



October 27, 2024

“Do We Recognize
Restoration?”

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags. Coffee and tea are welcome in worship.
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 “Amber Leaves”

Davis

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words from a Neighbor

***Prayer of Gathering** (*unison*)

O Holy One, may this place be filled with your Spirit. Gently nudge us into an unclenched moment, a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectations. Soften us by your love, surround us with your light, and open us to your mystery. May we be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you. Amen.

***Opening Song (SPP #20)** "Waiting for You"
sung twice

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

Centering Ourselves *...as the singing bowl invites us into stillness*

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*responsive*)

Author of life, we humbly confess that we fall short of your intentions for us and our expectations for ourselves.

We would touch the world with goodness, but we withdraw in uncertainty.

We would live with integrity and stand for truth, but we are torn with uncertainties.

We would act with compassion, but we hesitate as we wonder if the other will love us in return

We would go about our daily tasks with confidence and joy, but we struggle with self-doubt.

We need your presence, O God, if we are to be what we could and want to be.

Let our worship heal us, renew us, strengthen us –

That we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. 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”

Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright (11/2)

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 Claire and Wendy
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. 572)

Psalm 126

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV (part 2, p. 47)

Mark 10:46-52

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message

“Do We Recognize Restoration?”

Responding To God’s Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #461)

“Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless”
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

“Jesus, I Adore You”

Coelho

*Offertory Response

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!

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

God of generous love, we give thanks for opportunities to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you are with us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your embodied community. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #249)** “Peace I Leave with You, My Friends”
verses 1 & 2

***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**

“As-salaamu ”

Lakum

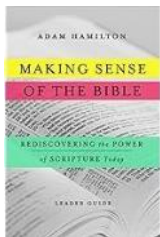
All are welcome downstairs for refreshments & good company!

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 **Linda Tossey** as she continues her difficult journey with cancer.
- *For Pat and Nat's granddaughter, **June**, as her broken arm heals.
- *For **Cindy and Bob's niece** and all who struggle with mental health challenges.
- *Courage for Fritz's friend **Mitchell** and others on challenging weight loss journeys.
- *For peace and connection for all - especially **those who feel fear, loneliness, and disconnection**.
- *For Rev. Désirée's cousin, **David**, as he heals from COVID and pneumonia.
- *For Rev. Désirée's family as they celebrate **her daughter** becoming a teenager and anticipate challenges that may be on the horizon.

Adult Faith Conversations | **TODAY, 11 am**

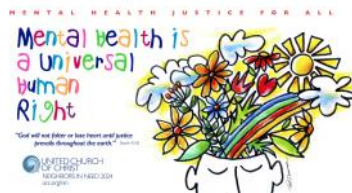


Adult Faith Conversations will begin a weekly Fall DVD discussion series with Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. This DVD series examines church and cultural divisions by looking at the nature of scripture and how we might interpret it.

Hamilton addresses often misunderstood themes in the Bible and leads us to a deeper appreciation of it so we might hear God speaking through it and experience its relevance to our life today.

Neighbors in Need: Third Quarter Special Offering

The Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice For All,” supporting the General Synod of the United Church of Christ’s 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.*

Please mark all checks "Neighbors in Need." Collected through Oct. 31st.



Trunk Or Treat | **Thursday, Oct. 31** 4-7pm

Join us for a spooktacular evening!
Come in costume and trick or treat in the safety of the church parking lot... *All are Welcome!*
Please contact Cindy Siegel (cindysiegel98@gmail.com) if you can be a car in the lineup and/or bring treats!

Harvest Fest is coming...!

Nov. 23 | 10-3 pm

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED TODAY

- Make soup
- Donate bread
- Donate pies
- Make bakery goodies
- Make crafts
- Donate items and gift cards for Goods-To-Go
- Help with set up and clean up
- Help run the raffle
- Help decorate porch pots
- Be a greeter or cashier
- And more...



JOIN IN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

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



Connection... Balance... Renewal

Gentle Tai Chi

Mondays 7pm and Wednesdays 10am

@ St. Croix United Church

For notifications of cancellations or vacations, please contact MaryAnn to be added to the email list: Mary Ann Litfin | malitfin@gmail.com | 612-382-9920



All Saints Day | **Sunday, Nov. 3rd**

Be sure to submit names of those you'd like to honor on All Saints Day by emailing Megan at office@stcroixunitedchurch.org.



Help us stock the **Food Sharing Pantry** (Bayport) and the **Little Free Pantry** (Stillwater) by placing items in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Here is a list of most needed items:

Canned or Pouched Meats: Tuna, chicken, salmon, jerky, summer sausage


Grains: Pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, quinoa, couscous

Shelf Stable Items: Hot and cold kid-friendly cereal, ready-to-eat soup, beans, peanut butter, granola bars, crackers
Spices, cooking oil and condiments.



Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth & Outreach Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Cheri & Bob Schwartz (greeters), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist), Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Claire Spilseth & Wendy Staberg (age 3 - gr 4), Cindy Siegel (youth group), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sharri Kinkead & Kathy Iverson (altar decor)



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Waiting for You

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We are wait - ing for you, know - ing that you

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al - ways a - bide, we are wak - ing to your pres - ence

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and our hearts are o - pen wide,

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Words and Music: Christopher Grundy

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461 Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

Ps. 126:5-6; Rom. 4:18; 1 Cor. 13

David Beebe, 1989

1 Let us hope when hope seems hope - less, when the
 2 Faith and hope in love's com - pas - sion will sur -
 3 Like a child out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting

dreams we dreamed have died. When the morn - ing
 vive though knowl - edge cease, though the tongues of
 child - hood things a - way, we will learn to

breaks in bright - ness, hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied.
 joy fall si - lent, dull the words of proph - e - cies.
 live in free - dom, in the life of God's new day.

Emma Lou Diemer, organist since the age of thirteen, studied composition at Yale University and Eastman School of Music, and has published orchestra, chamber, choral, and organ works. David Beebe wrote this text while teaching a course on creative writing. A minister of the United Church of Christ, Beebe has served on the staff of the denomination's Stewardship Council.

Tune: LET US HOPE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Emma Lou Diemer, 1994
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re - trace the
 Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall set its
 Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we shall see

sor - row - ing way and re - joice in har - vest
 an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -
 face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -

boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.
 ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.
 pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 || 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
Ray Repp, 1967
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

EASTER SEASON

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
 And with this love you will be free,
 Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un - til I come a - gain.
 un - til I come a - gain.
 for I will come a - gain.