



June 2, 2024

Do We  
Know Our  
'So That?'

## **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags. Coffee and tea are welcome in worship.

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

### **Gathering Music**

*We gently settle into sacred time and space*

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**      “People Need the Lord”

*Weins*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

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

We were not made for the Sabbath; this day of rest was made for us. **We choose to gather on this, our holy day - to worship, to pray, to share with one another.**

Jesus asked, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to preserve life or to destroy it?"

**We choose compassion, justice and healing. On our day of rest and worship, we choose life. Let us worship the God of life.**

**\*Opening Song (SPP #16)** "Come to the Water"  
**verses 1-4**

**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*)

**Gracious God, you created the Sabbath as time in which we remember your lavish love toward us. You desire that we keep it holy. Sometimes we have disregarded your command and forgotten your love. Forgive us. Instill in us a desire for Sabbath rest and refreshment, that we may once again be surrounded by your love. 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"

**Jill Greenhalgh (27th), Edith Stokes (28th - 4 yrs), Bob Iverson (29th),  
Deb Francis (2nd), Sue Favilla (3rd), Cindy Parsons (7th)**

### 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.**

*Children are welcome to go to the playground (supervised by Kim)  
Families with children age 3 and below need to supervise their child on the playground  
Infants and toddlers are welcome to use the blanketed outdoor nursery space  
We welcome sounds and movements of children in worship*

## Proclaiming God's Love

**A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures | NRSV**

**Deuteronomy 5:1-6a, 12-15**

**A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV**

**Mark 2:23-3:6**

Here ends the readings.

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

**Morning Message**

**"Do We Know Our 'So That?'"**

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Song (SPP #187)** "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"  
**both verses, then vs. 1 again**

### **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)**

**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**

*We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)  
Blue giving cards represent gifts made electronically.*



**Offertory**

**"Day by Day"**

*Sandell-Berg*

## Offertory Response

*remaining seated*

**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!**

## 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.  
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 expansive love. Amen.**

## Words of Remembrance and Blessing

**\*Sharing the Bread and the Cup**           *Forming one circle around our chairs*

*We serve one another as we sing  
Pass the basket of bread, blessing the next person with the words “bread of life”  
Hold on to your piece of (gluten-free) bread until the Cup comes to you  
Dip the bread into the Cup as your neighbor offers you the “cup of blessing”*

**\*Communion Song (SPP #112)**           **“Come to the Table of Grace”**  
**all verses**

**Come to the table of grace (peace, love, joy)  
Come to the table of grace  
This is Christ’s table, not just yours or mine  
Come to the table of grace**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**God of all, may we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by your hands.  
May we be as fruit of your Spirit, poured out that others might know joy.  
Love be the leaven within us. Love be the flavor of thought, word and deed.  
Peace be among us. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God's Love**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

*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**

**"The Lord Bless Thee"**

*C. Butler*

***After-Worship Fellowship***

*All are welcome to linger on the lawn for refreshments & good company!*

## PRAYER CORNER

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

\*With Jackie Savage, prayers that **younger veterans** will take up the call to honor fellow veterans as part of the Honor Guard.

\*With Jane Hanson, prayers for her brother and sister-in-law as they grieve and miss her mom, **Marge**.

\*With Bob Schwartz, we pray that **future generations** continue to find ways to honor those who have gone before us in service to our country.

\*Celebrating anniversaries: **David and Wendy Staberg** (30th), **Jim and Shizuko Purnick** (2nd), **Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright and Dennis Albright** (6th), **Kim and Roger Klisch** (8th)

**Gentle Tai Chi** with Mary Ann Litfin

**Sundays 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.*

## 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.*

**Red Cross Blood Drive @ St. Croix United Church**

13 donor spots still open!

Thursday, **June 6th** | 9 am—3 pm

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

Give blood.  
Every 5 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross



***Don't forget!***

**Indoor Worship (9:30am) and Congregational Meeting (11:30am)**  
Next Sunday—**June 9th**



**3rd Strategic Visioning Full-Congregation Workshop**  
**June 11th**

Supper at 5:00pm | Workshop 5:30–8:00pm  
No RSVP needed. Childcare provided.

*All are encouraged to attend and stay as long as you can.*



**Summer Potlucks are Back!**

**June 26, 5:30–7pm**


@ People's Park

Watch the Mid-Week News for more  
information.

*Please let Pastor Clare know if you'd like to host  
sometime in August.*

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute & fellowship), Mary Ann Litfin (cantor), Bob Dickie, Maya Solano-Klisch (greeters), Kathleen Dennison (liturgist), Jane Hanson (communion preparer), Kim Klisch (childcare), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team)



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# 16

## Come to the Water

♩=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.\_\_\_\_\_

## RESPOND

## 187 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

$\text{♩} = 60$

D/A Em/A D A

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
- pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, act - ing

G Em<sup>7</sup> D/A A A<sup>7</sup>

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks -  
bold - ly, in your name; seek - ing

D A

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu -  
jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing off - 'ring

G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D D/A Em/A D

1.  
- ar - y for you. 2. God em -  
hope where there is pain.

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## 112 Come to the Table of Grace

$\text{♩} = 90$

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. \_\_\_\_\_