



July 27, 2025

“Trust in
the Midst of
Weariness”

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

Gathering Music

Ringling the Bell

Prelude & Lantern Lighting

...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*)

We gather this morning to worship God.

We come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives — to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing. Amen

***Opening Song** (see p. 7) "Come to the Water"
verses 1-4

Centering Ourselves *...in stillness and breath*

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*responsive*)

Loving God in heaven and on Earth, forgive us our debts.

We have not ensured every human being those qualities of life that you call us to provide. We admit the part we owe to the debts of freedom, security, equality, and identity – for all people. Have mercy on your people.

Forgive us our trespasses.

We have sometimes invaded the boundaries of other peoples' lives so that we might have the best and most for our own lives. Because we have not always respected the lives of others – the poor are still poor, the hungry are still hungry, and the unseen are still unseen. Have mercy on your people.

Forgive us our sins.

We have turned our hearts away from you. Through private thoughts or public actions, we have rebelled against your laws and your will. We confess that we have not kept your commandments. We have not loved you, others, ourselves. Have mercy on your people.

Help us to forgive. We have not received what we expected. Our lives have been stepped on. We have been hurt by others.

We ask for the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to guide us on our path of repentance. 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

Sung Invitation

...as young people come forward

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Singing “Happy Birthday”

Ruby Staberg (7/22 – 6 yrs), **Maya Klisch-Solano** (7/23 – 7 yrs),
Tony Graf (7/28), **Naomi Kirstein** (8/1)

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...

Time with Telae | Children (age 4+) and youth can join Telae on the playground

Children 3 and under are supervised by their families

We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

A Contemporary Reading | John O'Donohue

“For One Who Is Exhausted”

A Reading from the Gospels | NRSV

Luke 11:1–13

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

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.*

Prayer Hymn (see p. 8) “God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow”

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)



Offertory

***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 Dedication**

Holy One, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live as channels of your mercy. Inspire us by your Spirit. May we be open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***Closing Song (see p. 10)** "Every Step of the Way"
sung twice

***Benediction**

***Parting Music**

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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

PRAYER CORNER

*With Sharri Kinhead, gratitude for granddaughter **Anna** giving birth to baby Michael, named after Sharri's husband.

*For **Bob Dickie and Cindy Parsons**, safety in their travels visiting daughter, Erin, in Colorado.

*With **Pastor Clare**, gratitude for the presence of visiting friends in worship last Sunday.

Mark your calendars for more Outdoor Worship
@ Lakeside Park Beach House (95 Central Ave, Bayport

August 17 and 24
September 7





Gentle Tai Chi @ Lakeside Park

Mondays at 7pm | Wednesdays at 10 am

*For notifications, cancellations, and scheduling
Please contact Mary Ann Litfin (malitfin@gmail.com)*

All Church Potluck at Sharri Kinhead's Farm (Hudson)

July 29th | 6 pm

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun!

See the Midweek news or contact the church office for directions.



FREE Wednesday Supper Club

Begins July 30 | 5:30 pm



July 30th, we begin our weekly Wednesday Supper Club – a free, family-friendly meal for the Youth Choir families and our wider local community. Children, youth, and families are invited to join us for a warm welcome and a good meal.

As church members and friends, you are welcome to come, to invite others, and to donate your time and energy in helping to serve meals and share hospitality.

Contact Telae (612-203-0859 or MusicAndYouth@stcroixunitedchurch.org) to see how you can help.

If you plan to eat (and perhaps bring friends): **Please sign up by Monday evening** so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

Reserve your spot with this QR code or use the sign-up located in our Food Share Pantry.

Let's share food, make connections, and build community
—one plate at a time.



Come to the Water



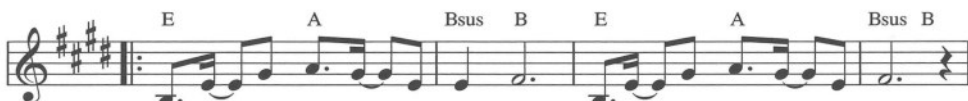
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 2. All who are thirst-y__ for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y__ for
 3. All who are thirst-y__ for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y__ for
 4. All who are thirst-y__ for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y__ for



- peace. All who are thirst - y__ for peace, for jus - tice,
 love. All who are thirst - y__ for love, for mer - cy,
 touch. All who are thirst - y__ for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth. All who are thirst - y__ for truth, for beau - ty



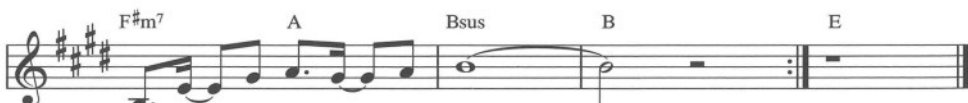
- come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
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 come, come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____



5. All who are thirst-y__ for free - dom, all who are thirst-y__ for hope.
 6. All who are thirst-y__ for laugh - ter, all who are thirst-y__ for joy.



- All who are thirst - y__ for hope, for free - dom, come,
 All who are thirst - y__ for joy, for laugh - ter, come,



- come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____
 come to__ the wa - ter__ of life._____

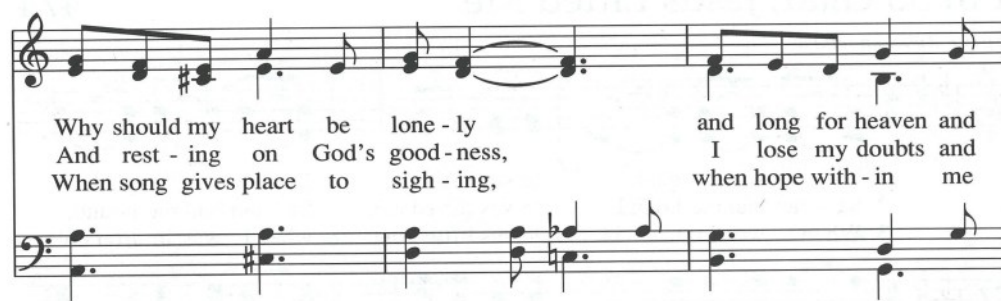
Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

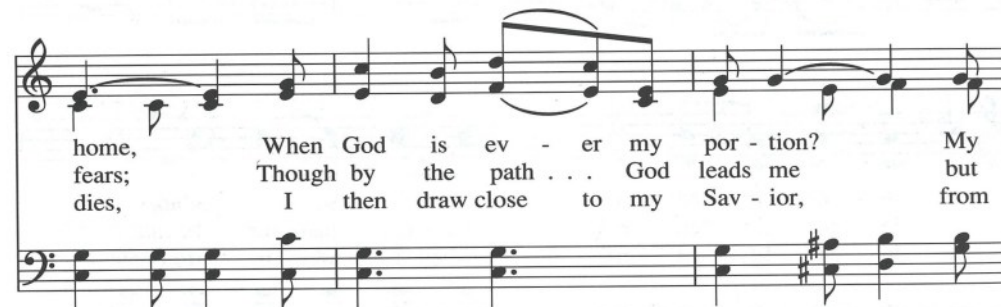
Stanzas, in unison



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me



home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from



con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Civilla Martin, a native of Nova Scotia, assisted her husband in his evangelistic campaigns. Charles Gabriel was editor for Rodeheaver Publishing Company, Chicago, and one of the most popular gospel songwriters of the early 1900s.

*Tune: SPARROW Irr.
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1905*

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm

hap - py, I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free, I'm free,

eye is on the spar - row, and I know God watch-es me.

Every Step of the Way

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♩=128
F

C/E Dm C B♭ Dm/A C/G Gsus G

Cmaj⁹ G/B Am Am/G

Help me do the jus - tice to be

Dm⁷ Gsus G C G/B

done to - day. Help me love kind -

Am Am/G Dm⁷

- ness in all I do and say.

Gsus G Em⁷ F C^{#dim} Dm⁷ Gsus

— Help me walk hum-bly with you, O God I pray

G F

— ev - 'ry step of the way,

Dm⁷ C/E F/G C

— ev - 'ry step of the way.

Based on Micah 6:8.

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Music arrangement: Christopher Grundy and Gregory Milton

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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

6:30–7:10 pm

Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15

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Week at a Glance:

Gentle Tai Chi | **July 28, 7 pm** | @ Lakeside Park

All Church Potluck | **July 29, 6 pm** | @ Sharri Kinkead's Home

Gentle Tai Chi | **July 30, 10 am** | @ Lakeside Park


Youth Choir | **July 30, 3:30 pm** | @ Church

FREE Wednesday Supper Club | **July 30, 5:30 pm** | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Debi Orff (Guest Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek & Jackie Savage (ushers), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Kathy & Bob Iverson (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sharri Kinkead (altar decor)



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