



June 15, 2025

“A Kind of Father
God Makes”

Father's Day

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

Note: Hymns are enlarged in large-print bulletins – of which there are plenty!

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

Ringling the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting

“Prayers”

David

...acknowledging the light of Christ among us

please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Singing Bowl & Opening Words from a Neighbor

Tibetan singing bowls took form in the 6th and 5th centuries BCE.

In some Buddhist traditions, they accompany meditation and chanting.

They now contribute to spiritual practices and well-being in many spaces.

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

Come, all who are weary from the bustle of each day –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who delight in the abundance of everyday treasure –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who are restless in the face of acquiescence to injustice –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all who search for glimpses of quiet transcendence –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come, all whose spirits are frayed by unforeseen difficulties –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

Come with open hearts, ready to listen for the mystery –
God's steadfast love awaits us.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #11)** "Bring Many Names"
verses 1-3 & 6

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

Centering Ourselves *...in stillness and breath*

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*unison*)

God of all, you heap your love upon us. Like a parent or grandparent, you embrace us with tenderness and remind us that we are beloved. Forgive us when we fail to share your generous love with others. Nurture our trust, that we might live securely and abundantly in your love. Guide us to share love freely with others, confident that your grace will never run out. 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 (*seated*)

...smiles and gestures of peace — to those online and seated near us

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”

Delores Davis (6/17), Rolf Dittmann (6/17)

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...

Nursery | *Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to utilize the downstairs nursery
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!*

Proclaiming God's Love

Contemporary Reading | *by Yehuda Amichai (trans. Rabbi Steven Sager)*

“My Father Was God”

Reading from the Gospels | *NRSV, New Testament, p. 108*

John 14:8-17, 25-27

One: Here ends the readings. All: Thanks be to God!

Morning Message

“A Kind of Father God Makes”

As reparations for use of 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.

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #487)

“Surely No One Can Be Safer”

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

A Father's Day Litany

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 the Offering

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

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



Offertory

“Sing My Song Backwards”

Loomes

***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 – we bring our time, effort, and possessions to you. Rededicating our lives to you, we pledge to embody your love in the world. May we offer gifts of love in spaces where your tender voice is often drowned out by voices of violence, hatred and oppression. Use all that we have and all that we are to your glory. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Song (SPP #163)** “Your Love is Amazing”

***Benediction**

***Parting Music**

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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



Strengthen the Church Offering

Collected through June, this offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Special envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can also mail in or drop off an offering. Please write checks to St. Croix United Church (memo: Strengthen the Church).

PRAYER CORNER

*For Rolf Dittmann's friend **Jeff**, resilience as he undergoes testing on spine polyps.

*For **Bob and Sharon Neuenfeldt** as Bob enters hospice. May they both be surrounded in love in the coming time.

*With **Randy Gutzmann**, we give thanks for community as a motivator for healthy living.

*For the family of **Nancy**, a friend of Bob Dickie and Cindy Parsons, as they mourn her death.

*For Rolf Dittmann's sister, **Solveig**, relief from pain while unable to use meds after a knee replacement.

*For **Bob Heurung**, smooth healing after a mass was removed from his colon. May peace be with Bob and Wendy as they await test results.

*As the **MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting** approaches, we pray for a fruitful experience for Pastor Clare, Kathleen Dennison and Mary Horak Binger as delegates from our congregation.

*For **Bob**, son-in-law of Cindy Baker's cousin, facing next steps after a metastatic cancer diagnosis.

*For a friend of our church, **Dan Maturen**, healing amid an infection after hip replacement.

*For Bob and Cheri Schwartz's granddaughter, **Bea**, as she starts new school and therapy programs.

*As **immigrant sweeps** occur throughout our country, may human dignity and wellbeing be upheld.

Thank you from the Local Outreach Team



A HUGE thank you to Rolf for his amazing carpentry skills and time in making the addition to our Stillwater Food Share Pantry! It looks awesome and we are very grateful!



Also thank you to all who donated requested snack items- our team was able to make about 75 snack bags to put out in the pantries.

AND! Thank you to BCAL for raising money and collecting food items at their ice cream social.



Megan on vacation | June 17—19

Marianne Warnes covering the church office, 9 am—12 pm.

Pastor Clare at NACCC Annual Meeting in St. Louis | June 20—24

In the event of a question or urgent need, please contact:

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Evensong Service

Gentle music, readings, prayers & silence

With piano, flute and singing bowl

Listening for ourselves, our community, and the world

Followed by optional 1-to-1 prayers for healing

3rd Wednesdays

6:00–6:30pm

June 18, July 16, Aug. 20

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Parents' Night Out

Evening Fun for Kids, 4 - 17 years old:

- Snacks
- Games
- Activities

Children must be potty-trained.

June 28th (4th Saturdays this summer... July 26th and Aug. 23rd)
5:30 - 8:30 pm

- St. Croix United Church | 309 N Third St. Bayport
- **Reserve your spot** with Telae (our Youth Director) by email: MusicAndYouth@stcroixunitedchurch.org or call/text: (612) 203-0859 **by June 27th.**



Week at a Glance:

Gentle Tai Chi | June 16, 7 pm

Megan on Vacation | June 17 - 19

Office Hours | June 17-19, 9am - 12pm

Gentle Tai Chi | June 18, 10 am

Youth Choir | June 18, 3:30 pm

Evensong Service | June 18, 6 pm

*All activities at St. Croix United Church
unless otherwise noted...*



Conversations from the Heart

June 25th | 10 am & 6 pm

The Welcome and Care Team invites you to our new program offering on Wed. June 25th at 10 am and 6 pm.

A time of conversation in order to foster deeper personal connections within our church community.

Facilitated by Chris Bordeaux.
All are welcome!




Let's Be Good Neighbors... On Sunday mornings, please leave at least two parking spots open at Mabel's Ice Cream and Coffee Shop for their morning coffee customers! Thank you!

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Carol Dusbabek & Mary Horak Binger (usher), Kathleen Dennison (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sue Favilla (altar decor)



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Bring Many Names

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Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989

Surely No One Can Be Safer

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Lina Sandell, 1855

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Rom. 8:38-39

1 Sure - ly no one can be saf - er than God's chil - dren, held in fa - vor,
2 With the flock God is a - bid - ing, heav - en's plen - ty all pro - vid - ing,
3 None shall ev - er meet re - jec - tion, be de - nied God's own pro - tec - tion;
4 Wheth - er tak - ing, wheth - er giv - ing, God a - lone re - mains for - giv - ing,

Not the stars so bright - ly burn - ing, not the birds to nests re - turn - ing.
Rich in mer - cy, nev - er spar - ing, like a fa - ther, gent - ly car - ing.
Has there been a friend who bet - ter knows our hopes, our fears that fet - ter?
And with one true pur - pose ho - ly to pre - serve our wel - fare sole - ly.

Lina Sandell endured many hardships in her early years, including illness, the death of a child, and the drowning of her father, who was a Swedish Lutheran pastor. She maintained a deep piety and strong commitment to mission, and wrote more than 650 hymns and poems.

Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA L.M.

Swedish folk melody

Harm. Song Book for Sunday School, 1871

Your Love Is Amazing

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1. Your love is__ a - maz - ing, stea-dy and__ un-chang-
 - ing, I can feel__ it ris -
 - ing, stea-dy and__ un-chang-



- 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.



— 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__



— 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.



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



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



-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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