



July 21, 2024

“How Can
Respite and Refreshment
Restore Us?”

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 “Your Name is Above All Names”

Scott

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

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

Holy One - Breathing in your spacious peace, we welcome this day.
Resting in your expansive love, we welcome this day.

Trusting in your perpetual hope, we welcome this day.
Living in your created image, we welcome this day. Amen.

***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 *(responsive)*

Compassionate God, just God, faithful God,
We know you in beauty and goodness, and in difficult times;

We come to you for a gentle, fruitful pause in our busyness.
Weary, we come to you for renewed energy.

Disheartened, we come to you for encouragement.
We long for the peace of your presence.

Even as we feel afraid or overwhelmed by the urgency of your call—
Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us.

Enter into our community, empowering us to love and serve you —
In solidarity with all your children. Amen.

Musical Interlude *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

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.

***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”

Ruby Staberg (22nd - 5 yrs), Maya Klisch-Solano (23rd - 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 | TIB

Psalm 23

A Reading from the Gospels | TIB

Mark 6:30-34, 45-51

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message [How Can Respite and Refreshment Restore Us?](#)

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #44)

"Great is Your Faithfulness"
verses 1-2

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

"Wind, Wind"

Clowe

***Offertory Response**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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

God of restorative 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.

***Closing Song (SPP #84)** “All My Days”
all verses

Going Forth to Share God’s Love

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *Optionally linking elbows or holding hands*

**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** “Go Make a Difference” *Angrisano/Tomaszek*

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:

*We give thanks for safe travels and a fun, impactful experience for **Zoey Hintze-Graf, Brayden Johnson and Pastor Clare** last week at the UCC Regional Youth Event in Rock Island, IL.

*For Jane Hanson's friend, **Charlotte**, as her son **Zack** begins treatment for addiction. We hope for recovery and a strong future.

*With Mary Binger, we pray for all **people who feel called to public service** in light of the risks that entails. May they continue to lead with courage and strength.

*For our **Youth and Outreach Director interview team** (Sue Favilla, Cindy Siegel, Pastor Clare) as they extend the job offer to our finalist.

*For **Linda Tossey**, rehabilitating after sustaining rib and back injuries from a recent fall. She will let us know when she is ready to welcome visitors.

*Celebrating anniversaries: **Jessica and Matthew Buck** (17th), **Matt and Emily Wulff** (30th)



All-Church Outdoor Potluck

Thank you to all who came on Tuesday evening!

Next Potluck:

Tuesday, August 20th | 5:30-7 pm
Fritz West's home in Marine on St. Croix



Let's keep supporting our food insecure neighbors,
especially with the kids being out of school for the summer.

Look for this table each Sunday at worship.

We welcome non-perishable **food** and/or **cash** donations.

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.

Upcoming dates: July 28, August 18 and 25

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. Their objective is to help you deeply relax and find relief from discomfort in body, mind, and spirit.



Healing Sessions

Walk-ins welcome. No fee.

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.



Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, August 4 | 10:45 am
@People's Park & Zoomed

On July 18th, our Strategic Vision Task Force presented to our Leadership Council a set of proposed **Values, Vision and Mission statements** to guide our congregation's ministry.

The Leadership Council will review the proposed statements before forwarding them to the congregation for consideration and potential adoption.


We thank everyone who offered input via our onsite and Zoom strategic visioning workshops this spring. We also thank our Strategic Vision Task Force (Jill Greenhalgh, Kathleen Dennison, Bob Dickie) for hosting our workshops and synthesizing congregational input.

Please plan to join us on August 4th!

Nat Graf (Moderator) and Pastor Clare

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (accompanist), Carol Dusbabek (greeter), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), Rolf Dittmann (cantor), Naomi & David Kirstein (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sign), Lisa Culbertson (childcare)



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Come to the Water

$\text{♩} = 88$

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._____

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

**originally "Father"*

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Chisholm to composer Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with Refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

All My Days

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♩=78 N.C. A7sus

1. You

D D/F# G A7sus G/B D D/F# D G

know my_ words, be - fore they're said. You know my need and
 I should fly_ be - yond the_ dawn, the shad - ows will_ not
 ev - ery_ thought, each word we say,_ the whole of_ time, the
 mend my_ heart and free my_ voice. From sin re - leased, I

E/G# Esus A F#7/A# Bm F#m7 G Am D7 Gadd9

I am fed. You give me_ life... You know my_ ways, my
 o - ver - come. If I lie_ down in deep - est_ night, still
 pre - sent day,_ are held with - in_ your might - y_ hand too
 will re - joice. O search me_ now, my spir - it_ cries, and

D/A G/B Em/C#F#aug Bm D7/A D/G D/F# Em7

strength, my path_ for all my_ days, my strength, my_ path, for
 you are_ there, my truth, my_ light, still you are_ there, my
 won - der - ful_ to com - pre - hend, too won - der - ful_ to
 let my_ song of praise a - rise,_ and let my_ song of

Asus N.C. A7sus Asus N.C. Dadd9

1.2.3. 4.

all my days.____ 2. If praise a - rise.____
 truth, my light.____ 3. Our
 com - pre - hend.____ 4. O

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