



June 9, 2024

"What Does
God Do
Within Us?"

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

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

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

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.
We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

We are here because we want to be God's people.
We want to learn more about what it means to be people of God.

We come – seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.
**Let us open our hearts to the Spirit's movement within and among us.
Amen.**

***Opening Song (SPP #163)** "Your Love is Amazing"
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, you have called us to be a congregation – embodying your love in our unique way in this valley alongside your beautiful, powerful river. We are ready to hear your Word. We long to follow Jesus in this time and place. Grant us courage to listen and to do your will.

Compassionate God, we confess the times when we have closed ourselves off from love, clinging to fear and letting shame cling to us. We have missed opportunities to be channels for your love, becoming stagnant and stuck. May love open, warm, and heal us. Forgive us and give us courage to trust the ways you flow through us. Guide us by your loving Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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**

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"

**Deb Francis (2nd), Sue Favilla (3rd), Cindy Parsons (7th),
Pastor Clare Gromoll (9th), William Stokes (9th - 2 yrs), Zoey Hintze-Graf
(11th - 13 yrs), Sam Gromoll (12th - 10 yrs), Delores Davis (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 depart or return to families

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...
...let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Infant - age 3 | nursery care available downstairs (9:25-10:30)

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 Psalter | NCH #714

Psalm 138

A Reading from *Psalms for Praying*

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message

"What Does God Do Within Us?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn

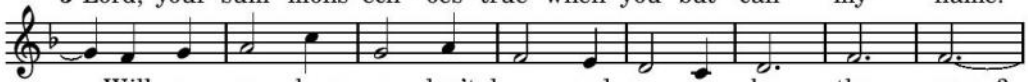
"The Summons" cantor sings vs. 1, all sing vs. 2-5

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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)

Blue giving cards represent gifts made electronically.



Offertory

Offertory Response

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halleluja! Halleluja!**

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

God of companioning love, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to your work of love, of peace, of joy, of life. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #451)** "Be Now My Vision"
verses 1-3

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Optionally linking elbows or hands

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

We carry the light of Christ with us in all times and spaces

***Postlude**

Today Following Worship:

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

11:00am | Special Congregational Meeting to vote on final approval of the land sale.

PRAYER CORNER

We hold these joys and concerns in our prayers:

*For Megan Adams' mom, **Veloice**, who suffered a stroke and brain bleed on Tuesday and whose coming days remain uncertain.

*For Sharon Neuenfeldt daughter, **Kristi** and granddaughter, **Maria**, safe and enjoyable travels during an upcoming "graduation" trip to London and Paris.

*For **Tony Graf** (son to Nat and father to Zoey, Eddy and Finley), who suffered heart attacks in recent days, received care in the ICU, and had a triple bypass open-heart surgery on Monday.

*For Jackie Savage's sister **Debbie**, who has damage in her heart, had fluid removed from her lungs, is undergoing testing, and hopes for the best possible prognosis.

*For Rebecca Dennis' friend, **Beth**, who lost her brother to an ATV accident after losing another sibling in recent years. May love surround her compounded grief.

*For Rebecca Dennis' neighbor, **Kelly's**, young adult son **John** as he enters end-of-life care due to a heart condition.

*For Rebecca Dennis' niece, **Katie**, who has recently left high school and home. We also pray for all struggling youth, that they might find the resources to sustain and build their lives.

*With Cindy Siegel's friend **Sarah**, we give thanks that a breast cancer tumor is shrinking!

*With Mary Ann Litfin, we pray for her fiancé John's daughter, **Claire**, as she struggles with mental health challenges.

*For **Sam Gromoll's** continued healing. And for **Pastor Clare** as she cares for him, well supported by the community that surrounds and uplifts them.

*For **Pastor Clare, Kathleen Dennison, and Marianne Warnes** as they attend the MN UCC Annual Meeting this weekend. May their hearts and minds be open for learning and growth.

*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.*

3rd Strategic Visioning Full-Congregation Workshop

June 11th



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

Childcare provided if requested
(please RSVP to Pastor Clare for childcare)

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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