



October 13, 2024

“How Do We Make
Each Day Count?”

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

We gently settle into sacred time and space

Ring the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting “Njoo kwelu, Roho Mwema”

Niwaglila

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words from a Neighbor

SPP = *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

* = Sitting or standing

NCH = *New Century Hymnal*

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

Welcoming God, like weary camels through the gate called Needle's Eye,
we come.

Help us to unburden ourselves as we cross this threshold into worship.

Unburden us of the desire for things that are not really us –
-of the striving with others that is not really us,

– of the feeling of constantly falling short that is not really us.

Lift these things away, so we can be here as our truest selves. Amen.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #3)** "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 (*unison*)

God of shining clarity, we often become confused. We confuse having security with faith. We confuse sharing our excess with generosity. We confuse having with deserving. Restore a right spirit within us. Help us know what riches we have and where we are poor indeed. Help us to know true penitence and genuine gratitude. In the name of Jesus the Christ, 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**

...to those with us online and onsite: smiles, peace signs, handshakes

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.

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"

Lori Mildon (10/15), Sharri Kinkead (10/15), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (10/15), Hailey Johnson (10/17 - 11 yrs), BJ Stokes (10/18), Kaira Bettin (10/18)

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another

...with arms wide open

Young Ones: 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's Activity | Children (age 3 - gr. 4) go downstairs with Cindy and Roger
Youth Group | Youth (gr. 5-12) go with Telae to their main-level meeting space
Nursery | Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to utilize the downstairs nursery
(the worship service can be heard in the nursery)

We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Proclaiming God's Love

A Reading from the Psalms | NRSV (part 1, p. 548)

Psalm 90:1-6, 12-17

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV (part 1, p. 46)

Mark 10:17-27

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message "How Do We Make Each Day Count?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #111)

**“Be Still and Know”
sung three times**

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**

A Litany for Indigenous People's Day *(responsive)*

Creator, you made us all in your beautiful diversity

Planting us in all four corners of your sacred earth

And you call us together now on the four winds

Inviting us to be renewed and healed by your spirit.

Creator, author of all goodness, water us with your tears and bind us as one.

Your people have been scattered, abused and broken

Yet always you sang to us by the light of sister moon

You spoke to us through the radiance of brother sun

Through the very ground you remind us we are loved.

Creator, source of compassion, you bear our pain and hear our silent screams.

They took our land and then they took our little ones

You heard our moaning and our cries in the night

Sending comfort and vision for a new generation of hope

To the seventh generation you have promised healing.

Creator, you know our hearts, help us to pray as our ancestors did.

You placed us on lush, green and fertile lands

Draped with golden mountains and deep rivers

You taught us how to care for every living thing

But strangers came and did not see your beauty.

Creator, you bring sight to the blind, help our people to see again.

Loving Creator, use our wounds for the healing of our circle

Use our voices so the songs of the silenced are heard again

Use the threads of our anger and shame for the mending of this hoop

Use our homes and our ancient lands as places of sacred promise.

Creator, make us whole again, so our mother is renewed for all. Amen.

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

*Neighbors In Need Special Offering
Kathleen Dennison, Social Justice Team*

We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)

***Blue giving cards** represent gifts made electronically.*



***Offertory**

“Weave Us Together”

Crow

***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 generous love, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #448)** “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”
all verses

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *...optionally 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**

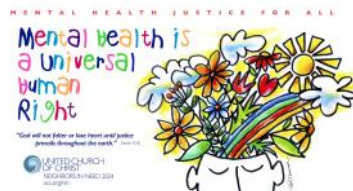
We carry the light of Christ with us in all times and spaces

***Postlude** “Grace, Love and Fellowship” *Fettke*

All are welcome downstairs for refreshments & good company!

Neighbors in Need: Third Quarter Special Offering

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice For All!” In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.



A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey. See our Midweek News for how funds are used.

Special envelopes are available. Please mark all checks "Neighbors in Need."

Collected through Oct. 31st.

PRAYER CORNER

- *For all who loved Mary Binger's friend, **Kevin Grossheim**, the Park Ranger who tragically died while saving others in Voyageurs National Park last Sunday.
- *For Rolf Dittmann's brother, **Ray**, as he faces into a new cancer diagnosis.
- *For Therese Thorson's friend, **who evacuated Florida and returned to find their home gone**. Prayers for everyone experiencing devastating losses of home, livelihood, and life itself in the wakes of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. *(See our Midweek News to donate to relief work through the UCC.)*
- *For Wendy Staberg's brother, **Dennis**, comfort for him and loved ones as he moves into home hospice with advanced lung disease.
- *With Carl Montei (friend to Jane Hanson), we pray for the well-being of friends, **Nona and Ronnie** in South Carolina, who are going through a season of changes.
- *For **Desiree**, a Tai Chi participant, who experiences and witnesses bullying in her Adult Day Care. Prayers for kindness and healing in that space.
- *Joy for the **music in our community** and the new leadership provided by Telae!
- *For those starving and displaced in **Sudan**.

Bridge The Gap Community Hunger Walk Update!

We had a successful 1st Community Hunger Walk with members from St. Croix United Church, St. Charles Catholic Church, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

- 18 people that registered, but there were over 20 adults and 5-10 kids that walked!
- We raised \$160 from this event, as well as TONS of food donated to help us continue to re-stock the pantries.

Thank you to everyone who participated blessed the Pantry.

The Local Outreach Committee: Kaira, Cindy S, Jackie, Sharon B, Bob D, Telae





Pastor Clare will be on vacation in Wisconsin, Oct. 14 –21

In the event of a question or need, please contact one of the following:

For urgent Pastoral Concerns: Rev. Dan Warnes (402-200-9680)

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Interested in making a joyful noise in a welcoming singing ensemble?

St. Croix United Church will be continuing regular choir practice on

Most Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm & Most Sundays, 8:30-9:15am.



All abilities are welcome!

Please reach out to Telae for details and schedule at:

YouthAndOutreach@stcroixunitedchurch.org

Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth & Outreach Director, Interim Choir Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek, Jane Hanson & Sam Gromoll (greeters), Sharri Kinkead & Jonah Gromoll (liturgists), Cindy Baker (fellowship & children), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Roger Klisch (age 3 - gr 4), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sharri Kinkead & Kathy Iverson (altar decor)




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Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

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

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842
 Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.
 For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24–25; Jer. 10:12–13; 2 Esd. 16:56–60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♪♪♪♪

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 - šte 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. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

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

Be Still and Know

111

♩=108

Eadd9 C#m7 E/D C#m7 Amaj7
 Be still and know that I am God. Be still and
 Cal - ma tu ser, que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu

E/G# F#m7 G#m7 Amaj7 B7 Eadd9 C#m7
 know that I am God. Be still and know
 ser, que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu ser,

E/D C#m7 Amaj7
 that I am God. Be still and
 que soy tú Dios. Cal - ma tu

E/G# F#m7 G#m7 Amaj7 B7 Eadd9
 know that I am God.
 ser, que soy tú Dios.

**May be sung as a round beginning at measure two.*

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Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON