



May 10, 2026

“A Way Among Ways”

Mother’s Day

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 “Letters from Home”

Joseph

...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”

John Norheim (5/10)

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...

Children's Activity | Children (age 3–gr. 4) can go downstairs with Carol
Youth Group | Youth (gr. 5–12) can 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 New Testament | *The Inclusive Bible*
Contemporary Reading | *Kate Lore*

Acts 17:16–30
“Let it be Named”

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

Morning Message

“A Way Among Ways”

Prayer Song (SPP #66)

“Every Step of the Way”
sung twice

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**

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.

Mother's Day Litany ...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.



Offertory

“A Tune for Mom”

Neuenfeldt

*Song of Thanks

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of nurturing, empowering love – we dedicate our lives and all that we have to your work of love, of peace, of joy, of life. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

*Closing Song (SPP #118)

“Imago Dei”

*Benediction

***Sending Song**

...forming a circle (not holding hands)

**“Go Now in Peace”
sung twice**

Keyboard, handbells,
and/or Orff instruments

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

The image shows the first system of a musical score. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff has a similar rhythmic pattern. The lyrics 'Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of' are written below the staves.

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

Fine

The image shows the second system of the musical score. It also has two staves. The treble staff has a circled '3' above the first measure, indicating a triplet. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff follows. The lyrics 'God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.' are written below. The piece ends with a 'Fine' marking and a fermata over the final note.

***Parting Music**

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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

11:00 am | Community Thread Forum

Community Thread Forum TODAY | 11 am

Visit with Rachel Presslein of Community Thread, today during fellowship time, as she shares about the ways Community Thread provides social and wellness activities, direct home and transportation services, and seasonal support- all by engaging neighbors to help neighbors through volunteerism; with their goal of keeping us all connected while we all strive to live and age well as a community.

PRAYER CORNER

*With Carol Dusbabek, prayers for her husband, **Tom**, as recent scans show his cancer has spread within the same lung and chemo treatments resume.

*For Jane Hanson's adopted work daughter, **Katie**, and her family, as she was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for hope and strength as they navigate this process.

*For **Greta**, Debbie Knox's granddaughter, healing for her re-injured foot.

*With Nat Graf, gratitude for all the ways this congregation supports Zoey, Eddy, and Finley and their whole family.



Community Collective - Garden Resource Share & Swap

Saturday, May 16th | 10 am - 12 pm @ Stillwater Building (111 Orleans St E)

Join us for a short presentation by a local gardener. We'll share tips & tricks, swap tools, seeds, & plants.

RSVP to kadennison@msn.com by 5/13.



Inquirers Gathering

Thursday, May 21st | 4:00—5:30 pm

Newer friends are welcome to gather with a church member and Pastor Clare to learn about St. Croix United Church —past, present, and future.

RSVP to Pastor Clare if you plan to attend!



Blood Drive - Mark your calendar!

Thursday, May 21st | 9 am - 3 pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Bayport" to schedule an appointment.

We still have 9 openings!

BLOOD DRIVE
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reshape the way you see, lead and live'
SARAH BLOOM

Matting



The Secret to
Building a Life of
Deep Connection
and Purpose

Jennifer Breheny Wallace
Internationally Bestselling Author

Faith & Spirit Book Club ...expanding our perspectives

May 7th & 21st | 5:30 pm

*Matting: The Secret to Building a Life
of Deep Connection and Purpose* by Jennifer Breheny Wallace.

This will be discussed across two gatherings: May 7th & 21st.

Please let Pastor Clare know if you plan to attend.

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



Graduate Sunday - Mark your calendar!

Sunday, May 31st

Is someone in your family graduating (PreK, gr. 8, gr. 12, college, another degree or certificate program)?

Please send these details to Megan by **May 25th**:

- 1) Who is graduating?
- 2) From what school?
- 3) From preschool, high school, or with what degree or certificate?
- 4) What are their plans for next steps after graduation?



Memorial Day Parade Refreshment Stand

May 25th | 7:30 - 10 am

We will once again provide treats & coffee on our church lawn during the Memorial Day parade.

Ways you can help:

- Provide bars/cookies/donuts/muffins that morning or dropped off prior (homemade & store-bought both welcome!)
- Help serve treats

Contact Cindy Siegel (cindysiegel98@gmail.com, 651-343-3270) or Megan (office@stcroixunitedchurch.org, 651-439-5667) to let us know how you can help!



Week at a Glance:

Local Outreach Team | **May 12, 2 pm** | @ Church

Finance Committee | **May 12, 4 pm** | @ Church

Connecting with the Word | **May 13, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom

Staff Meeting | **May 13, 4:15 pm** | @ Church

Free Community Meal | **May 13, 5:30 pm** | @ Church

Leadership Council | **May 13, 6:30 pm** | @ Church & Zoom

Pastor Clare working from WI | **May 14—16**


Community Collective | **May 14, 7 pm** | @ Church

Community Collective Garden Swap | **May 16, 10 am—12 pm** | @ Stillwater Bldg

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flute), Sue Favilla & Gary Piasecki (ushers), Sam Gromoll & Eleanora Favilla (youth ushers), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Jonah Gromoll (acolyte), Cheri Schwartz (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Kim Klisch (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Carol Dusbabek (children's activity)



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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Every Step of the Way

66

$\text{♩} = 128$
F

C/E Dm C Bb 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.

Words and Music: Christopher Grundy

Music arrangement: Christopher Grundy and Gregory Milton

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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,

Cm⁷ Fm⁷/Ab Gmsus Gm⁷ Cm

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

Cm⁷ Fm⁷ Gm⁷sus Cm

Last time, Fine

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

Fm⁷ Gm⁷

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.

Fm⁷/Ab Cm⁷sus Gm⁷sus

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 Fm⁷ Gm⁷

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

Fm⁷/Ab Gm⁷ 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...