



March 1, 2026

“Life Re-Orientatation”

2nd Sunday in Lent

### **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags.

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

### **Gathering Music**

### **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Prelude & Candle Lighting**

“Days”

*Mark*

*...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.



## Singing “Happy Birthday”

Mary Ann Litfin (3/2), Wendy Staberg (3/2), Claire Stokes (3/5)

## 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 (age 3 - grade 4) | Children can go downstairs with Claire  
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!*

### Reading from the Gospels | NRSV, p. 93

John 3:1-17

### Contemporary Reading | Molly Baskette, UCC Lent Devotional: Outgrow

“Midlife Babies”

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

### Morning Message

“Life Re-Orientation”

### Prayer Hymn (SPP #61)

“Call to Prayer”

### 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 or printed in our Prayer Corner*

...God, in your love **Hear our prayer**

As reparations for use of 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.

## Invitation to Offering

We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)  
*Blue electronic giving cards* found in pew pockets.



### Offertory

“The Wings of Our Minds”

Cho

### \*Song of Thanks

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below – Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages  
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive love*

### The Invitation and Prayer

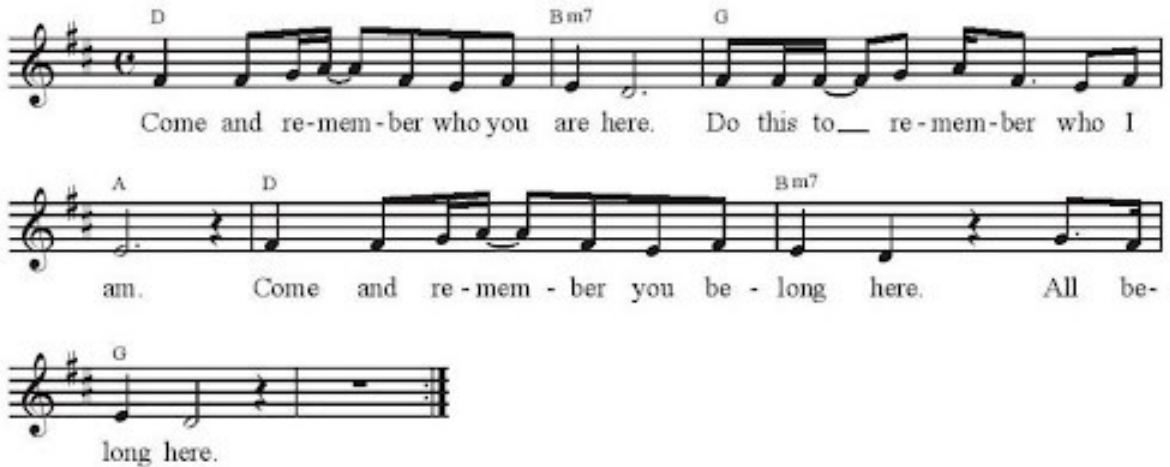
God be with you.                   **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.           **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of all. **Loving God, you are Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth. We celebrate you – joining our voices with the wind and streams, animals and flowers, the living and the dead (pause), the stars, planets, and all members of creation – forever proclaiming your expansive love. Amen.**

### Words of Remembrance and Blessing

**Communion Song (next page) “You Belong Here”**  
**cantor begins, all join in the chorus**

*by The Many*



D Bm7 G  
 Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to\_\_ re-mem-ber who I  
 A D Bm7  
 am. Come and re-mem-ber you be-long here. All be-  
 G  
 long here.

As recorded by The Many.  
 Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Music by Hannah Rand.  
 © 2017 Plural Guild Music.

## Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a cup of juice, receiving words of blessing  
 Place your empty cup in a basket as you return to your seat

**Musical Interlude** ...as we participate in the sacred meal

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The bread of life and cup of blessing for everyone! **Thanks be to God!**

**God of all – we affirm the goodness of life and the openness of the future. You have come to us in this act of communion with one another. Now let us go out to others in the way of Jesus. May our every action bring healing, reconciliation and hope to a broken and hurting world. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song (SPP #120) “Dream God’s Dream”**  
**verses 1—2**

**\*Benediction**

## \*Sending Song

*...forming a circle (not holding hands)*

**Refrain: Peace I leave with you, my friends,  
shalom, my peace, in all you do.  
Peace I leave with you, my friends.  
I give to you so you can give to others, too.**

**Verse: To share God's love is why I came,  
To show God's kindness without end.  
Go, now, my friends, and do the same,  
Until we come again.**

*Refrain*

## \*Parting Music

*...as we greet one another*

### **Today Following Worship:**

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

### **PRAYER CORNER**

\*With Sharon Binger, prayers for her daughter **Abigail** and husband **Tyler**, as they mourn the loss of their baby girl, **Sutton**, at 35 weeks. May love surround them during this profound time of grief.

\*Gratitude for substitute accompanist **Debi Orff's** presence and musical gifts over the last few weeks.

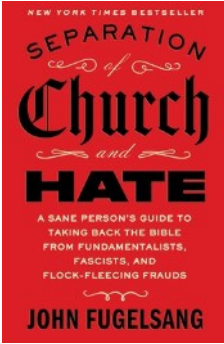
\*With Mary Ann Litfin, prayers of wellbeing for her husband **Jon** as he continues to struggle with complex health issues and cancer treatments.

\*For **Debi Orff**, who received a kidney last year and now faces a complex hernia surgery on March 6th.



### **We're hiring... a Youth Coordinator!**

We seek a part-time Youth Coordinator to nurture spiritual growth among children and youth, foster relationships across generations, and encourage creativity as we explore Jesus' teachings. Contact Pastor Clare for more details!



## Faith & Spirit Book Club

Expanding our perspectives...

*Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-fleeing Frauds*  
by John Fugelsang.

This will be discussed across two gatherings:

**March 5th & March 19th**

In-person and on Zoom.

All are welcome - invite friends!

*Books are available at Valley Bookseller for 15% off  
—just mention St. Croix United Book Club!*



## Lenten Vespers: Stories of Struggle and Growth

**Wednesdays | 6:30pm**

During Lent, we make time to reflect on our journey in faith - seeking to follow Jesus in the ways of love and justice amidst life's challenges. We recognize that through every struggle (be it painful, rigorous, or both), we can grow and rise.

Each week, gentle music and prayers frame our time together as we hear stories from friends:

**Bob Dickie (March 4)** - The untold story of an organ donor

**Sharri Kinkead (March 11)** - Struggles of the heart

**Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (March 18)** - Navigating post traumatic stress disorder

**Mary Horak Binger (March 25)** - Communication in personal relationships



## Gertens Spring Flower and Plant Sale is OPEN

**Order your plants now through March 30th.**

*Our church receives 30% of all plant sales!*

Orders are completed online. Details are in the Midweek e-newsletter, or contact Megan in the office.



## Week at a Glance:

Gentle Tai Chi | **March 2, 7 pm** | @ Church

Gentle Tai Chi | **March 4, 10 am** | @ Church

Connecting with the Word | **March 4, 4:30 pm** | @ Church

FREE Community Meal | **March 4, 5:30 am** | @ Church

Lenten Vespers: stories of struggle and growth | **March 4, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Fireside Friends | **March 5, 9:30 am** | @ Church

Local Outreach Team | **March 5, 10 am** | @ Church


Food Pantries Team | **March 5, 11:30 am** | @ Church

Faith & Spirit Book Club | **March 5, 5:30 pm** | @ Church & Zoom

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flute), Sue Favilla & Jane Hanson (communion preparers), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Cheri Schwartz & Jill Greenhalgh (greeters), Carol Dusbabek & Mary Horak Binger (ushers), Sam Gromoll (youth usher), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist & fellowship), Carol Dusbabek & Mary Horak Binger (communion server), St. Croix United Choir, Chris Bordeaux (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Claire Spilseth & Kim Klisch (children's activity)



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# Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.  
 For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24–25; Jer. 10:12–13; 2 Esd. 16:56–60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♪♪♪♪

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi  
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,  
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,  
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -  
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni  
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.  
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.9.6.  
 Native American melody (Dakota)  
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Harm. James R. Murray, 1877

## Call to Prayer

♩=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.  
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
 Meet us right here, touch us right now.

## Dream God's Dream

$\text{♩} = 69$

D C G D C G D Em7

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly

D/F# G Bm7

Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is

F#m7 G Em7 A A/G

jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to

D/F# G Bm7 A

build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D

Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.

C G D C G D C G

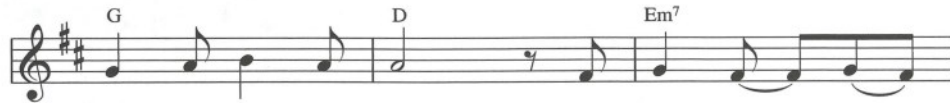
1. I'm dream-ing\_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing\_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing\_ of the way that I want my life to

D C Em7 D

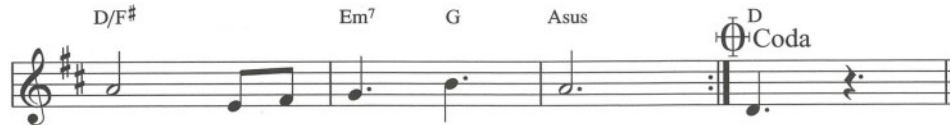
skin will mean less than\_ what's with - in the per - son's heart.  
me, how to use my\_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;  
go. I've got hope and\_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.



A world where wa - ter's clean and where  
to do the work of Christ to say  
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry\_\_ chi - ld  
God, please use my life to spread Your\_\_ heal - ing  
won't for - get the scars of Christ who\_\_ died to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.  
love and to live Your truth.  
show that the dream's for all.