



May 17, 2026

“Stillness and Movement”

Confirmation of
Zoey Hintze-Graf

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 “Lord, Reign in Me”

B. Brown

...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.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #85) “I Woke Up This Morning”**

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

Deep inside us all – old and young alike – there is a place of faith –
A place of trust and hope and love, without which there can be no peace.

We come this morning to worship together,
With a trust that makes us vulnerable,
With hope that guides us into the future,
With love that is beyond our imagining.

We come this morning to worship together,
To find this place of faith deep inside us all. 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”

Mark Hodgdon (5/18), Adam Bettin (5/20)

Rite of Confirmation

Invitation

Zoey Ann Hintze-Graf, candidate for Confirmation

Questions of the Confirmand

Sharing by the Confirmand

Zoey shares her own statement of faith

Unison Reading of the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (NCH #885)

Prayer of the Congregation (*unison*)

O Holy One, in baptism you have claimed Zoey as your child, offering her the promise of abundant life. By your Spirit, use her unique gifts in ways that bless her and others. Grant her love for others, joy in serving you, dignity in disagreement, kindness toward all people, courage in the face of struggle, and integrity in all things. Strengthen her as she walks the path of faith in the world; through Jesus Christ our teacher, savior and friend. Amen.

Recitation of Zoey's Confirmation Verse | Romans 12:2

Naomi Kirstein, Confirmation Mentor

Presentation of Gifts from the Congregation

Jane Hanson, Eli'jah Carroll, Pastor Clare

Prayer of Confirmation

Family members are invited forward for laying on of hands

Rite of Membership

Questions of the Candidate for Membership

***Laying on of Hands**

*All are invited forward to lay hands on our new members as a sign of support.
Place a hand on a shoulder as we connect in a web of faith community.*

***Covenanting Together**

Marianne Warnes, Leadership Council Clerk

Please join with me in covenanting together.

Enfolded in God's love, we gladly embrace Zoey as our newest member in this Christian community. We recommit ourselves to mutual care and partnership in ministry. We trust the Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage our efforts to embody love in the world. Amen!

***Blessing One Another**

...with arms wide open

Young Ones, Confirmand & family: 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 Claire
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*

Acts 1:1-14

Contemporary Reading | *John O'Donohue*

excerpt from *Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*

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

Morning Message

“Stillness and Movement”

Prayer Hymn (NCH #351) “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

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

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
 Holy and blessed is your true name.
 We pray for your reign of peace to come,
 We pray that your good will be done,
 Let heaven and Earth become one.**

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.

**Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

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

***Blue electronic giving cards** found in pew pockets.*



Offertory

“Here Are Our Hearts”

Drake/Jennings

***Song of Thanks**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-u-ja.
Halleluja! Halleluja!**

***Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

Holy God, we thank you for this joyous occasion as we welcome our newest confirmed member within your Church. Encourage us to keep offering our gifts alongside Zoey and others as we journey in faith - growing in you every step of the way. Amen.

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

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *(next page...)*

***Sending Song**

...forming a circle (not holding hands)

Irish Blessing
sung twice

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
Till we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand**

***Parting Music**

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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

PRAYER CORNER

*With Bob and Wendy Heurung, prayers for infant grandson **Quinn**, as his parents continue to care for him and seek answers related to frequent respiratory illness.

*For the **people of Iran** and the ongoing conflict and devastation there; for wisdom in the leaders of warring nations.

*With Bob Schwartz, gratitude for his 24 grandchildren and the mothers raising his "memory makers." Gratitude for **all mothers!**

*With Naomi Kirstein, gratitude for **all women** who nurture and love in a variety of ways.



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!

Give Blood.
It's the American Way.



BLOOD DRIVE
ST. CROIX UNITED CHURCH
300 N. Third St
Bayport, MN 55801

Blood Drive | Thursday, May 21st | 9 am - 3 pm

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

"The perfect antidote to our modern mental health epidemic."
—MAGAZINE (MAY 2018)

Mattering



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 21st | 5:30 pm

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

Please let Pastor Clare know if you plan to attend.
In-person and on Zoom (reach out for the link).

Books are available at Valley Bookseller for 15% off



Graduate Sunday | 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
- 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:


Opioid Epidemic Info Session | **May 20, 9:45 am** | @ Church
Connecting with the Word | **May 20, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom
Free Community Meal | **May 20, 5:30 pm** | @ Church
Evensong Service | **May 20, 6:45 pm** | @ Church & Livestream

Blood Drive | **May 21, 9 am—3 pm** | @ Church
Fireside Friends | **May 21, 9:30 am** | @ Church
Inquirers Gathering | **May 21, 4 pm** | @ Church
Faith & Spirit Book Club | **May 21, 5:30 pm** | @ Church & Zoom

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flute), Carol Dusbabek & David Kirstein (ushers), Chris Bordeaux (greeter), Sharri Kinkead (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Kathy & Bob Iverson, Naomi Kirstein (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Claire Spilseth & Wendy Heurung (children's activity)



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Statement of Faith

Written by Zoey Ann Hintze-Graf

I believe that Jesus was a man of peace and love,
that he was an example of what to be.

I believe that the word of Christ is the truth and the way we should live our lives, humble and caring to one another. Help others when in need, give consideration and faith to others even if they don't think the same as you. Jesus led us to be peaceful and caring, not mean and vengeful. Jesus was brought to this earth to lead us into hope and faith in ourselves and in others around us. Jesus taught man many things to use to our advantage and to get closer to him and God, not be used as a weapon against others close to you.

I believe that these things are important to me and how I would like to live my own life.

I Woke Up This Morning

85

African-American traditional

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

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

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

The spirituals that were passed down through the African-American oral tradition were not only enduring but also adaptable. During the civil rights movement of the 1960s this spiritual was sung as "Woke up this morning with my mind on freedom."

Tune: WOKE UP THIS MORNING Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
 John Ylvisaker, 1985

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Your Love Is Amazing

163

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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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