



October 15, 2023

“As Opportunities  
Emerge,  
What Fruit Will We  
Bear?”

**Let's welcome one another!**

Name tags are in the Narthex

Welcome forms in the pews: 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 Candle Lighting**     “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”     *Prichard*

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

#### **Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

\* = Sitting or standing

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

Loving God, we come to you for truth,  
**that we might see clearly and understand.**

We come to you for comfort,  
**that we might be sustained and understood.**

We come to you for challenge,  
**that we might be reminded that our ways are not your ways and that we can change.**

We come to you, Holy One.  
**We come to you. Amen.**

**\*Opening Song (SPP #16)**

“Come to the Water ”  
verses 1-4

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

**Prayer of Confession and Longing** |from Psalm 106 (*responsive*)

Pastor Daniel Harrell

You remember us, O Beloved, as we journey through life. Help us to  
live the Mystery —

**That we may fulfill our divine destiny, that we may co-create with You, that  
we may live into our divine birthright.**

Stand by us that we may become poor in spirit, acknowledging our own  
weaknesses that lead us astray.

**Teach us to be patient with ourselves, that we might offer the gift of  
patience to others.**

O, that we might learn to be calm, to persevere with utter trust as we  
face the fears that bind us.

**We yearn for all that will bring us new life, we long for your very Presence  
among us.**

Quiet us, O Silent Speaker, that out of still spaces we may hear your  
Voice;

**And, as we ponder the immensity of your gift of life; awe and wonder fill our  
hearts.**

May we embrace Creation as a whole, and become attuned to all the world;

**May we be blessing to the universe, and see divinity within and among all things.**

As our hearts are awakened to your Presence within us, we are led back to the Source of all life.

**Call us, O Beloved, to spaces of solitude, and times to befriend the Silence.**

May we ever know, O Divine One, that You are with us always,  
**We cannot hide from your Love. 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”**

**Jere Fetter (8th), Emily Mayaka (11th—16yrs), Roger Klisch (12th),  
Lori Mildon (15th), Sharri Kinkead (15th),  
Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (15th), BJ Stokes (18th),  
Finley Hintze-Graf (21st, 4yrs), Walt Richey (21st), Chris Bordeaux (21st)**

**Wondering Together**

We make an annual gift to Walker West (St. Paul, MN) as a reparations 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.

## Blessing One Another

*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 for Sunday School & Youth Group 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.**

*Youngest children (infant - age 3) | Nursery care available (9:25-10:30) downstairs*

*Older children (PreK-Gr. 1, Gr. 2-4) gather now for Sunday School downstairs*

*Youth Group (gr. 5-12) gathers now in the upstairs Corner Meeting Room*

*We welcome sounds and movements of children who stay in worship.*

## Proclaiming God's Love

**A Reading from the Psalms** *(responsive)*

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-22, 47-48

*The Inclusive Bible*

Alleluia! Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever!

**Who can proclaim the mighty deeds of God, or show forth enough praise?**

Happy are those who act justly, who do what is right always!

**Remember me, God, when you show favor to your people. Help me when you deliver them —**

That I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, share the joy of your nation, and join with your people in giving praise.

**We have sinned the way our forebears did, gone astray and given into corruption.**

At Horeb they made a calf and worshipped a molten image.

**They exchanged your glory for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

They forgot you, their Liberator, who had done such great things in Egypt.

**Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awe-inspiring deeds at the Sea of Reeds.**

Save us, God, our God, and gather us from among the nations; that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise!  
**Blessed be God, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen, alleluia!”**

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

Philippians 4:1-20

**Morning Message** “As Opportunities Emerge, What Fruit Will We Bear?”

### **Responding To God’s Love**

**Prayer Hymn (NCH #492)**

“I Would Be True”  
**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.**



**\*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**                    **“The One Who Began a Good Work in You ”**                    *Mohr*

**Today Following Worship:**

**10:30 am** | *All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall  
for treats, beverages, and good company!*

**11 am** | *Faith Conversations (an adult forum, childcare provided)  
This October, as we grow into our new merged community, we will delve deeper into  
how we interpret our faith and act through our own distinct spiritual ‘types.’*

**Pastor Clare will be away Oct. 17-22 for continuing education.**

**In the event of a question or urgent need, please contact one of the following:**

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**Megan will be out of the office Oct. 19th.**



## Trunk or Treat October 29, 10:30 am

- People of all ages are welcome to wear Halloween costumes to worship that day!
- Adults are invited to decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy to kids of our church and wider community immediately following worship (10:30-11am).
- Chris Bordeaux will help park up to 27 participating cars in our parking lot (please arrive between 8:45-9:15am).
- We need someone to coordinate a table of warm beverages (coffee, hot cider) out on the patio during Trunk or Treat - please let Pastor Clare know if you could do that!
- At 11:00am, we will shift indoors to bid Pastor Daniel a grateful farewell during Fellowship Time.

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir, Cheri Schwartz (greeter), Mindy Peters (liturgist and fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider), Carol Dusbabek, Claire Spilseth, Roger Klisch (PreK-Gr1), Wendy Staberg (Gr2-4), Alisea Rangel (Sunday School Float), Sue Favilla (Youth), Jackie Savage (Sanctuary organizer, outdoor sign), Andi Favilla (decorations)




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GATHER

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Come to the Water

$\text{♩} = 88$

1. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for  
 2. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for  
 3. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for  
 4. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for

peace. All who are thirst - y\_\_ for peace, for jus - tice,  
 love. All who are thirst - y\_\_ for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch. All who are thirst - y\_\_ for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth. All who are thirst - y\_\_ for truth, for beau - ty

come, come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 come, come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 come, come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 come, come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_

5. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for free - dom, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for hope.  
 6. All who are thirst-y\_\_ for laugh - ter, all who are thirst-y\_\_ for joy.

All who are thirst - y\_\_ for hope, for free - dom, come,  
 All who are thirst - y\_\_ for joy, for laugh - ter, come,

come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 come to\_\_ the wa - ter\_\_ of life.\_\_\_\_\_

Phil. 4:8-9

St. 1, 2, Howard Arnold Walter, 1917

St. 3, anon.; alt.

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be  
 2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less; I would be  
 3 I would be prayer-ful through each bus - y mo - ment; I would be

pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for  
 giv - ing, and for - get the gift; I would be hum - ble,  
 con - stant - ly in touch with God; I would be tuned to

there is much to suf - fer; I would be brave, for  
 for I know my weak - ness; I would look up, and  
 sense God's slight - est whis - per; I would have faith to

there is much to dare, I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
 laugh, and love, and live, I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.  
 keep the path Christ trod, I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

The first two stanzas of this hymn are from "My Creed," a poem that Howard Walter sent to his mother from Japan, where he taught English before becoming a Congregational minister. Walter died at the age of thirty-five while working for the Y.M.C.A. in India.

Tune: PEEK 11.10.11.10.10.  
 Joseph Y. Peek, 1911

## In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self-seek-ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

*Refrain*  
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain  
 Julian Rush, 1985  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994