

# **There is a Time...**

**NACCC  
2024  
Spokane, WA**

June 30, 2024

“There Is a Time”

Pride Weekend

## **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags.

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

### **Gathering Music**

*We gently settle into sacred time and space*

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**

“We Sing Worthy”

*Davis*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

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

We stand on the mountain, waiting for God to speak. First comes a wind, a mighty and invisible force that shakes us and knocks us to the ground. Surely this power to overcome, that is God!

**But God does not speak in the whirlwind.**

Then comes an earthquake, a terrible rumbling and crumbling beneath our feet that teaches us to kneel and cower. Surely this power to subdue, that is God!

**But God does not speak in the earthquake.**

Then comes the fire, a terrible breathing dragon that licks our faces and burns our eyes and makes us turn away and run. Surely this power to terrify, that is God!

**But God does not speak in the fire.**

Then comes silence, stillness, peace. Finally we hear God's voice. It asks us only one thing, "Why are you here?"

**We answer – To find our way home.**

**\*Opening Hymn (see insert) "Canticle of the Turning"**  
**all verses**

**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** (*responsive*)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

**There are times when we are filled with joy and hope, and other times where we are sad and scared.**

There are times when we laugh and times when we weep.

**There are times when we are confident and strong, and times when we are unsure and weak.**

In every season, steadfast God, you promise to be with us.

**When we are tempted to despair, turn us back to your enduring promise.**



*Children are welcome to go to the playground (supervised by Lisa)  
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 the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship*

## **Proclaiming God's Love**

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

1 Kings 19:1-13

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Here ends the readings.

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

## **Morning Message**

**There is a Time: 70th Annual Meeting and Conference  
National Association of Congregational Christian Church (NACCC)**

Reflections by Sharon Binger, Cindy Parsons and Pastor Clare

## **Responding To God's Love**

**"A World That is Good"** (*a unison prayer for this moment in our human story*)

**We celebrate the goodness of life and the world**

**All persons' goodness and their diversity**

**All relationships that promote love**

**All love that is caring and outreaching**

**All justice for human rights**

**All churches who are Open and Affirming**

**All gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and gender expansive persons**

**All the human family together without fear**

**All borders without walls or death**

**All nations that lay down their weapons**

**All extended family values without oppressive morals**

**All stem cell research to give new life**

**All public education with human freedom**

**All environmental care to conserve the Earth**

**All gun control without limit**

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**\*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, through our offerings we pursue the cause of Christ –  
proclaiming our interdependence with all your creation. We offer our  
material resources, time and effort to embody Christ in the moments and  
spaces in which we live. Encourage and empower us in this work of our  
lifetimes. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song (SPP 139) “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
all verses**

**Going Forth to Share God’s Love**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

*Optionally linking elbows or holding 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**

**“Put Peace into Each Other's Hands”**

*Kaan*

## ***After-Worship Fellowship***

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

### **Congratulations To Our Graduates!**

**BJ Stokes** graduates UW-Superior with a Masters degree in Educational Administration K-12 Principal. We celebrate this accomplishment as he continues to serve students in the Stillwater Area Public Schools.

**Kayla Garcia**, first grandchild of Pat Mazzitello and Nat Graf, graduated from South St. Paul High School on June 6th. She has been attending the U of M during her last 2 yrs. of high school, and will be attending North Carolina State this fall with intentions of becoming an ER doctor.

**Rashmika (Mika) Reddy Mazzitello**, second grandchild of Pat Mazzitello and Nat Graf, graduated from Reedy High School in Frisco, Texas on May 17th. She, too, has been taking college classes and testing out of college classes this year. She plans on attending Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX with intentions of becoming a doctor, specializing in women's health.

**Aidan Gromoll** graduates this weekend from a Contemplative Medicine Fellowship through the New York Zen Center for Contemplative Care. It is a twelve-month training for physicians, advanced practice registered nurses (NP & CNM), and physician assistants who want to lead change in the culture of care. Aidan's capstone project was "Study of how aid workers maintain their well-being."



### **Community Worship at Lakeside Park | July 7, 9 am**

Together in Christ, the service will be led by St. Croix United Church and Bethlehem Lutheran.

*Bring a lawn chair and non-perishable food item for the food shelf.  
Loose offerings will also go to Valley Outreach.*

## PRAYER CORNER

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

\*For **Bob Neuenfeldt**, who suffered both a stroke and a heart attack on Tuesday. In the ICU, he also tested positive for Covid. Now at Regions Hospital, he is undergoing testing before possible stent placement. We pray for the best possible outcome.

\*For safe travels for **Aidan Gromoll**, returning Sunday to the Twin Cities after weeks of providing medical care to refugees in Calais, France.

\*With Mary Maren Bjork, we pray for the family of friend **Ann**, whose husband, Steve, died after a short time in hospice.

\*With Megan Adams, we give thanks for new nephew, **Luca** (healthy and happy!) and new puppy, **Trudee**, bringing giggles and joy to the whole family.

\*With Jill Greenhalgh and Rolf Dittmann we rejoice in their daughter, **Andrea's**, engagement, new job, and move. So many blessings!

\*For **farmers and whole communities** affected by flood waters.

\*Celebrating anniversaries: **Bill and Betsy Stokes** (29th), **Naomi and David Kirstein** (29th)

## Mark your calendars...

**All-Church Potluck: Tue. July 16, 5:30—7pm** @ Sharri Kinkead's home (Hudson)

**Next Women's Gathering: Thurs. July 11, 6 pm**

A garden tea at Cindy Parsons' home in Afton.

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (accompanist), Mary Binger, Carol Dusbabek, Sam & Jonah Gromoll (greeters), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Rolf Dittmann & Mary Ann Litfin (cantors), Sue Favilla (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (childcare)




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## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# For All the Children



1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide, can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to doubt that they are  
May the mess - age now be ban - ished that Your love is for the  
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they join us hand in



be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.  
few, may their faith in You re - new.  
hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

## I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 139

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1. I'm gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an - y -  
 2. I'm gon-na work so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an - y -  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an - y -  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an - y -

B<sup>b</sup> Cm/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D Gm/F C/F Gmsus/F

- time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
 - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
 - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
 - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_

F C<sup>7</sup> F F/E<sup>b</sup> D<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>/E

— I'm gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_  
 — I'm gon-na work so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_  
 — I'm gon-na pray so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_  
 — I'm gon-na sing so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>/F<sup>#</sup> G<sup>9</sup> C<sup>7</sup>sus Bbmaj<sup>7</sup>/C F

— an - y - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — an - y - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
 — an - y - time, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and an - y - where. \_\_\_\_\_  
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