



October 8, 2023

“How Do the  
Ten Commandments  
Relate to Us  
Today?”

**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**

“At the Name of Jesus”

C. Berry

*Acknowledging the light of Christ among us*

### **Words of Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

\* = Sitting or standing

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

In the beauty of autumn, blue sky and golden land are clothed.  
**Apple-gathering children and nut-gathering squirrels alike prepare for winter.**

We rejoice in God's natural bounty and the ingathering of our lives.  
**We praise God for all we receive. Seasons turn but God's love is changeless.**

Maple leaves dance, crisp breezes blow, the restless winds of the Spirit  
rush through our lives.

**All these assure us of God's faithful presence. Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Hymn (NCH #28)**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**all verses**

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

**Prayer of Confession & Longing** | from Psalm 19 (*responsive*)

Pastor Daniel Harrell

The heavens declare the glory of the Creator;  
**The firmament proclaims the handiwork of Love.**

The law of Love is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**The testimony of Love is sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of Love are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**The rites of Love are true, awakening compassion.**

But who can discern their own weaknesses?  
**Cleanse me, O Love, from all my hidden faults.**

Keep me from boldly acting in error; let my fears and illusions not  
have dominion over me!

**Then shall I become a beneficial presence, freely and fully surrendered to  
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”**

**Eleanora Favilla (1st - 10yrs), Jere Fetter (8th), Emily Mayaka (11th),  
Roger Klisch (12th)**

### **Wondering Together**

### **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 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 | Families are welcome to use the Nursery downstairs (unstaffed today)  
Older children (PreK-Gr. 1, Gr. 2-5) gather now for Sunday School downstairs  
Youth Group (gr. 5-12) starts next week!*

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

## Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from the Psalms | NRSV (pew Bible) – part 1, pg. 498 Psalm 19

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures | NRSV—part 1, pg. 66

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Morning Message “How do the Ten Commandments Relate to Us Today?”

## Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #111)

“Be Still and Know”

**sung once in unison, then twice more in a round**

### 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*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on  
Earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

### Invitation to the Offering

Greeters pass offering plates at this time  
We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)  
Pledged gifts marked for one of our predecessor churches are tracked accordingly. Loose offerings go to our newly merged church.  
*Blue* Giving Cards and Welcome Forms also go in the plate



**Offertory**

“Deep Within Our Hearts”

*Amy Barlow Liberatore*

**\*Offertory Response**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**God of all, we give you thanks. For rest and work, for light of day and gentle darkness of night, for the possibility to hope and live into the future, for the gospel story and promise of life eternal – we give you thanks. We dedicate our gifts of money, time and effort to your work of Love in our time. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God’s Love**

**\*Closing Song (SPP #66)**

“Every Step of the Way”  
**sung twice**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

*(...on next page)*

**\*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**

“For You Shall Go Out”

*Gellar*

**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.’*

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.

## PRAYER CORNER

*Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:*

### *For persons known to us...*

- \*For **Zoey, Brayden, Alisea, and Miko** (four of our youth) and **Lisa** (their leader), as they return home after a fun weekend at Fall Conference Youth Event at Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center.
- \*For **Calvin Vandre**, for a full recovery from back-to-back illnesses; and for the whole **Vandre family** as they recover from Covid.
- \*For **Maya Klisch-Solano**, for a full recovery from severe hives and hospital visits this past week.
- \*For **Mary Binger**, for a full recovery from Covid.
- \*For **Deb Monaghan** (Dan Maturen's wife), a friend of our church who has whooping cough and Covid.
- \*For **our United Church** to truly become one as we move forward together.
- \*For **Norda Gromoll** (mother to Pastor Clare and Aidan), who recently celebrated her 75th birthday!
- \*For **all who are suffering** in body, mind or spirit; we pray for healing and peace.
- \*We give thanks that **our government** was able to avoid a shutdown. May they govern with wisdom.



## 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.

**Megan will be out of the office Oct. 10-13th.  
Pastor Clare will be out of the office Oct 12th, while participating in  
“Leadership in the Valley”**

**Harvest Fest is Coming...  
November 18, 9 am—3 pm**

*Fresh Wreaths, Silent Auction  
50/50 Raffle, Bake Shoppe  
Local Artisans and Musicians  
Soup & Bread Lunch*

**Spread the word!**



Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir, Joe & Diane Legato (greeters), Sam Gromoll (youth greeter), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Cheri Schwartz (liturgist), Sue Favilla and Aidan Gromoll (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer, outdoor sign), Andi Favilla (decorations), Sunday School: Carol Dusbabek, Claire Spilseth, and Kim Klisch (PreK-Gr1), Cindy Baker (Gr2-Gr4)




## **A United Church**

*with roots in People's Congregational & St. Peter's UCC*



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## For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

## Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain  
 Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

# Be Still and Know

111

♩=108

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and  
Cal - ma tu ser, que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu

know that I am God. Be still and know  
ser, que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu ser,

that I am God. Be still and  
que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu

know that I am God.  
ser, que soy tú Dios. Dios.

\*May be sung as a round beginning at measure two.

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## Every Step of the Way

66

$\text{♩} = 128$   
F C/E Dm C B $\flat$  Dm/A C/G Gsus G

Cmaj $9$  G/B Am Am/G

Help me do the jus - tice to be

Dm $7$  Gsus G C G/B

done to - day. Help me love kind -

Am Am/G Dm $7$

- ness in all I do and say.

Gsus G Em $7$  F C $\sharp$ dim Dm $7$  Gsus

Help me walk hum - bly with you, O God I pray

G F

ev - 'ry step of the way,

Dm $7$  C/E F/G C

ev - 'ry step of the way.

Based on Micah 6:8.

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