



November 10, 2024

"What Does Trust
Look Like?"

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

"Letters"

Joseph

We acknowledge the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words from a Neighbor

***Opening Hymn (NCH #581)**

"Lead Us from Death to Life"

verses 1 & 2

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

God of our hope, we give thanks for this day and these people –
And for your gospel that gives this day meaning and provides direction.

Stay close to us.

Do not pass from our view, lest we lose our way and our heart.

Encourage us. Root us in you. Enfold us in your love.

Remind us that you abide with us in each moment and always. Amen.

Choral Anthem

“Keep Your Eye On The Prize”

arrg. Stan Spottswood

Acknowledging Our Need for God’s Grace

Centering Ourselves

...as the singing bowl invites us into stillness

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*unison*)

O God, we confess that we have experienced the despair of the widow whom Elijah encountered. We’ve looked at our dwindling resources and seen little possibility of a future. In our anxiety we have hesitated to share our gifts, tempted to hoard what little we had. As we sympathize with the widow, inspire us with her courage. Seeing only death, she still reached out for life. May we practice generosity in ways that create new space for blessing. In Christ’s name 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...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

Pat Mazzitello (11/10), Andre Harrison (11/10), Fritz West (11/10),
Matt Buck (11/14)

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...

Children's Activity | Children (age 3 - gr. 4) go downstairs with Carol 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 Hebrew Scriptures | NRSV (part 1, p. 324)

1 Kings 17:8-16

A Reading from the Psalms | NRSV (part 1, p. 581)

Psalm 146

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV (part 2, p. 49)

Mark 12:38-44

Here ends the readings.

May God speak to us through these sacred words.

As reparations for use of "This Little Light of Mine" and other Black spirituals, we support Walk West (St. Paul): 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.

Morning Message

"What Does Trust Look Like?"

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Song (SPP #61)

"Call to Prayer"
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*)

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and Earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Witnessing Steward

David Kirstein



*"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 we positively impact lives through gifts of money, skill, and presence?

Invitation to the Offering

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

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



Offertory

“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

Kaan

*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 (Prayer of St. Francis) (*unison*)

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace -
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Going Forth to Share God’s Love

***Closing Hymn (NCH #581) “Lead Us from Death to Life”
verse 3**

*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**

“Mizpah Benediction”

Wilshire

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

*For **peace and safety for all** in the wake of US elections, amidst ongoing warfare, and as natural disasters occur with increased frequency and intensity.

*For **Mary Maren Bjork and her daughter** as they travel to Texas to volunteer at the border.

*Gratitude for the **young people** of our church and the adults who bring them into community.

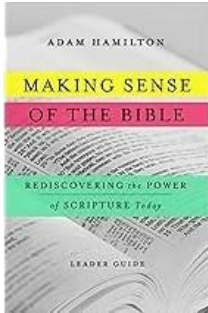
*With **Naomi and David Kirstein**, thanks for a community that accompanies them and loves them through deep grief.

*Deep thanks for our sacred worship space, the leaders who create meaningful worship, and the compassion of this community.

*With Nat Graf, we pray for **her peer's father** - healing after a severe motorcycle accident.

*With Rebecca Dennis, we pray for her brother, **Seth**, and his wife, **Jen**, in the wake of Jen's mother, Sue's, death.

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.

Harvest Fest is coming...!

Nov. 23 | 10-3 pm

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

- Make soup
- Donate bread, pies, or 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).

**GENTLE
TAI CHI**



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



Week at a Glance:

Pastor Clare away for Continuing Education | Nov. 11 – 18

Gentle Tai Chi | Nov. 11, 7 pm | @ Church

Gentle Tai Chi | Nov. 13, 10 am | @ Church

Harvest Fest Team | Nov. 13, 11 am | @ Church

Finance Committee | Nov. 13, 5 pm | @ Church & Zoom

Leadership Council | Nov. 13, 6:30 pm | @ Church & Zoom

Choir Rehearsal | Nov. 13, 6:30 pm | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth & Outreach Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Cheri & Bob Schwartz (greeters), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Fritz West & Kathy Iverson (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Carol Dusbabek & Roger Klisch (age 3 - gr 4), Sue Favilla (youth group), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sharri Kinkead & Kathy Iverson (altar decor)




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2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain

C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
 3 Let jus-tice ev - er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 12.11.9.10. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1985

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Call to Prayer

$\text{♩} = 100$

D G/D A/D G/D

D D/F# G D

1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
 2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
 3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.

F#m Bm E A

Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.
 Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;
 Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

Em A Bm/A A7 D/F# Em

Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;
 Fa - ther - ing, Moth - er - ing, birth - ing new ways;
 Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em/G A D

meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.
 meet us right here, touch us right now.

A Bm C#dim Bm G Em A D

Meet us right here, touch us right now.
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