

January 21, 2024

"To Follow Jesus,
What Do We
Need To Drop?"

Welcome!

Name tags are in Narthex

Feel free to bring coffee and tea into worship

Restrooms: main level (exit front right), lower level (at foot of Narthex stair/elevator)

Optional nursery care (infant – age 3): downstairs, starts at 9:25

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

We greet those around us or sit quietly, settling into sacred time and space

Ring of the Bell

Prelude and Candle Lighting “All You Works of God”

Haugen

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome

SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

* = Sitting or standing

NCH = New Century Hymnal

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

The God of Jesus calls us to be the church.

We gather because we hear the call of God's grace and wisdom.

Love reaches out to us in Jesus Christ, touching us with the Spirit.

We turn toward God, seeking to love as we are loved.

We call upon God's holy name to empower us in worship and service.

Through the grace of Jesus the Christ, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn (NCH #173)** "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"

verses 1-2

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

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

Living Christ, your ministry through Jesus was full of struggle as well as joy. Yet Jesus faithfully followed your call. Breathe your Spirit into our lives as we pursue the way of discipleship – loving others and ourselves. May we find courage and peace as we follow you into every part of our lives—our homes, schools, workplaces, and the public square. Forgive us our resistance and empower us by your Spirit. Amen.

...the singing bowl welcomes us into silent prayer

***Assurance of Grace** (*responsive*)

One: The peace of Christ be with you! **All:** And also with you!

***Passing the Peace**

*We first wave to those worshipping with us online
Then to those around us: smiles, peace signs, handshakes*

A Time With Children and Youth

Sung Invitation

...as young people come forward

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
...let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

Singing “Happy Birthday”

**Wilkie Bjork (16th—3 yrs), Claire Bjork (19th), Carol Dusbabek (22nd),
Bronson Bettin (24th—9 yrs)**

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another

...with arms wide open

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...
...let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

*infant - age 3 | nursery care available downstairs
PreK-Gr. 1, Gr. 2-5 | gather now for Sunday School downstairs
Youth Group (gr. 6-12) | gathers now in the Corner Meeting Room upstairs
We welcome sounds and movements of children in worship*

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures | *The Inclusive Bible*

Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-5 & 10, 4:1-11

A Reading from the Gospels | *The Inclusive Bible*

Mark 1:14-20

Morning Message

"To Follow Jesus, What Do We Need To Drop?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #61)

**“Call to Prayer”
all verses**

Prayers of the People

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.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Greeters pass offering plates
We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)
Completed Welcome Forms also go in plates



Offertory

“May Love Be Yours, O God”

Joncas

*Offertory Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Gracious God, we ask your blessing on these gifts and on our lives. At every venturing and every homecoming, may we embody your love with generosity of spirit. Amen.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For persons known to us...

*With Mary Binger, we give thanks for her daughter, **Erika Binger's** continued stretch of good health after years of mysterious illness. May she continue to lean into the joy and goodness of well-being.

Celebrating anniversaries: **Mark and Michele Stephan (24th)

And in the wider community...

*For the wellbeing of our neighbors living in cars during this extreme cold. May we become more aware of our community's needs and seek to participate in improvements.

*For our nation as we enter this election year. We pray for listening ears and mutual respect.

Weekly Offering envelopes are now available!

Contact Megan in the church office if you would like to receive envelopes.

office@stcroixunitedchurch.org or 651-439-5667



Help us stock the **Free Little Pantry**

by placing items in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Needed: summer sausage, tuna packets, boxed grains, boxed pastas, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, snack crackers, dried fruit, beef jerky

**Please note that protein and high-quality items are preferred*

***Cardboard and plastic packages (no glass or metal during winter)*

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.

A Congregational UCC Way of Life
Adult Faith Conversations | Jan. 21, 11:00-11:45am
(childcare provided)

We launched as St. Croix United Church in October 2023. St. Peter's United Church of Christ was a long-standing member of the MN Conference UCC. People's Congregational Church was a long-standing member of the National Association of Christian Congregational Churches (NACCC) and added an affiliation with the MN Conference UCC in May 2023. Now we are a dually affiliated congregation.

In February & March, a Strategic Vision Task Force will lead us in distilling our core values, creating vision & mission statements, and designing a visual logo for our church. *(Please contact Jill Greenhalgh or Pastor Clare if you'd like to serve on this task force - we will soon meet for a first planning session!)*

Across the next two Sundays, our adult Faith Formation Team invites members and friends into fuller understanding of what our dual affiliation means for us. What commonalities and differences exist between the UCC and NACCC? What resources do we gain (for doing our particular ministry in the St. Croix valley) by being connected within larger networks of churches? Many of us come from Baptist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian and other religious and non-religious roots. All perspectives and questions are welcome!



God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Collecting Items from Harvest Fest

For those of you who bought wreaths and porch pots during Harvest Fest, please consider bringing back the “doo-dads” (berries, decorations, etc) from your wreaths and porch pots so the team may use them again next year. There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall to collect them.

Thanks!

Notification of Annual Meeting...

Jan. 28, 11:00 am (after brunch)

- *Elections (Leadership Council & standing committees) *2024 budget
- *Open and Affirming Welcome Statement *Relational Covenant
- ...And an update about park land negotiations

Per church bylaws: Electronic and hard copies of the Annual Report, proposed budget, and meeting materials are now available.

Inquirer's Gathering | **Jan. 27, 10 am**


For newer and long-time friends alike... Come learn from lay leaders and Pastor Clare about the life and work of St. Croix United Church.

Our next New Member Sunday will be Feb. 18 if there are persons who feel ready to join! To attend our upcoming Inquirers Gathering (at church, with a Zoom option if helpful), please let Pastor Clare know.

(pastor@stcroixunitedchurch.org, 651-600-6409)

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), David & Naomi Kirstein (greeters), Jonah Gromoll (youth greeter), Sam Gromoll (acolyte), Kathleen Dennison (liturgist), Chris Bordeaux & Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (Childcare Provider), Carol Dusbabek, Claire Spilseth, & Kim Klisch (PreK-Gr1), Chris Bordeaux (Gr2-Gr5), Naomi Kirstein (Sunday School Float), David Kirstein (Youth Leader), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer, outdoor sign), Andi Favilla and Jenni Shaller (decorations)



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Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

Estrillo (Refrain)

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
 8.10.10. with refrain
 Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
 Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

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| <p>3. Tú ne-ce-si-tas mis ma-nos,
mi can-san-cio que a o-tros des-can-se,
a-mor que quie-ra se-guir a-man-do.
<i>Estríbillo</i></p> | <p>3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,
work-ing love for the rest of the
wea-ry—
A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>4. Tú, Pes-ca-dor de o-tros ma-res,
an-sia e-ter-na de al-mas que es-pe-ran.
A-mi-go bue-no, que a-sí me lla-mas.
<i>Estríbillo</i></p> | <p>4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;
you, the long-ing of souls that are
yearn-ing:
As lov-ing Friend, you have come
to call me.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |

Call to Prayer

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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.
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