



July 19, 2026

“A New Beginning”

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Jennifer Jaimez

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

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

Gathering Music

Ringin' 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

Spark of Goodness

Mark & Michele Stephan

SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

* = Sitting or standing

NCH = New Century Hymnal

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

A gift of a new day,
Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

A new day with surprising miracles;
With love to be given,

Kindness to be shared
And peace to be enjoyed.

A gift of a new day,
God's gift to us.

Let us receive it with joy
And live it in expectation.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #73)** “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

Centering Ourselves

...in stillness and breath

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(unison)*

We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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”

Emma Ruggles (7/20), Ruby Staberg (7/22 - 4 yrs),
Maya Klisch-Solano (7/23 - 8 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 & Growing” | Children (4+) 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 Old Testament | NRSV, p. 5

Genesis 6:5-22; 7:1-5; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

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

Morning Message

“A New Beginning”

Prayer Hymn (NCH #32) “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Rev. Jennifer 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.

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, 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

“We Share a Hunger”

J. Kirsten

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

O Great God, we dedicate ourselves to partnership with you. You call us to care for creation, amplify the voices of the oppressed, and realign our course with your dream for the world. We offer ourselves and these gifts for the good of Earth – our common home as members of your abundant creation. Amen.

*Closing Hymn (NCH #76) “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*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

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

Fine

The image shows a musical score for the song "Go Now in Peace". It is written for keyboard, handbells, and/or Orff instruments. The score is in 3/2 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are "God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go." The score ends with a "Fine" marking and a repeat sign.

*Parting Music

...as we greet one another

Today Following Worship:

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

Rev. Jennifer welcomes your input!



Rev. Jennifer is looking forward to her next 7 weeks with us exploring "Beloved Bible Stories." She has chosen five of those stories... but thought it might be fun to have the last two open to suggestions by the congregation!

To submit an idea or suggestion, simply write it on the slip of paper in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate!

PRAYER CORNER

*For **Frank Cole**, and his loved ones, in the wake of his passing last Sunday morning. May love surround them as they mourn and celebrate his life.
(A service will be held at his home church in Illinois, and a celebration of life will be held here in September.)

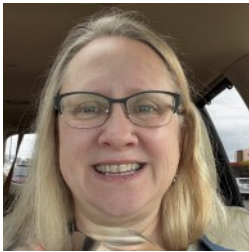
*With **Mary Horak Binger** we give thanks for the power of prayer that upheld her on her 2-week rafting adventure through the Grand Canyon; and for the gift of awe and wonder in this experience of our awesome earth.

*With Bob Dickie, continued prayers and gratitude for his daughter, **Erin's**, healing after knee surgery; and for her experience in group mental health therapy. Both are going well! Safe travels for **Cindy Parsons** as she visits Erin during this time.

*For **Carol Dusbabek** and her husband, **Tom**, as he struggles with the side effects of recently completing a second round of chemo; and as they await results of a scan this week – prayers for strength and courage in these challenging times.

*For **Pastor Clare Gromoll, Sam, and Jonah** as they journey on their great adventure road trip across the western United States (itinerary includes 13 states, 5500 miles, in 11 days). Prayers for safety, patience, flexibility, fun, and wide-eyed wonder!

We welcome Rev. Jennifer Jaimez!



My name is Rev. Jennifer Jaimez and I was the pastor of St. Mark's UCC in Bloomington MN for 27 years until the church closed. I live with my spouse, one adult daughter and a cat named Olive. Our other adult daughter lives in a suburb of Portland, Oregon. In my spare time I love to walk, read, cook and play/sing/listen to music.

I am looking forward to being with you in worship during Pastor Clare's sabbatical.

Conversations from the Heart

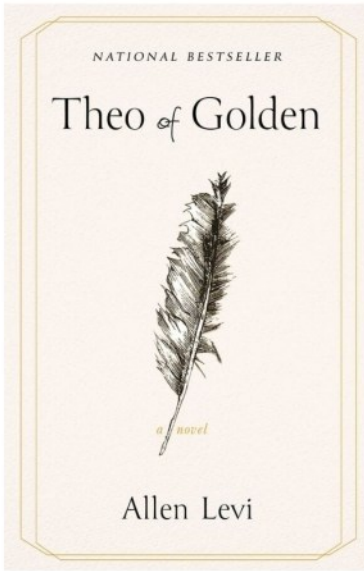
Wednesday, July 22nd | 10 am & 6:30 pm



The Welcome and Care Team invites you to an opportunity to get to know fellow St. Croix United Church friends.

Join us for a time of conversation and chance to foster deeper personal connections within our church community.

All are welcome!



Faith & Spirit Book Club

*expanding
our perspectives*

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.



For more info
about the book,
click the QR code.

Join us...

Thursday, August 20th
6:30 - 8 pm

Hosted at St. Croix United Church



St. Croix United Church | 309 N. Third St in Bayport
www.stcroixunitedchurch.org

Interested? Contact us: office@stcroixunitedchurch.org
Valley Bookseller in Stillwater has copies for 15% off!



Week at a Glance:

Conversations from the Heart | **July 22, 10 am** | @ Church
Free Community Meal | **July 22, 5:30 pm** | @ Church
Conversations from the Heart | **July 22, 6:30 pm** | @ Church
Social Justice Team | **July 23, 10:30 am** | @ Church

Outdoor Worship | **July 26, 9:30 am** | @ Lakeside Park Beach House & Livestream

Sabbatical Support Team

Mary Horak Binger, Nat Graf (out of town 7/15-7/19), **Debbie Knox, Dan Warnes, Eli'jah Carroll, and Megan Adams**

This team is available to visit when you need a listening ear or a caring presence.

Megan (651-439-5667, office@stcroixunitedchurch.org) and

Nat (651-470-0408, ngraf11@gmail.com)

will serve as main lines of contact, yet we welcome you to reach out to any of us.

Thank you to today's partners: Rev. Jennifer Jaimez (Guest Preacher), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (choir director), Carol Dusbabek & David Kirstein (usher), (greeter), Mary Piasecki (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Kathy & Bob Iverson (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Cindy Parsons (children's activity assistant)



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Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joyce, and come in.

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.
 Louise Ruspini
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

1 Thess. 5: 18; Ps. 136

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

(Introduction) G G7 Unison C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G 6 C

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant



2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

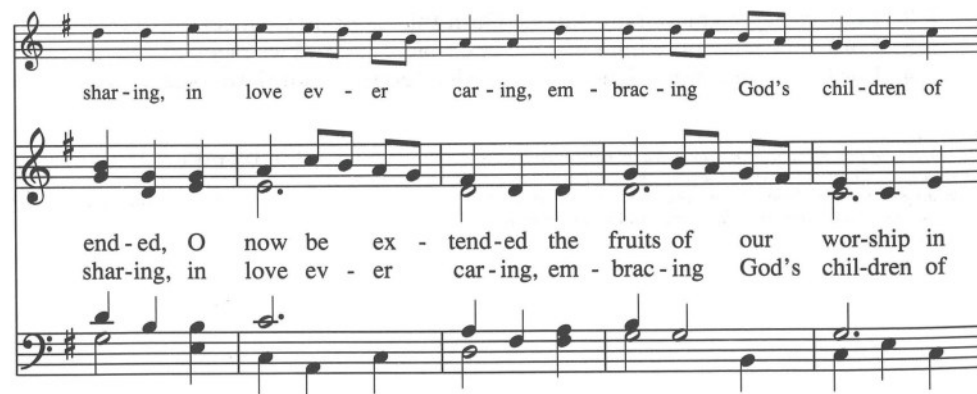
Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the



tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er



shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in *People's Mass Book*, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody
Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972
Descant, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1993

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
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