gracious gifts.**

**\*Opening Song (SPP #151)**

“God's Love Endures Forever”

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

**A Litany of Labor & Prayer of Longing** (*responsive*)

God of all, we give thanks for the gift of work, which can add meaning and purpose to our lives, and offer us ways to serve you.

**Companion in our labor, hear our prayer.**

For all whose work is a true calling, that they continue to find joy in their labor.

**Joy in our lives, hear our prayer.**

For all whose work is not joyful, who work because they must, who experience exhaustion in jobs that do not feed their spirits.

**Source of all meaning, hear our prayer.**

For all whose work leads them into ethical conflicts, who struggle to do what is right in frustrating circumstances.

**Guide for our path, hear our prayer.**

For all who are unemployed or underemployed, facing financial stress or questioning their own worth.

**Savior in the stress, hear our prayer.**

For all who are retired, whether enjoying it or having lost a sense of purpose and struggling to make faithful use of days.

**Teacher of quietness, hear our prayer.**

We know that our lives depend on the faithful labor of other workers, often underpaid and overworked.

**We confess that we do not always act according to an awareness of how our choices affect the labor of others.**

Spirit of God, guide us to be intentional in our work and effective in contributing to community life.

**Surround us, Holy Spirit, and breathe into us your gracious power. 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”**

**Erin Klisch (29th), Alex Favilla (30th), Jenni Shaller & Paula Richey (2nd)**

**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 Epistles** | *The Inclusive Bible*

Romans 12: 9–21

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

Exodus 3: 1–14

**Morning Message**

What Does 'Doing All You Can' Look Like?

## **Responding To God's Love**

**Prayer Song (SPP #61)**

"Call to Prayer"  
**verses 1 & 3**

**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

*Greeters pass offering plates at this time*

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

*If giving electronically, we can place to place a **blue** Giving Card in the plate*



### Offertory

“I Lift My Eyes to the Quiet Hills”

*Baughken*

### \*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 and Prayer

God be with you.                   **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.           **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of 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 and 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

One: The bread of life, for all of us.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*We partake of the bread*

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

**All: 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 you restore in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength you promise to us, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out through your Spirit’s gentle power. Amen.**

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

#### **\*Closing Song** (SPP #202)

"Send Me"

**Cantors sing verse 1 | Then all join in**

#### **\*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**

**“Pass the Love”**

*Katner*

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!

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

## ENCOUNTER

## 61 Call to Prayer

$\text{♩} = 100$

D G/D A/D G/D

D D/F# G D

1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.

F#m Bm E A

Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.  
 Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;  
 Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

Em A Bm/A A7 D/F# Em

Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;  
 Fa - ther - ing, Moth - er - ing, birth - ing new ways;  
 Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em/G A D

meet us right here, touch us right now.  
 meet us right here, touch us right now.  
 meet us right here, touch us right now.

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em A D

Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.



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. \_\_\_\_\_

GO FORTH

202

# Send Me

♩=100

F F7/A B<sup>b</sup> C<sub>sus</sub>

1. The scrip-tures say \_\_\_\_\_ God knows us all \_\_\_\_\_ by name.  
2. So ma - ny needs, \_\_\_\_\_ I see the peo - ple's pain.

F F7/A B<sup>b</sup> C<sub>sus</sub>

Don't be a - fraid \_\_\_\_\_ when the Spir - it calls. \_\_\_\_\_  
O God, send me. \_\_\_\_\_ I will share your love. \_\_\_\_\_

Gm<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A B<sup>b</sup>

There's a whis - per now, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten way deep down  
I will feed your sheep. \_\_\_\_\_ com - fort those who weep.

F<sup>2</sup>/A Gm<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A

\_\_\_\_\_ once we hear it then ev - 'ry bush is a - blaze! \_\_\_\_\_ God is lis - ten - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will work for your jus - tice and \_\_\_\_\_ for your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ When I make mis - takes,

B<sup>b</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sub>sus</sub>

\_\_\_\_\_ hop - ing we'll re - spond \_\_\_\_\_ hop - ing we will say: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ wash me with your grace, \_\_\_\_\_ then a - gain I'll say: \_\_\_\_\_

Chorus

F C B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A

Yes God, I'll go where you lead me. I hear your Spir - it \_\_\_\_\_

Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sub>sus</sub> F C B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A

call - ing my name. As long as I know you're with me, \_\_\_\_\_

GO FORTH

B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>2</sup>/A Gm<sup>7</sup> Csus E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>  
 I know you'll give me\_ the grace that I need. So here I am,  
 F E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F E<sup>b</sup>  
 send me\_ Ho - ly One. Here I am, send me\_ Ho - ly One.  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F E<sup>b</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Csus  
 Here I am, send me\_ Ho - ly One. Here I am, send\_\_ me\_  
 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F F<sup>2</sup>/A B<sup>b</sup> Csus F  
 Here I am send\_\_ me.

## *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...*

- \*For Sharri Kinkead's son, **Pete**, with whom siblings are intervening today due to excessive alcohol use — for healing and recovery.
- \*For **Jere Fetter**, healing after receiving care at Regions Hospital this past week.
- \*For **Stan Hilliard**, who suffered a minor stroke on Tuesday. We pray for healing and a full recovery for Stan and for support to surround both Barb and Stan.
- \*With **Lori Mildon**, whose sister Janna passed away on Monday. Prayers for Janna's husband Leo and family as they remember the good times, love, and laughter.
- \*With the **Bjork family**, who gathered with family from all sides on the occasion of Kaari's 6th birthday, we give thanks for family in all its supportive forms.
- \*For those of us rooted in **St. Peter's UCC**, may love abound during these next 4 weeks of leave taking from the church building in Stillwater that has provided sacred space for worship, faith formation, justice and community.
- \*Celebrating Anniversaries: **Rolf Dittmann** and **Jill Greenhalgh** (27th), **Bob and Cheri Schwartz** (28th)

#### *And in the wider community...*

- \*For the **schools of Lahaina, Maui** as they struggle with burned and damaged buildings. May the love of God be embodied as needed support reaches suffering communities on the devastated island.
- \*For all **students beginning a new school year** and particularly those heading off to college. Blessings on all teachers and students.

### **Save the Dates:**

- \***Backyard Potluck** at Sharri Kinkead's House | **Sept. 12th** | 5-7pm
- \***Bayport Derby Days** | **Sept. 15th** | Come serve refreshments on the church lawn 4:30-6:30pm or 6:30-8:30pm (contact Pastor Clare or Megan to help)
- \***Blood Drive** | **Sept. 21st** | 9am—3pm | See Mid-Week News to register!

## Naming Gathering

**Wednesday, September 6th @ Fellowship Hall (and Zoomed @ 6 pm)**

All are invited to a 5:30 pm supper and 6:00 pm naming gathering. Members will vote on submitted name ideas. See Mid-Week News email for proxy-voting instructions.

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, Sept. 10th, 11 am @ Fellowship Hall (and Zoomed @ 11 am)**  
*after outdoor worship*

Please join us as we vote on several items to affirm the merger!  
We will also have an update on our People's Park land.

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Mindy Peters (liturgist & communion preparer), Bob Dickie & Mary Maren Bjork (greeters), Rolf Dittmann (cantor), Lori Mildon (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (outdoor sign), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare)



## A Merging Congregation...

*with roots in People's Congregational Church & St. Peter's United Church of Christ*




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