

June 16, 2024
Father's Day



The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music *We gently settle into sacred time and space*

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude & Lantern Lighting *We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Come, all who are weary from the bustle of each day –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who delight in the abundance of everyday treasure –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who are restless in the face of acquiescence to injustice –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who search for glimpses of quiet transcendence –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all whose spirits are frayed by unforeseen difficulties –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come with open hearts, ready to listen for the mystery –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

***Opening Song (SPP #26)** "You Are Welcome Here"

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 (*unison*)

God of all – your world weeps, yearning for a sign of mercy.
Your love works through our hands.

A friend is in anguish, besieged by unexpected pain.
Your love works through our ears.

A multitude are harmed and weary from prejudicial ways.
Your love works through our eyes.

A stranger faces death alone, wondering if anyone will remember.
Your love works through our tears.

A neighbor is lonely, longing for someone to come alongside.
Your love works through our bodies.

Forgive our resistance and open us further to your Spirit's movement –
Through all that we are and all that we do. 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"

Pastor Clare Gromoll (9th), **William Stokes** (9th – 2 yrs), **Zoey Hintze-Graf** (11th – 13 yrs),
Sam Gromoll (12th – 10 years), **Delores Davis** (17th), **Rolf Dittmann** (17th)

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another (*with arms wide open*) Children: God be with you **All: And also with you**

Sung Affirmation *as young people 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 their own family members today)
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship*

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures | TIB

Psalm 37:1-11

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures | NRSV

Jeremiah 29:1-14

One Here ends the readings.

All May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message Sacred Re-Imagining: 62nd Annual Meeting of the MN Conference UCC
Reflections by Kathleen Dennison, Marianne Warnes and Pastor Clare

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #111)

"Be Still and Know"
cantor sings once, all sing twice more

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**

A Father's Day Litany

Prayer of Jesus (*unison*)

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

*We give by cash, check or electronically
(go to stcroixunitedchurch.org, click on "giving" within the main menu).
Blue giving cards represent electronic gifts.*

Offertory

*Offertory Response

Praise, God, for these gifts;
we lift them up for heaven's blessing.
Praise God, for these gifts;
we lift them up to serve you, Lord.

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

Gracious One, we offer common gifts through our daily living: a gesture of strength, a word of daring, a prayer of kindness. We shape the tone and texture of how your vision is realized: weaving threads of justice, composing psalms of healing, sculpting contours of wisdom. We continue the holy story with chapters of our own: one life offering witness, another speaking as prophet, another walking as disciple; each one part of the whole. We dedicate our lives to your way of love. Amen.

***Closing Song** (SPP #201)

"Deep Peace"
all verses

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

forming a circle, 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

After-Worship Fellowship

All are welcome to linger for refreshments & good company!

Upcoming Events:

June 21-25 | NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference in Spokane, WA
(Cindy Parsons & Pastor Clare attend)

June 23 @ People's Park | 8:30 am Gentle Tai Chi
9:30 am worship (preacher: Rev. Dan Warnes, St. Croix United member)

June 26, 5:30-7pm | All-Church Potluck @ People's Park

July 11, 6:30pm | Women's Gathering @ Cindy Parsons's backyard gardens (Afton)

July 16, 5:30-7pm | All-Church Potluck @ Sharri Kinkaid's farm (Hudson)

Prayer Corner

We hold these joys and concerns in our prayers:

*With Sharri Kinkead, we pray for a friend's 16-year old grandchild, **Mack Hamilton**, recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. May love work powerfully in Mack's life at this time.

*We hold **Megan Adams**, Church Office Coordinator, and her family as they grieve the death of Megan's mother, Veloice. May love enfold and uplift them today and in the time ahead.

*With Kathy Whiterabbit, we pray for: **Cindy**, a non-tribal elder who is suffering with stage 4 lung cancer; **Kyle**, who assists the Whiterabbit family around their home, as he faces into new health difficulties; **Kathy**, as she faces into knee replacement surgery on July 1st - that she and her family might be surrounded by support

*With Cindy Baker, for cousin **Lynette** (recently hospitalized with high fevers) and cousin **Julie** (recently hospitalized with unexplained pain), as each now recovers at home.

*For **Emily**, friend to Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright, pregnant with a child who is to be named Samuel and is not expected to live beyond birth. For the well-being of all involved.

*For **Jerry**, former nextdoor neighbor to Dan and Marianne Warnes, currently hospitalized with symptoms of lymphoma.

*For **Tony Graf** (son to Nat and father to Zoey, Eddy and Finley), who recently suffered heart attacks and had triple bypass open-heart surgery. We pray for continued healing and a full recovery. *Tony, Jessy, and children would benefit from meals and Cub and Target gift cards during this difficult time. Please connect with Nat, Pat, or Pastor Clare to offer your support.*

*Celebrating anniversaries: **BJ and Claire Stokes** (20th)

And in the wider community...

*For **the land** and its caregivers.

*For **all nations going through elections** this year, we pray that justice will be done.

Thank you to today's partners:

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