



June 7, 2026

“What Do We
Remember?”

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Naomi Kirstein

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 “Take Time to be Holy”

Sebbins

...acknowledging the light of Christ among us

please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space

Words of Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Song (SPP #123)** “Draw the Circle Wide”

Centering Ourselves

...in stillness and breath

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(responsive)*

Gracious Spirit – when distrust swirls among us, when fear echoes every step, when envy and remorse grip our hearts –

We confess that we lose sight of our connection to your love. Restore our hope, that we might trust your presence.

When every door seems locked tight, each thought weighted down –
Restore our hope, that we might trust your presence.

When the ground feels unstable, when nourishing streams run dry –
Restore our hope, that we might trust your presence. 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”

**Cindy Parsons (6/7), Pastor Clare Gromoll (6/9), William Stokes (6/9 – 4 yrs),
Zoey Hintze-Graf (6/11 – 15 yrs), Sam Gromoll (6/12 – 12 yrs)**

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...

“Rooted and Growing” | Children (age 3+) and youth can join Eli’jah for an activity
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 | NRSV, p. 76

Luke 13:10-17; 14:1-6

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

Morning Message “What Do We Remember?”

Prayer Hymn (p. 6 of bulletin) “We Are Called”

Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Rev. Naomi if you prefer yours not be printed in our Prayer Corner*

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

Prayer of Jesus

**O Great Spirit, our Parent from above, your name is sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways
in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day — the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road.
Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

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

Blue electronic giving cards found in pew pockets.



Offertory

“Banner of Hope”

Gaath

***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.**

*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 **“You Belong Here”** *by The Many*
cantor begins and sings verses, all join in the chorus

Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to__ re-mem-ber who I

am. Come and re-mem-ber you be-long here. All be-

long here.

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!**

***A Song of Joy (NCH #526)**

...forming a circle (not holding hands)

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,

Oooo, we are marching in the light of God.

(Singing, walking, dancing, praying)

***Benediction**

***Parting Music**

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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

Week at a Glance:

Finance Committee | **June 9, 4 pm** | @ Church

Food Pantry Team | **June 10, 10 am** | @ Church

Wednesday Community Meal | **June 10, 5:30 pm** | @ Church

Leadership Council | **June 10, 6:30 pm** | @ Church & Zoom

Community Collective | **June 11, 7 pm** | @ Church

Outdoor Worship | **June 14, 9:30 am** | @ Lakeside Park Beach House

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

PRAYER CORNER

*With Kathy Whiterabbit, prayers for **Christine Funmaker Romano** and all who mourn **Carlisle Green Deer** a 41 year old fluent speaker of the Ho Chunk language who recently passed from alcohol poisoning.

*For Pastor Clare's family as they mourn **Aunt Rebecca** and **Aunt Sarah**, may love surround them as they bear witness to life and love.

*For **all those who struggle with addictions**, and those who love them - may their hearts and minds remain open to miracles.

*With Randy Gutzmann, gratitude for **this community** being a place to find connection and peace.

*With Cindy Parsons, prayers for her family as they move toward an intervention for **her son**, who struggles with addiction. Prayers also for **her mother**, who recently moved into nursing care - may she truly live each moment she has left.

*Gratitude for **new friends** in our midst, allowing us to fill our lives with new connections and experiences.

*With Therese Thorson, prayers for all those experiencing **new beginnings** this season.

*With Mary Ann Litfin, as dependency and depression surround us, may we continue to lift and journey alongside one another.

*With Kristi Neuenfeldt, gratitude for her mom (**Sharon Neuenfeldt's**) musical gift, for the labor of love Sharon shares with this congregation, and for a community that blesses her family.



Outdoor Worship Begins Next Sunday!

June 14th | 9:30 am

@ Lakeside Park Beach House (95 Central Ave, Bayport)

Join us in worshipping down by the river every other Sunday this summer!

Ample seating is provided. You're more than welcome to bring your own lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets if you'd like.

(Dogs are welcome - but please be sure they are leashed!)

We hope you'll linger afterward for fellowship time!

Outdoor Worship Dates:

June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23

Sabbatical Support Team

Mary Horak Binger, Pastoral Relations & Finance Committees

Nat Graf, Moderator & Personnel Committee

Naomi Kirstein, retired pastor, Worship & Sanctuary and Youth Ministry Teams

Debbie Knox, Welcome & Care Team

Dan Warnes, hospice chaplain & church member at large

Eli'jah Carroll, Youth Coordinator (staff)

Megan Adams, Office Coordinator (staff)

This team is available to visit when you need a listening ear or a caring presence (during an unexpected hospitalization, other challenging circumstances etc).

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will serve as main lines of contact,

though we welcome you to reach out to any of us.

Thank you to today's partners: Rev. Naomi Kirstein (Guest Preacher), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Lori Mildon (flutist), Gary Piasecki & David Kirstein (ushers), Angelica Van Iperen (greeter), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist & communion server), Sue Favilla & Jane Hanson (communion preparers), Carol Dusbabek & Kathleen Dennison (communion servers), Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Betsy Runke (children helper), Sharri Kinhead (altar flowers)



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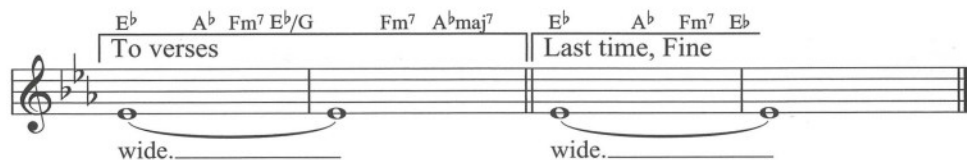
Draw the Circle Wide



Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_



song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

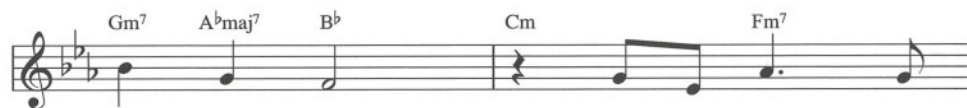


wide._____

wide._____



1. God the still-point of the cir-cle, 'round whom all cre-
2. Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons, so en-com-pass
3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg-er, than we've ev-er



-a-tion turns; noth-ing lost, but
great and small; let our lov-ing
dreamed be-fore; let the dream of



held for-ev-er in God's gra-cious arms._____
know no bor-ders, faith-ful to God's call._____
Christ be in us, o-pen ev-'ry door._____

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Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 kha - nyen' kwen-khos', light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
 light of God. the light of God.

ham - ba, Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'.
 ham - ba, march-ing, Oo, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

Last time, end

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection *Freedom Is Coming* brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
 South African song