



January 26, 2025

"To What  
Ministries are  
We Each Called?"

### **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 "My Heart Ever Faithful"**

*J.S. Bach*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

### **Opening Words from a Neighbor**

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

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Spirit of God is upon us!

**The Spirit of hope and joy!**

The Spirit of challenge and truth!

**The Spirit of God is upon us because God has anointed us –**

To bring good news to the poor –

**To bind up the brokenhearted –**

To proclaim release to the captives –

**To comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable –**

To join our bodies with Christ in service and song.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!**

**\*Opening Song (SPP #26) “You Are Welcome Here”**

**all verses**

### **Acknowledging Our Need for God’s Grace**

**Centering Ourselves**

*...in stillness and breath*

**Prayer of Confession and Longing** *(unison)*

**Loving God, you call us as individual, precious members of one body. Your love and light make us one. You make us branches of one tree. Yet we too often divide ourselves. We strain or disregard our connections. Forgive us for the many ways we divide and hurt your body. Help us choose ways that unite us and heal us in all our glorious diversity and imperfection. Amen.**

**Musical Interlude**

*...to accompany our quiet prayers*

**Assurance of Grace**

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.

## 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"

**Mary Horak Binger (1/28), Aidan Gromoll (1/30), Kathy Whiterabbit (1/31)**

### 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 depart or 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 & Kathy

***Youth Group*** | Youth (gr. 5-12) go with Sue 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 Epistles** | NRSV (New Testament, p. 174)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**A Reading from the Gospels** | NRSV (New Testament, p. 61)

Luke 4:14-21

Here ends the readings.

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

**Morning Message**

**"To What Ministries are We Each Called?"**

## Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #163) "Many Are the Lightbeams"  
**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*)

**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

*We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)  
**Blue electronic giving cards** represent gifts made electronically.*



### Offertory

"All Things are Yours"

*Leech*

### \*Offertory Response

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.  
Halleluja! Halleluja!**

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

**God of all, thank you for calling us to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Through our offerings of time, talent, and treasure, may we honor all members of your body. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Share God's Love**

**\*Closing Hymn (NCH #181)**      “You Are Salt of the Earth, O People”  
**all verses**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!      **And also with you!**

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

**\*Postlude**

*...as we pass the peace*

**Today Following Worship:**

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

**11:00am** | **Adult Faith Conversations** As we look ahead to Black History Month, we are invited into a discussion on racism in the greater Twin Cities community.

**PRAYER CORNER**

\*For **Sam Gromoll**, a swift and full recovery after Friday's surgery to tether a growth plate in his knee to make walking safer and easier.

\*For **Sarah Thorson** as she recovers at home after successful heart valve replacement last week.

\*For **our nation** - that peace, love and justice may prevail as we move forward.

\*For Cindy Parsons' and Bob Dickie's daughter **Erin**, safety in the midst of new work and recreation in Colorado.

\*For all of our **neighbors who are out in the cold** - those working with the land and animals in outdoor spaces and those without housing this winter.



# Annual Meeting

**Sunday, Feb. 2nd  
11 am (after brunch)**

- \*Elections (Leadership Council) \*2025 budget
- \*Rain garden collaboration with the City of Bayport
- \*Update from Telae (youth, outreach, and choir)
- \*Update on the outdoor classroom (worship space) at the new Bayport elementary school
- \*Update on our strategic planning process

***Annual reports are available in the Narthex and by email request.***



***A reminder that our 2 free pantries offer food  
365 days a year.***

Items that go fast:

Cream of wheat cereal/Oatmeal

Kid-friendly cereal

Peanut Butter in plastic jars

Individual tuna packets

Dinty More Stews (single serving)

Mac and Cheese—single servings

Snacks, Hot Cocoa

“Just-add-water” baking mixes (pancakes, muffins, etc)

*Please be sure to bring items in cardboard or plastic packaging  
as the temperatures drop.*

**No cans or glass!**



## 2025 Wildlife Relief Efforts



“It’s easy for all of us to feel powerless in the face of such immense devastation. But there are ways we can meaningfully and appropriately respond now, by giving generously to support recovery needs and by keeping all who are heartbroken and fearful in our steadfast prayers. Our response as the Body of Christ, now and over many months and years to come, can truly have a powerful impact.”

–Rev. Shari Prestemon, Acting Associate General Minister, UCC and Co-Executive of Global Ministries

As the California wildfires continue to cause devastation across the Los Angeles area, the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) is closely monitoring the needs of those impacted. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) is gratefully receiving One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donations, to be distributed to vetted individuals, organizations, and mission partners providing aid as well as NACCC churches that are either directly impacted by the fires or actively involved in providing relief to those in need.



**To make a donation online, visit [www.naccc.org/donate](http://www.naccc.org/donate)**

Donations via check can be mailed to:

NACCC, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154



### **Crutches4Africa (We're hosting a barrel for a few weeks)**

Donate your used crutches, walkers, canes, walking boots, prosthetic legs, wheelchairs, knee scooters, leg/knee braces, arm slings, baby joggers (not strollers), or bicycle trailers.

Place them in or near the barrel in the Narthex. Stillwater Noon Rotary Club will collect and ship items to where they are needed in Africa.





### Week at a Glance:

**Choir Rehearsal | Jan. 29, 6:30 pm | @ Church**

**Sunday Worship | Feb. 2, 9:30 am | @ Church & Livestream**

**Children's Activity & Youth Group | Feb. 2, 9:45 am | @ Church**


**Brunch | Feb. 2, 10:30 am | @ Church**

**Annual Meeting | Feb. 2, 11:00 am | @ Church & Zoom**

Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth and Outreach Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Bob Dickie & Cindy Parsons (ushers), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Carol Dusbabek & Kathy Iverson (age 3 - gr 4), Sue Favilla (youth group), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux & Chris Bordeaux (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie, Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Andi Favilla, Mary Binger, Naomi Kirstein (altar decor)



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## You Are Welcome Here

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G D G A D G/D D G A

You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A

no mat-ter where you are... on life's jour - ney... You are

D G/D D G A G A

wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G A D 1.2.3.

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

A G D A D G D

1. Come now all peo - ple, join in the song, come be a part of the fam-
2. We pray for jus - tice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Sav-
3. Lift - ing each oth - er; do - ing what's right; stand - ing to - geth - er, what - ev -

G A A G D A D

- 'ly of God. We are God's peo - ple and you be - long,  
 - ior of all. We find God's mer - cy; we find re - lease,  
 - er may come; prais - ing our Sav - ior, shin - ing our light,

G A G/D D 4.

share in the joy of Christ. You are  
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are  
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are

## Many Are the Lightbeams

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Cyprian of Carthage, "De unitate ecclesiae," 252 C.E.  
 Swedish paraphr. by Anders Frostenson (b. 1906)  
 Transl. David Lewis, 1983

John 8:12; 9:5; 15:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Gal. 3:28

Unison

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one  
 2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one  
 3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the  
 4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant  
 5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams  
 tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es  
 gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,  
 spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the  
 all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

from the one light; we are one in Christ.  
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ.  
 love is all one; we are one in Christ.  
 Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.  
 bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

The text upon which this hymn is based is by a bishop of the early church, Cyprian of Carthage. It was paraphrased from his 252 C.E. work, "De unitate ecclesiae" (Of church unity). He was martyred in Carthage c. 258.

Tune: LIGHTBEAMS Irr.  
 Olle Widstrand (b. 1906)  
 Arr. Darryl Nixon, 1987

## You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

*Unison*  
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!  
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

G D/F# A7 D G D A7 D

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!  
 Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!  
 Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!  
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

*Refrain*  
G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

*During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.*

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain  
Marty Haugen, 1986