



May 19, 2024

“What Does  
This Mean?”

Pentecost Sunday

Guest Preacher:  
Justin Sabia-Tanis

## **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags. Coffee and tea are welcome in worship.  
Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

## **The Love of God Gathers Us**

### **Gathering Music**

*We gently settle into sacred time and space*

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**    “God Will Make a Way”

*Moen*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

### **Words of Welcome & Announcements**

SPP = *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\* = Sitting or standing

NCH = *New Century Hymnal*

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

Eternal Spark, we celebrate your Spirit's power in all of creation.  
**You transform, empower, and guide us; you sustain our hope.**

We are touched by your flames and wind –  
**When poetry or prose moves us to tears or laughter...**

When we listen to music that moves our soul...  
**When a friend takes our hand, showing us love in action.**

Clothe our spirits in red; stir the wind chimes within us –  
**So our lives sing your melody today and always. Amen.**

**\*Opening Song (SPP #26)**      “You Are Welcome Here”  
   *verses 1-2*

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

**Centering Ourselves**      *...as the singing bowl's vibrations invite us into depths of grace*

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

**Loving God, open our hearts – to feel the breath and play of your Spirit.**  
**Unclench our hands – to reach out and share in healing.**  
**Open our lips – to drink in the delight and wonder of life.**  
**Unclog our eyes – to see Christ in friend and stranger.**  
**Breathe your Spirit into us, filling us with the life of Christ. Amen.**

**Musical Interlude**      *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

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

The peace of Christ be with you!      **And also with you!**

**\*Passing the Peace**

*To those with us online and onsite: 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, let it shine.**

### Singing "Happy Birthday"

**Adam Bettin (20th), Walter Vandre (20th - 6 yrs), Lisa Culbertson (24th)**

### 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, let it shine.**

*PreK-gr. 3 | gather now for Sunday School downstairs  
Youth Group (gr. 4-12) | gathers now in the Resource Room upstairs  
Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to use the nursery downstairs  
We also welcome sounds and movements of children in worship*

## Proclaiming God's Love

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles | *The Inclusive Bible***

**Acts 2:1-21**

Here ends the readings.

**May God speak to us through these sacred words.**

### Morning Message

**"What Does This Mean?"**

*Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis*

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Hymn (NCH #286)**

**"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"  
verses 1 & 4**

## Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world  
Please tell Pastor Clare if you prefer yours not be added to our printed Prayer Corner*

...God, in your love: **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

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

*Please write any checks to St. Croix United Church  
Blue giving cards in the plate represent gifts made electronically.*



### Offertory

“Do With Me as Thou Wilt”

*J.S. Bach*

### \*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**

**God of all, we celebrate your Spirit – freely given and powerfully active within your church. As you continue to move in our midst, inspire us toward generosity and ignite our energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.**

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

**\*Closing Song (SPP #120) “Dream God’s Dream”**  
**all verses**

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Sending Song**

*Forming a circle, optionally linking elbows or hands*

**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**

**“Lord We Heard Your Word”**

*Rowlands*

### **Today Following Worship:**

**10:30am** | All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments & good company!

**11:00—noon** | Adult Faith Conversations: Join us for our concluding session in the “Saving Jesus Redux” series—no need to have been at previous sessions.

## PRAYER CORNER

*We hold these joys and concerns in our prayers:*

\*For healing energy for Sharon Neuenfeldt's brother, **Alan**, following a recent surgery at Mayo.

\*For the Afton Postmaster, **Mike**, healing energy as he faces a new cancer diagnosis.

\*With Jane Hanson, we pray for **Willis Dey**, who was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and is progressing quicker than expected.

\*With Jennifer Halvorsen Albright, we pray for **Angie**, whose adult child **Baile** has come out of their induced coma and has a long road of healing ahead of them.

\*For **Sam Gromoll and family** as Sam begins to heal after May 17 orthopedic surgeries. Pastor Clare will be away on personal leave Tuesday the 21st. She has set up a "visitor train" for Sam to enjoy during his 5+ weeks of immobilization (link in next Mid-Week News). To learn more about Sam's health journey, visit his CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/samgromoll>.

\*Celebrating anniversaries: **Bob and Kathy Iverson** (20th)



### Welcome Guest Preacher, Justin Sabia-Tanis

Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis is an associate professor of Christian ethics and social transformation and the director of the Social Transformation program at United Theological Seminary. He lives in Minnesota with his husband, Henry, and their two dogs.



**"Strengthen the Church" 1 of 4 annual UCC mission offerings**  
**May 19 & 26** (envelopes provided)

Support the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

*Write checks to St. Croix United Church, memo "Strengthen the Church"*



## 2nd Strategic Visioning Full-Congregation Workshop | **May 22nd**

Supper at 5:00pm | Workshop at 5:30 (ends by 8pm)  
Food and childcare will be provided—no need to RSVP.

## Memorial Day Parade Hospitality | Monday, **May 27th**, 8:30 am

We will once again provide treats & coffee on our church lawn during the parade.  
Contact Cindy Siegel (cindysiegel98@gmail.com, 651-343-3270) or Megan (office@stcroixunitedchurch.org, 651-439-5667) if you can help!

## Let's Celebrate the Graduates!



Is someone in your family graduating (preschool through a post-secondary degree or certificate program)?

Please send these details to Megan by **May 28th**:

- 1) Who is graduating?    2) From what institution?
- 3) From preschool, high school, or with what degree or certificate?
- 4) What are their plans for next steps after graduation?
- 5) Is your graduate available for 9:30am worship on June 2nd and/or June 9th?



## You are Invited to Our Next Inquirers Gathering!

For newer and long-time friends alike... learn about:

The life and work of St. Croix United Church

What membership (a pledge of mutual support) means to us

Please let Pastor Clare know if you would like to attend on **June 1st**.

## Gentle Tai Chi with Mary Ann Litfin

Resumes weekly sessions **June 2nd** at 8:30 am @ People's Park

All are welcome for a gentle, easy-to-learn moving meditation. We invite connection, balance, and renewal. *Casual dress welcome in worship.*

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## Red Cross Blood Drive!

Thursday, **June 6th** | 9 am—3 pm

Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

## Park Land Sale Conversations

**June 4th, 6pm** - Land Sale Q&A Forum (in the Fellowship Hall and Zoomed)

**June 9th, 11am** (after indoor worship at church building) Special Congregational Meeting to vote on final approval of the land sale. The meeting will occur in the Fellowship Hall. Voting will be by silent ballot and allowed in person and electronically. Per our bylaws, there will be no proxy or early/late voting options.



Please plan to participate in this important event at a time of deep transition. Together, we will close one chapter of our history as we begin the next.

*More info available in the Mid-Week News.*



## Outdoor Worship is Back!

**June 2nd**

People's Park (1003 5th Ave. N in Bayport)

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek, Jane Hanson, & Jonah Gromoll (greeters), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Carol Dusbabek & Sharri Kinkead (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Carol Dusbabek & Claire Spilseth (preK-Gr1), Cindy Baker (Gr2-Gr5), David & Naomi Kirstein (Youth Leaders), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Jenni Shaller (decorations)




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## You Are Welcome Here

26

$\text{♩} = 100$

G D G A D G/D D G A

You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A

no mat-ter where you are. on life's jour - ney... You are

D G/D D G A G A

wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G A D 1.2.3.

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

A G D A D G D

1. Come now all peo - ple, join in the song, come be a part of the fam-  
 2. We pray for jus - tice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Sav-  
 3. Lift - ing each oth - er; do - ing what's right; stand - ing to - geth - er, what - ev -

G A A G D A D

- 'ly of God. We are God's peo - ple and you be - long,  
 - ior of all. We find God's mer - cy; we find re - lease,  
 - er may come; prais - ing our Sav - ior, shin - ing our light,

G A G/D D

4.

share in the joy of Christ. You are  
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are  
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly*

*James K. Manley, 1978; alt.*

*Refrain*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm\* E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G *Last time, end D*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

*\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.*

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokoala Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

RESPOND

120

# Dream God's Dream

♩ = 69

D C G D C G D Em7

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

D/F# G Bm7

Spir - it\_\_\_ help us dream of a world where there is

F#m7 G Em7 A A/G

jus - tice\_\_\_ and where ev - 'ry one is free to

D/F# G Bm7 A

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D

Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

C G D C G D C G

1. I'm dream-ing\_\_\_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing\_\_\_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing\_\_\_ of the way that I want my life to

D C Em7 D

skin will mean less than\_\_\_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.  
 me, how to use my\_\_\_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;  
 go. I've got hope and\_\_\_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.

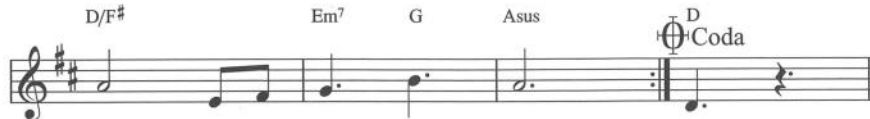
## RESPOND



A world where wa - ter's clean and where  
to do the work of Christ to say  
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry\_\_ chi - ld  
God, please use my life to spread Your\_\_ heal - ing  
won't for - get the scars of Christ who\_\_ died to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.  
love and to live Your truth.  
show that the dream's for all.