



August 25, 2024

"How Can a Home  
in God Shape 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 "Growing Together"**

*Hunt, Murphy, Johnson*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

**\*Invocation** *(responsive)*

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Renew your whole creation as you move among us.**

Fill us with your creative energy and extravagant light.

**Open and stir our hearts for the work of love to which you call us.**

Nurture our hope as we labor to build your beloved community.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn (NCH #9)**

"Wakantanka Taku Nitawa"/"Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works"  
**all verses (sung in English)**

**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)*

O God, you are all around us and in us.

**We thank you for your presence.**

From the east we hear you call us to the fresh newness of the day.

**Deliver us from ruts and stagnant waters.**

From the west you call us to be the complete whole persons you created.

**Deliver us from our broken hearts and unrealized dreams.**

From the south you call us to warmth and growth.

**Deliver us from hard hearts and cold hands.**

From the north you call us to a refreshing, peaceful, bubbling spring.

**Deliver us from our boiling, destructive anger.**

From below you offer us a solid foundation.

**Deliver us from our unstable faith.**

From above you call us to life beyond what we experience here.

**Deliver us from our limited perception. We place our trust in 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"**

**Kaari Bjork** (25th - 7 yrs), **Barb Hilliard** (26th), **Erin Klisch** (29th),  
**Alex Sommerfeld** (Favilla) (30th)

**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 84

**A Reading from the Epistles** | *TIB*

Ephesians 6:10-20

Here ends the readings.

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

## Morning Message "How Can a Home in God Shape Us?"

### 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

"You Are the One"

Green

### \*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*)

**Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of your abundance and your unfailing compassion for all who need hope. We pray in the Spirit of Jesus the Christ – source of our hope and joy, our gifts and open hands. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn (NCH #22)**      “Joys Are Flowing Like a River”  
**verses 1, 3 & 5**

**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**

“May Our God Watch Between Us”

*Ungar*

***After-Worship Fellowship***

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

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.

## PRAYER CORNER

\*For **Arly Fuhr**, as she heals and recuperates after recently experiencing a stroke.

\*For Mary Binger's friend, **Meg**, as she heals after recent brain surgery.

\*For Aidan Gromoll's friend, **Jane and her family** as they grieve the death of her father.

\*With Bob Dickie, we offer prayers of comfort for all who grieve the recent passing of his friend **Robert**.

\*With Roger Klisch, we offer prayers of healing, hope, and health for his sister, **Catherine**, who recently received a kidney transplant.

\*Celebrating anniversaries: **Jim and Mary Kay Dahl** (8/25), **Rolf Dittmann and Jill Greenhalgh** (8/27), **Bob and Cheri Schwartz** (8/28)

## Inquirers Gathering

**August 28, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

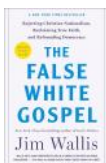
For new and long-time friends alike... we'll share personal introductions, learn about the life and work of our church, and explain a bit about our affiliations. Co-hosted by Pastor Clare and members of our Community Life Team.



If you'd like to attend, please let Pastor Clare know ([pastor@stcroixunitedchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stcroixunitedchurch.org)).

A Zoom link is available if you can't be with us onsite.

## Book Club | **Aug. 29, Sept. 12 & 26** | 6:30—8 pm



In this polarized and often contentious political season, you are invited to join our book club reading of Jim Wallis' *The False White Gospel* to help deepen our understanding of Christian Nationalism and learn ways of combating its message. **We will discuss chapters 1-3 on Aug. 29th.**

You're welcome to come and listen or join in the discussions. Copies are available at Valley Bookseller in Stillwater with a 15% discount, and there are e-book copies available at the Washington County Library.

## GENTLE TAI CHI



Connection... Balance... Renewal

## Gentle Tai Chi

**Mondays | 7 pm** @ Lakeside Park  
**Wednesdays | 10 am** @ Lakeside Park

Rain location: St. Croix United Church

## Connection Sunday

**Sept. 8th | 9:30 am** @ People's Park

Sunday School and Youth Group kick-off  
Blessing of the Backpacks



Give blood.  
Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross



## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Sept. 17th | 9 am—3 pm** @ St. Croix United Church  
Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sponsored by the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce

**Sept. 17th | 11 am** @ St. Croix United Church

Come celebrate the merging of our two congregations into one!  
Refreshments will follow on the church lawn.

Stillwater Chamber  
of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting  
Ceremony



## Harvest Fest - Planning Team Meeting

**Sept. 18 | 10:30 am**

Would you like to be part of the conversation as we start planning for Harvest Fest 2024? You're welcome to attend our next meeting to see if it interests you. Fresh ideas are welcome! When this annual friend-raising, fundraising event rolls around (**Nov. 23**), it will be all hands on deck!

Any questions? Please contact Mary Binger  
([mehbinger@gmail.com](mailto:mehbinger@gmail.com), 651-357-8601).

# St. Croix United Church

## \*Grand Opening Celebration\*

Sunday, Sept. 22 | 11-1pm


Fun \* Food \* Music

Join us for our Grand Opening event following our first fall indoor worship service. There will be a light brunch, face painting & button-making for kids on the lawn... live music floating out through open windows... culminating in a brief service of blessing for our new church (led by clergy from local churches).

**Bring a friend!**

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek & Jackie Savage (greeters), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (cantors), Arly Fuhr (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (childcare)



**St. Croix United Church**  
Rev. Clare Gromoll, Pastor  
pastor@stcroixunitedchurch.org  
309 Third St. N, Bayport MN 55003-1028  
(651) 439-5667 / office@stcroixunitedchurch.org  
www.stcroixunitedchurch.org  @SCUCBayport

CREDITS & PERMISSIONS | **Invocation** adapted by permission of the publisher from *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*, ed. Maren C. Tirabassi & Maria I Tirabassi. Copyright © 2007 The Pilgrim Press. **Prayer of Confession & Longing, Prayer of Dedication** reprinted or adapted by permission of the publishers from *Touch Holiness*, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi. Copyright © 1990 by The Pilgrim Press. **Scripture Readings** from *The Inclusive Bible*. Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-703858. All rights reserved.



# Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

9

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Paraphrased by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.  
 Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩

Ps. 104:24-30; Jer. 10:12, 13

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi  
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,  
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,  
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -  
 wi - co - wa - ste yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni  
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
 With you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.  
 word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 life that has no end, E - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.  
 Native American melody (Dakota)  
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Harm. J. R. Murray, 1877

## 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.

Words and Music: Matt Redman

Copyright ©1995 Thankyou Music (PRS), administered by EMI CMG Publishing,  
 excluding Europe, which is administered by kingwaysing.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
 (Words revised by the Praise Song Advisory Team, 2009.)

# Joys Are Flowing Like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

John 14:16

Manie P. Ferguson (1850-?); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has  
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly  
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the  
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of right-eous -  
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the  
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our  
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing  
 ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the  
 face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

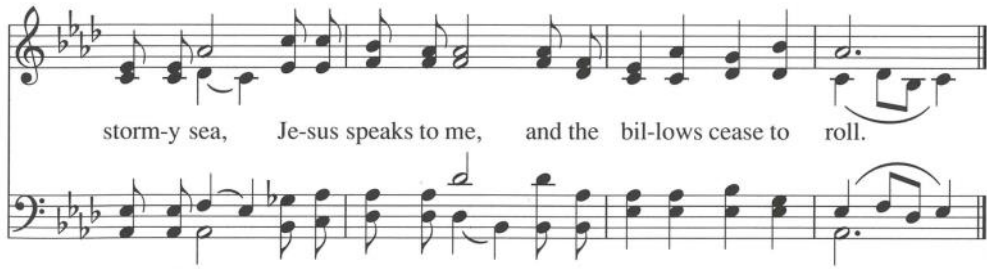
*Refrain*  
 trust - ing heart a home.  
 wea - ri - ness to rest.  
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui - et-ness, ho - ly  
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.  
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

Manie Payne Ferguson, born in Ireland, was married to a Wesleyan evangelist who established several missions on England's west coast. Mrs. Ferguson's hymns were published in Echoes from Beulah.

Tune: BLESSED QUIETNESS 8.7.8.7. with Refrain  
 W. S. Marshall

Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland  
 and Verolga Nix, 1981



storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains the vocal melody. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains the piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.