

November 3, 2024

"How Can We Love
with Our Whole
Selves?"

All Saints Sunday

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 "When the Saints Go Marching In"

African American Spiritual

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words from a Neighbor

***Opening Song (SPP #163) "Your Love is Amazing"** **all verses**

SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

* = Sitting or standing

NCH = New Century Hymnal

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the saints
For grandparents and godparents, healthcare workers, teachers and other public servants.

For all the saints, we give you thanks—
For authors who have moved us, friends who have guided us, strangers who have set examples, children who have given us courage.

For all the saints, we give you thanks—
For those who have died and those who are living, those who knew they made a difference and those who will never know.

You call us to be your saints—your holy people in the here and now.
As we remember beloved ones, may we strive to follow in the way of your love. Amen.

Vocal Solo

“Come Sunday”

Duke Ellington

Acknowledging Our Need for God’s Grace

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

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, our whole soul, all our strength, our whole mind. We have not loved our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not loved ourselves and cared for our own truest needs. Transform our shallowness. Enliven our deadness. Heal our wounded, broken places. Fill us with your spirit, forgiving us even as we forgive ourselves and others. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who brings us love that has no end. 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"

Michele Stephan (11/6), Eric Vandre (11/7), Debi Orff (11/9)

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 Kim
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 Hebrew Scriptures | NRSV (part 1, p.163)

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A Reading from the Psalms | NRSV (part 1, p. 566)

Psalm 119:1-8

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV (part 2, p. 48)

Mark 12:28-34

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

Morning Message

"How Can We Love with Our Whole Selves?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #564) “We Are Not Our Own”
verses 1-3

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.

Witnessing Steward

Cheri Schwartz



*“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall
rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and shouting.”*

–Isaiah 35:1-2

“Imagine Together” | Witnessing stewards (Nov. 3 - 24) invite us to wonder:

- How has participation in our congregation changed your life?
- How can you imagine us positively impacting lives through gifts of money, energy, skill, and presence in 2025?

Invitation to the Offering

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

Blue giving cards represent gifts made electronically.



***Offertery**

“Heal Our Land”

Brooks

Offering is brought forward during the offertory

All Saints Sunday Ritual

Call to Remembrance (*responsive*)

In the morning and in the evening – **may your love be ours to know, God.**

In the morning and in the dying – **may your love be ours to know, God.**

In the beginning and in the ending – **may your love be ours to know, God.**

In the speaking and in the silence – **may your love be ours to know, God.**

May your love be ours forever and ever. **Amen.**

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Members & Friends of St. Croix United Church

This past year: Deb Francis, Joselle Rosengren

Last five years: Barb Bachmeier, Gary McLaughlin, Cynthia West,
Michael Madden, Don Savage, Judy Hanson, Anne Knutson

Beloved Ones in our Wider Circles

Greg Hustad, *Sharon Neuenfeldt's brother*

Dorothy Miels, *Michele Stephan's mother*

Ron Kirstein, *David Kirstein's brother*

Marge Kinner, *Jane Hanson's brother's mother-in-law*

Donald Hilligoss, *friend of Bob Dickie*

Robert Fischer, *“Bus Driver Bob,” friend of Bob Dickie*

Nancy McDonald, *friend of Mary Maren Bjork*

Carole Hutchinson, *friend of Mary Maren Bjork*

Don Watson, *Wendy Staberg's friend, Trudee's, father-in-law*

Keith Staberg, *Dave Staberg's cousin*

Ranger Kevin Grossheim, *friend and mentor to Mary Horak Binger*

Veloice Huck, *Megan Adams' mother*

Thousands of innocent victims of war, *in Palestine, Israel, Africa, and Ukraine*

Prayer for Living Saints (*unison*)

Source of all life, we give thanks for your children just named, now at peace in your communion of saints. We remember the best of what they offered – acts of love and care, talents and energy they shared with us.

We also remember with compassion those times when they failed to show love or made mistakes. In their humanness, they reflected the journey we all share – becoming more fully what you intend us to become.

Hold us in your care. Bring comfort in times of sadness, assurance at times when the way seems unclear, and deeper gratitude for the gifts of life.

We ask for courage to move on in faith as each day summons our best. In the name of Jesus, the one we follow and through whom we find you. Amen.

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**

*Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a cup of juice, receiving words of blessing
Place your empty cup in a basket on a front pew, returning by a side aisle*

***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!**
O God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus the Christ. May we, too, become bread and peace for one another and for the world. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God’s Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #564)** **“We Are Not Our Own”**
verses 4-6

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Optionally holding hands

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
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**

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Rankin

Today Following Worship:

10:30am | All are welcome downstairs for refreshments and good company!

11am | Adult Faith Conversations, “*Making Sense of the Bible*”

PRAYER CORNER

*With Bob and Cheri Schwartz, we give thanks that their toddler friend, **Astrid**, is doing well! May her kidney health continue.

*With Sharri Kinkead we celebrate her granddaughter, **Sandra's**, wedding on Halloween.

*We continue to pray for **those affected by recent hurricanes**. May they feel supported as they rebuild homes, jobs, communities, and lives.

*For the health and safety of **election workers** in the coming week.

*For those suffering in **Cuba** without electricity. May we recognize our nation's complicity in causing their suffering.

*With Bob Dickie and Cindy Parsons and all those grieving the loss of **Bob Fischer**, whose life was celebrated last Saturday.

Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth & Outreach Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Mary Binger & Carol Dusbabek (greeters & communion servers), Sam & Jonah Gromoll (greeters), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Chris Bordeaux (fellowship), Jane Hanson & Sue Favilla (communion preparers), Mary Maren Bjork (communion server), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Cindy Baker & Kim Klisch (age 3 - gr 4), Sue Favilla (youth group), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sharri Kinkead & Kathy Iverson (altar decor)




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Your Love Is Amazing

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 C_{sus}² G/B

1. Your love is a - maz - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -
 - ing, I can feel it ris -
 - ing, stea - dy and un - chang -

C_{sus}² D_{sus}

- ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.
 - ing, all the joy that's grow - ing deep in - side of me.
 - ing, your love is a moun - tain, firm be - neath my feet.

C_{sus}² G/B

— Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —
 — Ev - 'ry time I see you all your good - ness shines
 — Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gent - ly lift —

C_{sus}² D_{sus}

— me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.
 — through. I can feel this God song ris - ing up in me.
 — me. When I am sur - round - ed your love car - ries me.

C_{sus}² G D_{sus} Em⁷

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

C_{sus}² G D_{sus}

your love makes me sing. Ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu -

Em⁷ C_{sus}² 1.2. 3. G

- jah, your love makes me sing. 2. Your love is sur - pris - Hal le - lu - jah.
 3. Your love is a - maz -

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We Are Not Our Own

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Brian Wren, 1987

Unison

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us be a house of wel-come,
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors
we are not our own!

This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.
Brian Wren, 1987
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

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