



July 14, 2024

"How Do Community,
Worship and Joy
Intertwine?"

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 Turn Our Eyes to You" *Fitts/Cloninger/Smith*

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

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

God of joy and comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day.

Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we receive from you, the flame of joy is the most precious.

We also come to this hour of prayer bearing the sorrows of our world. **Comfort us with your presence. Strengthen us as we bear witness to your goodness in all the Earth. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn (NCH #38)** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"
all verses

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

Centering Ourselves

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

Tibetan singing bowls took form in the 6th and 5th centuries BCE. In some Buddhist traditions, singing bowls accompany meditation and chanting. Since the 1970s, singing bowls have also contributed to spiritual practices in the United States.

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(responsive)*

Loving God, you are sovereign over all our days.

When winds of faith invigorate our spirits, you are with us.

When burdens oppressive us and our spirits are listless, you are with us.

When deep calm and purpose inspire us, you are present.

When turbulent confusion or pain storms within, you are present.

Forgive us when we neglect to lean into your steadfast love.

Sometimes we don't want to see you or we try to do without you.

Sometimes we lock you in the past or put you off until tomorrow.

Merciful God, Lover of our souls, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to trust you and courage to serve you. 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”

Tom Dusbabek (11th), Cheri Schwartz (11th), Juniper Holler (13th - 6 yrs)

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 Lisa)
Families with children age 3 and below need to supervise their child on the playground
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship*

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from the Psalms | *Psalms for Praying*

Psalm 24

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures | *TIB*

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message How Do Community, Worship and Joy Intertwine?

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #113)

"Better Is One Day"
all verses

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*)

**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 (scanning the QR code)
Blue giving cards represent gifts made electronically.*



Offertory

"Think About Your Love"

Harrah

***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*)

Holy One, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live as channels of your mercy — inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***Closing Song (SPP #163)** “Your Love Is Amazing”
verses 1-2

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!

PRAYER CORNER

We hold these joys and concerns in our prayers:

*For safe travels and a meaningful, fun experience for **Pastor Clare, Zoey Hintze-Graf, and Brayden Johnson** next week at the UCC Regional Youth Event in Rock Island, IL.

*For our **Youth and Outreach Director interview team** (Sue Favilla, Cindy Siegel, Pastor Clare), discernment as they recommend a candidate for our new staff position.

*For **Linda Tossey**, receiving care at United Hospital after sustaining rib and back injuries from a fall on Sunday night. Linda will soon transition to rehab at Boutwell's Landing and let us know when she is ready to welcome visitors.

*With **Sam Gromoll**, we celebrate that his leg casts were removed on Wednesday and pray for continued healing energy as he rehabilitates in the months ahead.

*For many of us and our loved ones who struggle with managing mental health challenges. May we strive for destigmatization along with deepening compassion and understanding.

*For **Tony Graf**, recently treated for a serious and painful deep skin infection. We pray for complete healing as he continues to heal from triple bypass surgery as well.

*For **Kathy Whiterabbit**, as she heals from knee replacement surgery on July 1st.

*For David Kirstein's brother **Ron**. Naomi and David have extended their stay in Seattle as Ron enters palliative care. The medical team and prayers have helped ease Ron's breathing.

*With Kim Klisch, we pray for **David and Elaine** (her father and stepmother), as they transition to new housing and a new lifestyle; and for those supporting them.

*For **Bob Neuenfeldt**, deep healing after recent stroke, heart attack, Covid, and placement of a stent in his heart. Now home, he will begin physical therapy. We pray for rest and resilience for both Sharon and Bob.

*Celebrating anniversaries: **Dan and Marianne Warnes** (11th), **Jessica and Matthew Buck** (17th)

We support Walker West (St. Paul) as reparations for use of "This Little Light of Mine" and other Black spirituals. *Walker West creates a music learning community rooted in the African-American cultural experience, where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather, explore, and grow through music.*

GENTLE TAI CHI



Connection... Balance... Renewal

Gentle Tai Chi

Sunday Mornings | 8:30 - 9:15am @ People's Park
Tai Chi'ers welcome to stay for 9:30am worship at the park.
Casual dress at worship is welcome.

No Tai Chi on July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 11

2nd & 4th Mondays | 7pm @ Lakeside Park
Just south of the playground. Park in the south parking lot,
not the one by the beach and bathrooms.

Monday evening dates: August 5 and 19

Healing Sessions

Monday, July 29th at 6:30 - 8:30 pm

@ St. Croix United Church (Fireside Room)

You are welcome to experience a healing session with Lori Mildon and Mary Ann Litfin! Both are members of SCUC; trained and experienced in both Reiki and Healing Touch energy healing modalities. It is their objective to help you deeply relax, feel so much better, and find relief from discomfort at many levels, including physical and emotional to name just two.



Healing Sessions

Walk-ins welcome. No fee.

Donations to the church will be accepted but not necessary.



People's Park Requests

In order to maintain and enjoy our park and labyrinth for the remainder of this summer, please refrain from taking plants and objects from People's Park at this time.

If you are interested in being part of a **Garden Envisioning Group** to explore how we will use the plants, memorial bricks, rocks, and benches from the labyrinth to create new spaces at the church building, please let Megan know (office@stcroixunitedchurch.org). Claire Spilseth and Cindy Parsons will be creating this group and setting up a meeting date in the near future.



All-Church Potluck

Tue. July 16, 5:30—7pm

Sharri Kinkead's home (Hudson)
444 County Rd F, Hudson WI 54016

All are welcome! Please bring a friend!

Sharri has provided updated directions to her house:

94E to Hudson; take Exit 2 (Carmichael Rd/County Rd F)

Take a right at the light;

Go approximately 2 miles;

Camp St. Croix on right, Rivercrest School on left; farmhouse on left;

SLOW DOWN and put blinkers on once past the guard rail on right - traffic can be heavy and swift!

She will have a sign and/or balloons.

Her driveway is on the right but hidden due to foliage!

Her long white picket fence and Bessie the cow are still there!

And please bring chairs - She has about a dozen for those that don't.

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (accompanist), Mary Binger & Jane Hanson (greeters), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist), Mary Ann Litfin (cantor), Chris Bordeaux (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (childcare)




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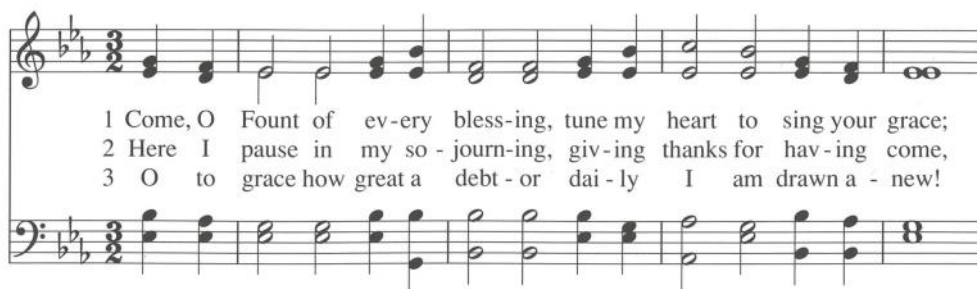
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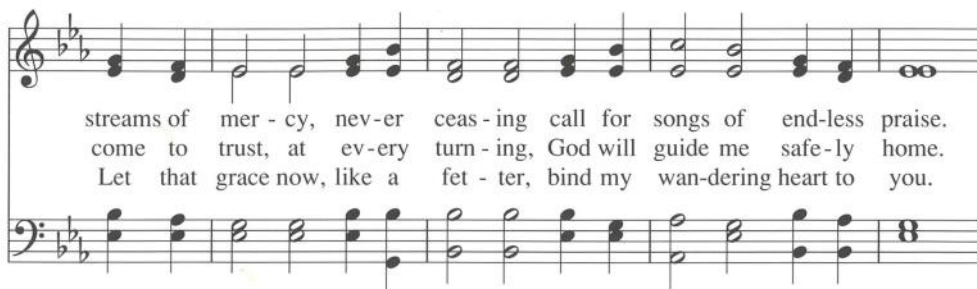
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Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

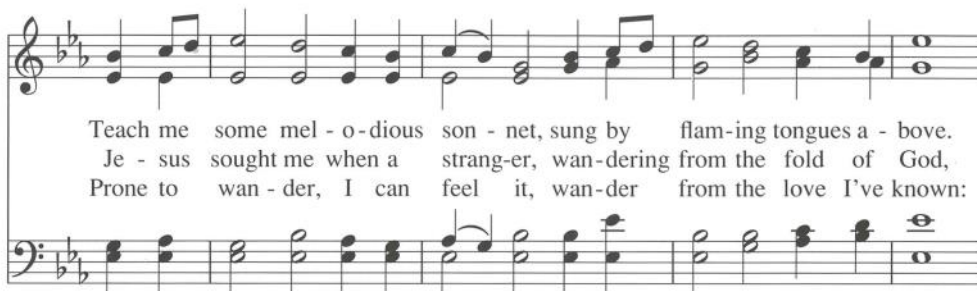
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



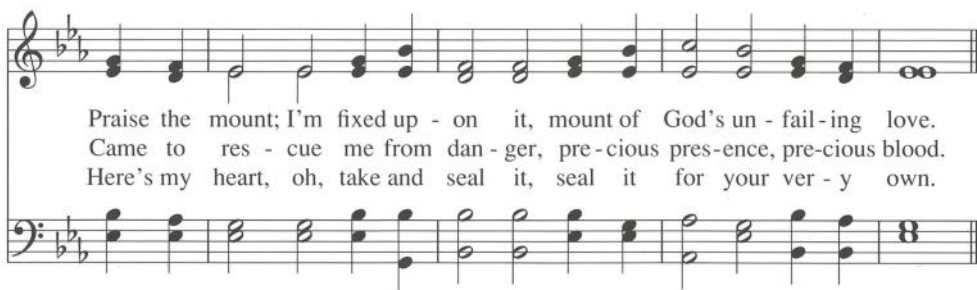
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some mel - o-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, pre - cious pres - ence, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age 20, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Better Is One Day

113

$\text{♩} = 80$

1. How love-ly is your dwell-ing place, O God al- might-
 thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beau-

- y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for you.
 - ty, to find you in the place your glo - ry dwells.

For here my heart is sat - is - fied with-in your pres-
 One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beau-

- ence. I sing be-neath the shad-ow of your wings...
 - ty, to find you in the place your glo - ry dwells.

Bet-ter is one day in your courts, bet-ter is one day in your house, bet-ter is

one day in your courts than thou-sands else - where. Bet-ter is

else-where, than thou-sands else-where. 2. One else-where.

Chords: E(omit3), Asus², Bsus, E(omit3), Bsus, E(omit3), Asus², Bsus, E(omit3), Bsus, Asus², Bsus², Asus², A/C#, Bsus, E/G#, Bsus, B(omit3), D.S., Bsus

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Your Love Is Amazing

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$\text{♩} = 100$
 C_{sus}² G/B

1. Your love is a - maz - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -
 - ing, I can feel it ris -
 - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -

C_{sus}² D_{sus}

- ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.
 - ing, all the joy that's grow - ing deep in - side of me.
 - ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.

C_{sus}² G/B

— Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —
 — Ev - 'ry time I see you all your good - ness shines
 — Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —

C_{sus}² D_{sus}

— me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.
 — through. I can feel this God song ris - ing up in me.
 — me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.

C_{sus}² G D_{sus} Em⁷

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

C_{sus}² G D_{sus}

your love makes me sing. Ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu -

Em⁷ C_{sus}² 1.2. 3. G

- jah, your love makes me sing. 2. Your love is sur - pris - Hal le - lu - jah.
 3. Your love is a - maz -

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