



April 12, 2026

“What Listening
Makes Possible”

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

“Shout for Joy”

Welch Tune

...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.

***Gathering Prayer** (*unison*)

O God of Easter joy - we come before you, seeking to be people of resurrection. Be known among us; grant us assurance of your loving presence and renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

***Opening Song**

“Come, Let Us Worship God”

cantors lead, we echo



Leader: Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one Wel - come ev - 'ry - one



to the love of God. to the love of God.

- 2. Rest for the weary...**
- 3. Hope for the children...**
- 4. Light for the journey...**

Centering Ourselves

...in stillness and breath

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(responsive)*

God of all time and space, we voice our thanks for this season of resurrection.
May our worship be as an Easter tide.

Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse.

Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge
in crevices of memory.

**Move toward us with power and might when we are rock-rigid in our views
and unforgiving as granite.**

Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness
of heart. And bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of the Spirit.

**May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of
resurrection living. 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...

Singing “Happy Birthday”

Bill Stokes (4/17)

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another

...with arms wide open

Young Ones: God be with you

All: And also with you

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.

Sung Affirmation

...as young people depart or return to families

Ev'rywhere I go...

Children's Activity (age 3 - grade 4) | Children can go downstairs with Cindy
Youth Group | Youth (gr. 5-12) go with Eli'jah to their downstairs meeting space
Nursery | Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to utilize the downstairs nursery
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Reading from the Gospels | NRSV, p. 90

Luke 24:13-35

Contemporary Reading | Denise Levertov

"The Servant-Girl at Emmaus"

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

Morning Message

"What Listening Makes Possible"

Prayer Hymn (NCH #237)

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

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 printed in our Prayer Corner*

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

Prayer of Jesus

**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 Offering

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

Blue electronic giving cards found in pew pockets.



***Song of Thanks**

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** (*unison*)

Amazing God - we thank you that Jesus has risen from the dead, promising new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awaken to new opportunities to love and serve - bearing witness to Christ alive in the world. Use our gifts to your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

...forming a circle (not holding hands)

“Go Now in Peace”

Keyboard, handbells,
 and/or Orff instruments

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

The image shows a musical score for a 2/2 time signature. The top staff is a treble clef and the bottom staff is a bass clef. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of".

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

Fine

The image shows a musical score for a 2/2 time signature. The top staff is a treble clef and the bottom staff is a bass clef. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go." There is a circled '3' above the first measure of the second line and a circled 'Fine' above the final measure of the second line.

Today Following Worship:

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

PRAYER CORNER

*With Pat Mazzitello, prayers for great niece **Kenzie** and her baby, **Posie Jo**, who both passed due to childbirth complications. Prayers for the **husband and father**, as he faces this tremendous loss; and for all who loved them.

*With Sam Gromoll as we awaits **Aunt Aidan's** upcoming visit to MN.

*With Bob Dickie, gratitude for a successful surgery for daughter, **Erin**; and gratitude for **Cindy's** time in Colorado during Erin's recovery.

*For Mary Piasecki's friend, **Tom**, as he enters hospice; and for his wife **Lynn**. May love and hope surround them.

*For Cindy Baker's cousin, **Lynette**, as she struggles with cancer treatment complications.

*Gratitude for our Easter choir's dedication, hard work, and talent; for Dennis' trumpet; and for Heather's leadership – a joyful combo on Easter Sunday!

*With Mary Ann Litfin, gratitude for finding ways to pray in difficult times.

*For Rebecca Dennis' friend, **Kim**, as she goes through difficult times; and for friend **Nicky**, as her father is diagnosed with malignant lymphoma.

*For Rebecca Dennis' husband, **Aaron**, as he starts a new job soon!

*With a new friend, prayers for friends that live in Minneapolis as they continue to struggle with the lasting trauma and political climate following neighbor Renee Good's death.

*For Haylee's friend, **Emily**, who seeks quality of life in the midst of glioblastoma treatment with 2 children and husband's mental health struggles.

*With Jill Greenhalgh, gratitude for people far and wide that offer empathy for the trauma and grief experienced by the people of Minnesota.



Pastor Clare will be away on vacation | April 13-20

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

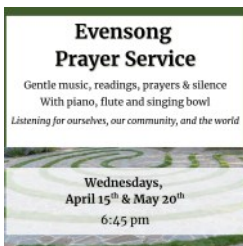
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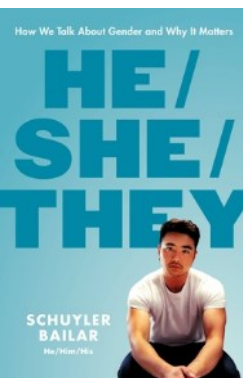
Evensong Prayer Service

April 15th | 6:45 pm

Gentle music, readings, prayers & silence

With piano, flute and singing bowl

Listening for ourselves, our community, and the world



Faith & Spirit Book Club ...expanding our perspectives

April 16th | 5:30 pm

He/She/They: How We Talk About Gender and Why It Matters

by Schuyler Bailar

In-person and on Zoom (reach out for the link).

Books are available at Valley Bookseller for 15% off

—just mention St. Croix United Book Club!



Earth Day Circle

April 22nd | 7 pm @ Lakeside Park

Recognizing both the harm we do to the Earth and our capacity to
connect and heal with words & music from many sources

Indigenous-led smudging with sage to the four directions

Linger after the circle for blessings of animals, and gentle Tai Chi



Week at a Glance:

Pastor Clare out of the office | April 13 – 20

Connecting with the Word | April 15, 11 am | @ Church

Free Community Meal | April 15, 5:30 pm | @ Church

Evensong Service | April 15, 6:45 pm | @ Church & Livestream


Fireside Friends | April 16, 9:30 am | @ Church

Faith & Spirit Book Club | April 16, 5:30 pm | @ Church & Zoom

Thank you to today's partners: Eli'jah Carroll (Youth Coordinator), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flute), Gary Piasecki (usher), Sam Gromoll (youth usher), Kathy Iverson (greeter), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Mary Piasecki (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Lori Mildon (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Cindy Baker & Wendy Staberg (children's activity)



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I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him, though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain
 Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

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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