



August 4, 2024

“For What Do  
We Hunger?”

**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**

“Bind Us Together”

*Gillman*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

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

We come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies our hunger and thirst for what is good.

**We come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again.**

When we are filled, we can minister to the hunger and thirst in others.  
**We come to worship God, who gives us life through Jesus the Christ!**

**\*Opening Hymn (NCH #33)** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"  
**all verses**

**Brief Reflection on the Regional Youth Event**

Zoey Hintze-Graf

**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)*

**Merciful God, your care never ceases. So we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems that go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem and for tasks left undone, we need your forgiveness and long for your grace.**

**For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Jesus the Christ. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. 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”**

**John Siegel (4th), Miko Hernandez (9th - 14 yrs), Elaine Santore (9th),  
Christopher Staberg (10th)**

### **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 Hebrew Scriptures | TIB**

**Exodus 16:2-30**

**A Reading from the Gospels | TIB**

**John 6:24-35**

Here ends the readings.

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

### **Morning Message**

**“For What Do We Hunger?”**

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Song (SPP #120)**     "Dream God's Dream"  
**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*)

**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**

"A Perfect Heart"

*Rambo/McGuire*

### **Offertory Response** *Seated*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below – Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Sharing in Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages  
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive love*

### **The Invitation and Prayer**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

**Loving God, you are Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth.  
We celebrate you – joining our voices with the wind and streams, animals and  
flowers, the living and the dead (*pause*), the stars, planets, and all members of  
creation – forever proclaiming your expansive love. Amen.**

### **Words of Remembrance and Blessing**

**\*Sharing the Bread and the Cup** *Forming a circle*

*We serve one another as we sing*

*Pass the basket of (gluten-free) bread, blessing the next person with the “bread of life”*

*Hold your piece of bread until the Cup comes to you*

*Dip the bread into the Cup as your neighbor offers you the “cup of blessing”*

**\*Communion Hymn (Chalice Hymnal #414)** **“Eat This Bread”**  
**sung repeatedly**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in me and you will not thirst**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

The bread of life and cup of blessing for everyone! **Thanks be to God!**

**God of all, for the healing you work through broken bread and poured cup,  
thank you. For the community that you restore in us through the sharing of  
life, thank you. For the courage and strength you promise to us, thank you.  
Send us forth from this place in love – to do justice with gentleness and power  
through your Spirit. Amen.**

## 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 Tell the World”

*arr Ylvisaker*

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

### City of Bayport Public Hearing - Future Anderson Elementary Plans

**August 5th, 6 pm** | Bayport City Hall

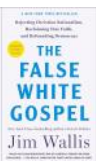
A “Notice of Public Hearing” and “Conceptual Plan for New Bayport School” can be accessed in our Midweek News or via [www.ci.bayport.mn.us](http://www.ci.bayport.mn.us).

### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

**All-Church Potluck** | **Aug. 20, 5:30 pm** | @ Fritz West's home in Marine on St. Croix  
**Women's Gathering** | **Aug. 22, time TBD** | @ Church

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

We hope to deepen our understanding of Christian Nationalism and learn ways of combating its message. Details in the Midweek News.



## PRAYER CORNER

- \*For **Aidan Gromoll**, who traveled Friday and Saturday to Dunkirk, France, to provide medical care among refugees for 5-6 weeks.
- \*For Sharon Neuenfeldt's brother, **Greg**, who will now receive home hospice care as he nears the end of his battle with multiple myeloma.
- \*For **Linda Tossey**, who continues to receive chemotherapy and recover at home after a recent hospitalization.
- \*For Cindy Baker's mother-in-law, **Linda**, as she awaits results from a biopsy.
- \*With Jackie Savage, we pray for **David** (a dear friend of her beloved husband, Don) as he needs a heart valve replacement.
- \*For **David Kirstein** and his brother, **Ron**, as Ron enters his last chapter of life.
- \*For Bob Dickie's friend, **Robert**, who enters his last chapter of life.
- \*Gratitude for **Rev. Rebecca LeMenager's** message and presence with us last Sunday.
- \*For the work of two new advocates at The Connect Center, **Clara and Maddie**.
- \*For Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright's friend **Emily and husband Lucas**, whose baby Samuel was born recently and died soon after birth.
- \*Celebrating anniversaries: **Claire and Michael Bjork** (9th)

### A note from our new Youth and Outreach Director, Telae:



Hello! I am so excited and honored to be given this role at St Croix United Church. I have been committed to youth work and education for the last 10 years, working with young people in afterschool programs and teaching music in public school classrooms. I have a heart for youth, seeing it as a privilege to be a part of their journey in development and personal growth.

I am born and raised in Cambridge, MN. I have lived in Chicago and made the Twin Cities my home for the past 20 years. I am a proud mother of two sons, Kai(18) and Uriah(17). I value community and believe that love is the most powerful energy we have—the most clear representation of God that I know. I strive to lead with love and build lasting relationships.

I look forward to becoming a part of your faith community and inspiring our young people on their path to be the best versions of themselves, empowering them to lead by example and enjoy learning together. I also look forward to meeting the wonderful families who attend St. Croix United Church and walking together toward a beautiful and unified future.

- Telae

## Special Congregational Meeting

**TODAY | 10:45 am** | @People's Park & Zoomed

**Please plan to join us following worship as we vote to affirm our values, vision, and mission as St. Croix United Church!**

### Values

Our relationships with God and each other form the current that empowers us to:

Nurture spiritual growth

Invest in children and youth

Commit to social justice and inclusivity

Offer a space of belonging

Balance innovation and tradition

### Vision

We envision an ever-expanding safe harbor where we thrive together and work with God toward love and justice.

### Mission

Moved by deepening relationships with God and each other, we unite with the wider community to transform our values into action.

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek, Sam & Jonah Gromoll (greeters), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Rolf Dittmann (cantor), Telae (Youth and Outreach Director), Jane Hanson (communion preparer), Kathy & Bob Iverson (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Lisa Culbertson (childcare)




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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

*This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).*

Tune: LINSTAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

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Dream God's Dream

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D C G D C G D Em7

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

D/F# G Bm7

Spir - it\_\_\_ help us dream of a world where there is

F#m7 G Em7 A A/G

jus - tice\_\_\_ and where ev - 'ry one is free to

D/F# G Bm7 A

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D

Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

C G D C G D C G

1. I'm dream-ing\_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing\_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing\_ of the way that I want my life to

D C Em7 D

skin will mean less than\_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.  
me, how to use my\_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;  
go. I've got hope and\_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.

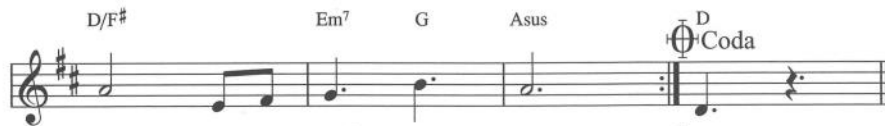
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A world where wa - ter's clean and where  
 to do the work of Christ to say  
 I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry\_\_ chi - ld  
 God, please use my life to spread Your\_\_ heal - ing  
 won't for - get the scars of Christ who\_\_ died to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.  
 love and to live Your truth.  
 show that the dream's for all.

# Eat This Bread

414

G C Am D Bm

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and

Em Dsus D G D Em Bm

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,

C D G

trust in me and you will not thirst.

*Descant for C instrument  
May be sung throughout communion*

WORDS: Robert Batastini and the Taizé Community, 1982  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

BERTHIER  
Irr.

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