



February 9, 2025

“What Helps Us  
to Try Again?”

Racial Justice Sunday

### **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 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

*African American Spiritual*

*We acknowledge the light of Christ among us*

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

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

SPP = *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\* = Sitting or standing

NCH = *New Century Hymnal*

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

What does community look like? **Let's show what community looks like.**

What does God look like? **Let's show what God looks like.**

What does the kingdom look like? **Let's show what the kingdom looks like.**

What does justice look like? **Let's show what justice looks like.**

What does worship look like? **Let's show what worship looks like.**

Beloved community, building the kingdom of justice –

**Moving with the Spirit of Love, let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Song** (*printed on p.6*) “One Foot/Lead with Love”

**Cantors sing opening refrain, then all join in**

**Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace**

**Centering Practice**

**Time for Transformation and New Life/Confession and Assurance of Grace**

(*responsive*)

Sometimes our words and actions cause others to hurt.

Sometimes we think only about ourselves and don't let others take a turn.

Sometimes we talk so much that others don't get the chance to speak.

Sometimes we listen so little that others don't feel heard.

**God, we feel sad when people hurt, don't have enough, don't get a turn, don't get to speak, don't feel heard.**

Believing always in the grace of a loving God, we seek assurance for times when we are not our best selves. People of God, hear the good news: God loves you even when you are not your best self.

**I trust in God's grace. I know I can be and do better. God can help us to show more loving kindness and concern for others.**

Having confessed when we have not been our best and trusting always in God's love and grace, we will do our best:

**To love ourselves. To love others like God loves others. To be kind, to speak up, to listen, to be God's love in the world. We will try our best to be and do better. Amen.**

## 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"

**Forrest Whiterabbit, Sr. (2/9)**

### 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 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 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 a contemporary voice** | Cole Arthur Riley

**"Resilience Requires Flexibility"**

**A Reading from the Gospels** | NRSV (New Testament, p. 62)

**Luke 5:1-11**

Here ends the readings.

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

### Morning Message

**"What Helps Us to Try Again?"**

As reparations for use of "This Little Light of Mine" and other Black spirituals, we support Walker 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.

## Responding To God's Love

**Prayer Song (SPP #118)**

“Imago Dei”  
**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 kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Generosity/Call to the Offering**

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



### **Offertory**

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

Hopson

### **\*Offertory Response**

**Praise, God, for these gifts;  
we lift them up for heaven's blessing.**

**Praise God, for these gifts;  
we lift them up to serve you, Lord.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** *(responsive)*

For all that we each call mine, Holy One, we thank you.  
**Show us how to hold what we have loosely and to be ready to offer it generously.**

For all that is yours, Holy One, we thank you.  
**Teach us to acknowledge what has been stolen, extracted, taken by force, and to make reparations.**

For all that is ours collectively, Holy One, we thank you.  
**Empower us to create new relationships of justice and equity, and to build a new kindom of flourishing for all - in your economy of love. Amen.**

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

**\*Closing Song** *(printed on p.6)*      "One Foot/Lead with Love"  
**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** Join us as we explore the meaning of Black History Month as we respond to our Christian calling.



**Have you turned in a picture for the Church Photo Directory?**  
Don't have one? Lori Mildon is ready and waiting to take pictures following worship **TODAY**.

## 22. One Foot/Lead with Love

Words & Music by Melanie DeMore  
Oakland, CA | 2016

Walking ( $\text{♩} = 168$ ) (swung:  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3 \text{♩}$ )

### REFRAIN (always sing twice)



You got - ta put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.  
(last time) We got - ta put



Put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.

### VERSES 1, 4

Leader:

All:



1, 4. Don't give up hope, (*Don't give up hope*) You're not a - lone. (*You're not a - lone*)



Don't you give up, (*Don't you give up*) Keep mov - in' on. (*Keep mov - in' on*)

To Refrain:

### VERSES 2, 3

Leader:

All:



2. Lift up\_\_ your eyes, (*Lift up\_\_ your eyes*) Don't you\_\_ de - spair (*Don't you\_\_ de - spair*)

3. I know you're scared, (*I know you're scared*) And I'm\_\_ scared, too. (*And I'm\_\_ scared, too*)



Look up\_\_ a - head, (*Look up\_\_ a - head*) The path is there. (*The path\_\_ is there*)

But here\_\_ I am, (*But here I am*) Right next\_\_ to you. (*Right next\_\_ to you*)

To Refrain:

### Performance Suggestions:

- Clap and/or stomp.
- Watch Melanie's YouTube video for inspiration.
- Try opening the Refrain with Leader only, then repeat All

*Melanie writes: "I was inspired by the great movements that were started out of the love for their people, not out of the hatred of others."*

Always include songwriter's name when sharing. PDF: [Songs.justicechoir.org/LeadwithLove](https://Songs.justicechoir.org/LeadwithLove)

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## PRAYER CORNER

\*For Dave Staberg's sister, **Beth Ann**, as she faces into eight weeks of radiation and chemotherapy treatments, we pray for comfort.

\*For Pat and Nat's neighbor's great-grandson, **Silas**, born prematurely. He and his mother are currently in separate hospitals. We pray for healing and strength through this difficult time.

\*For Bob Schwartz's granddaughter, **Bee**, as she continues to struggle with past traumas. Prayers for healing and wholeness.

\*For Bob and Cheri Schwartz's young friend, **Astrid**, gratitude for healthy kidneys and vibrant life.

\*For **all who seek ways to comfort and help those we love**, may we trust God to show us how.

\*For **those who struggle with addiction and the challenging road to recovery**, may God's presence be known through the resources and love of others.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Wednesday, Feb. 26th | 9 am - 3 pm**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "Bayport" to schedule an appointment.

Volunteers are appreciated to make this event a welcoming success!

Set-up, Clean-up, Greeters, Bakers

If you are able to help, please contact Megan or Bob Dickie!



***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!***



### Week at a Glance:

**Pastoral Relations Committee** | **Feb. 11, 2:30 pm** | @ Church

**Worship & Sanctuary Team** | **Feb. 12, 10:30 am** | @ Church

**Finance Committee** | **Feb. 12, 5pm** | @ Church & Zoomed


**Leadership Council** | **Feb. 12, 6:30 pm** | @ Church & Zoomed

**Choir Rehearsal** | **Feb. 12, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Telae (Youth and Outreach Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek & Gary Piasecki (ushers), Sam Gromoll (acolyte), Mary Piasecki (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Cindy Baker & Roger Klisch (age 3 - gr 4), Cindy Siegel (youth group), Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (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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RESPOND

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# Imago Dei

(Image of God)

$\text{♩} = 85$

Cm Gmsus Cm Gmsus Cm Gmsus Cm Gmsus Cm

I-mag-o De - i,

Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup>/Ab Gmsus Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm

I-mag-o De - i, born in the im-age of\_ God are we... I-mag-o De - i,

Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>sus Cm

Last time, Fine

I-mag - o De - i, called to com-pass-ion; born\_\_ to be free.

Fm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

1. How shall we live as im - ag - es of God?  
2. How shall we love the neigh - bor filled with greed?  
3. Then shall we see the im - ag - es of Christ.

Fm<sup>7</sup>/Ab Cm<sup>7</sup>sus Gm<sup>7</sup>sus

How best re - flect the won - der of our Mak - er?  
How best re - spond to those con - sumed by hat - red?  
Then shall we know that God is in our neigh - bor.

Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

Hum - bly we will walk, with mer - cy re - spond. and know the  
Look be - yond the fear that keeps them from know - ing the A -  
Hum - bly we will walk, with mer - cy re - spond. and know the

Fm<sup>7</sup>/Ab Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm Gmsus

Es - sence of Love\_\_ is al - ways with us...  
- bun - dance of Love\_\_ that's al - ways with us...  
Es - sence of Love\_\_ is al - ways with us...