

November 22, 2026

"Gratitude Changes Lives"

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Kocher*

...quietly acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

One Whoever we are and wherever we are on our life journey -
All **We are welcome here - beloved within the body of God**

Singing Bowl *...centering ourselves in stillness and breath*

Opening Words from a Neighbor

***Gathering Prayer** (*responsive*)

Wondrous Spirit, we raise to you our joyful noise:
Words of thanksgiving, songs of praise!

Rhythm-setter of tides and seasons:
From the depths of waters to the heights of land, creation declares your greatness.

You dapple our days with sunlight and our nights with starlight.
Your love and peace flow unceasingly.

May your goodness transform us –
Deepening our gratitude for the beauty of this season and the kindness among us.

Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others –
So that all your world may have reason to rejoice. Amen.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #425)** "For the Fruits of All Creation"

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes resist your love and mercy. We hold on to judgment toward ourselves, resentment toward a loved one or neighbor, and complicity in society's status quo. We have participated in the pain of your world.

Open us. Loosen us. Unbind us. Enable our hearts to love, our hands to help, our spirits to breathe and pray. We offer these longings and our quiet prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Musical Interlude *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace

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 to Children and Youth *...as they come forward*

This little light of mine...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

Bob Dickie (11/22), **Sandi** Lundgren (11/22)

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...

Sunday School | *Children (age 3 - gr. 4) can go downstairs with Carol*
Youth Group | *Youth (gr. 5-12) can go with Eli'jah to our downstairs Youth Room*
Nursery | *Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to use the downstairs nursery*
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Reading from the Gospels | *NRSV, p. 80* Luke 17:11-19

Ancient words can speak to us today. **We listen for our still speaking God.**

Contemporary Reading | *Joyce Rupp* "Gratitude for the Little Moments"

God speaks wisdom through our neighbors. **May we be moved by what we hear.**

Morning Message "Gratitude Changes Lives"

Prayer Song (SPP #201) "Deep Peace"

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 added to our printed Prayer Corner

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

Prayer of Jesus

We use several versions of this prayer, faithfully expressed across the ages

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 the Offering

We give by cash, check or electronically (scan the QR code)
Blue electronic giving cards are in pew pockets

Offertory "I Am Thankful" *Goodline*

***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**

***Closing Song (p. 5 in bulletin)** "Thanksgiving Prayer"

***Benediction**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lyrics by Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux
Sung to the tune of "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (NCH #575)

Verse 1

In the valley, rich with beauty,
By the river winding near,
We have gathered now together
Giving thanks for all God's gifts.
Through the seasons of our living,
Through each joy and challenge shared,
Love has called us here together,
And we find belonging here.

Verse 2

For the land and all its creatures,
For the changing sky above,
For the songs and prayers we offer,
For the gift of neighbor love,
For the welcome at the doorway,
When we come in from the cold,
We give thanks for our church family,
And to God, who loves us so.

Verse 3

May our hope flow ever outward
Like the river to the sea,
Bringing love and kindness freely
To all people we may meet.
In this valley, rich with beauty,
May thanksgiving lead our way,
As we walk this road together
Into each unfolding day.

***Sending Song** *...forming a circle*

"Peace I Leave With You"

Refrain: **Peace I leave with you, my friends,**
shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Verse: **To share God's love is why I came,**
To show God's kindness without end.
Go, now, my friends, and do the same,
Until we come again.

Refrain

***Parting Music** *...as we greet one another*

Today following worship:
all are welcome to longer for refreshments and good company!



Inquirers Gathering - mark your calendar!
Tuesday, Dec. 1st | 2 pm

Newer friends, Pastor Clare, and cohosts learn about:

- One another (extended introductions, our faith journeys, etc.)
- The history and current life of St. Croix United Church
- Our denominational affiliations
- How to deepen participation with us
- What membership means to us

Please RSVP to Pastor Clare, letting her know you're interested!



New Members Sunday - An Invitation to Belong

Sunday, Dec. 13th

Have you been finding a sense of home at St. Croix United Church? We invite you to consider taking the next step in your journey with us!

We think of membership as a covenant of mutual support as we journey in life and faith. Becoming a member is simple:
** Attend an Inquirers Gathering (whether recently or a while ago)
** Meet one-on-one with Pastor Clare to share about your journey and what you hope to experience as a member of our church
** Desire to commit to this faith community

If you're interested in joining on our upcoming New Member Sunday, or simply want to explore what membership might mean for you, please reach out to Pastor Clare. We'd love to continue growing together!

PRAYER CORNER

*For **Barb Hilliard**, healing mercies as she receives care at Woodwinds Hospital for an ankle broken in three places.

*For **Bill Chadwick** (former pastor of People's Congregational Church) who's 37 year old son, Andy, suffered a catastrophic cardiac event and will be an organ donor. Prayers for Andy's wife, **Dianna**, and their family as they navigate this immense tragedy.

*With Betsy Runke, prayers for safe travel and love to surround as her sister **Vicky's** health takes a turn. Prayers for the family to walk this journey with her in strength, peace, and love.

*With Mary Maren Bjork, we pray for the **families and friends of transgender people** who have lost their lives. (Friday, Nov. 20th was Transgender Day of Remembrance.)

*With Bob Heurung, prayers for cousin **Charles** and all who suffer from cognitive issues.

*For **those who suffer silently** in ways we can't imagine, surround them with hope and a sense of possibility. For **first responders** who walk into crisis situations, give them wisdom and help them to process the traumas they witness. For the **families** who walk beside those suffering, guide them in next steps and surround them in love.

*For **Rebecca Dennis**, and all who are traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday - for safety and peace.

*For the **Coco's Heart Dog Rescue volunteers** who have been rescuing 200+ dogs from the cold on Native American reservations in South Dakota.

*With Emma Ruggles, prayers for love to surround her family as they mourn the recent passing of **her grandmother**.



Week at a Glance

Welcome & Care Team | **Nov. 24, 1 pm** | @ Church
Finance Committee | **Nov. 24, 3:30 pm** | @ Church

Connecting with the Word | **Nov. 25, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom
Pastoral Relations Committee | **Nov. 25, 12 pm** | @ Church
No Community Supper | **Nov. 25**

Happy Thanksgiving! | **Nov. 26** | **Office Closed**



No Community Supper This Week
Wednesday, November 25th

We will not be hosting a Free Wednesday Supper on Nov. 25th.

But you are more than welcome at St. Michael's Church (611 3rd St S. in Stillwater)! 5 - 6:30pm

We'll be back to serving on Dec. 2nd - see you then!

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Mary Horak Binger & Gary Piasecki (ushers), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Mary Piasecki (liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Kathy & Bob Iverson, Kim Klisch (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Carol Dusbabek & Cindy Parsons (children's activity)

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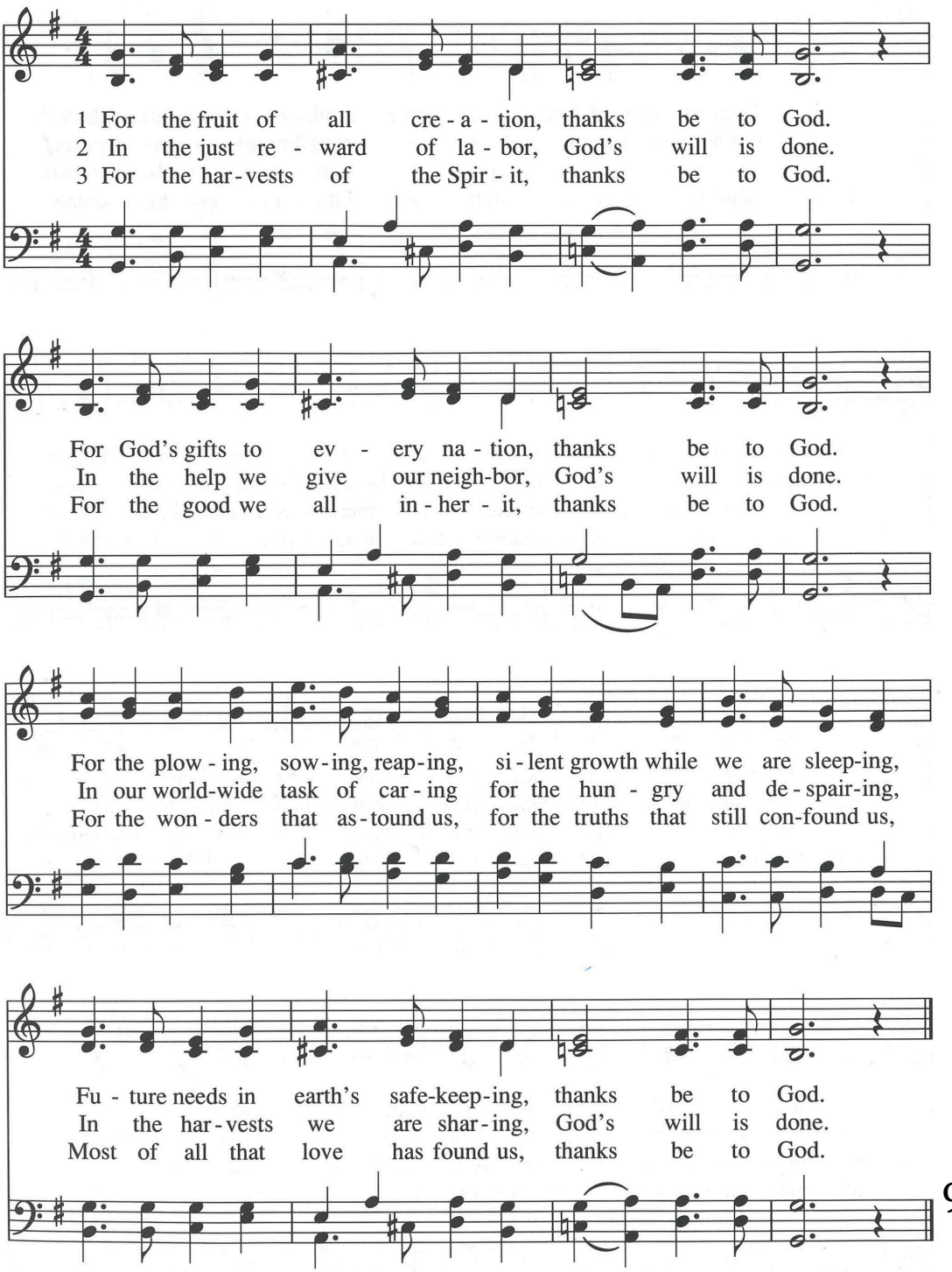
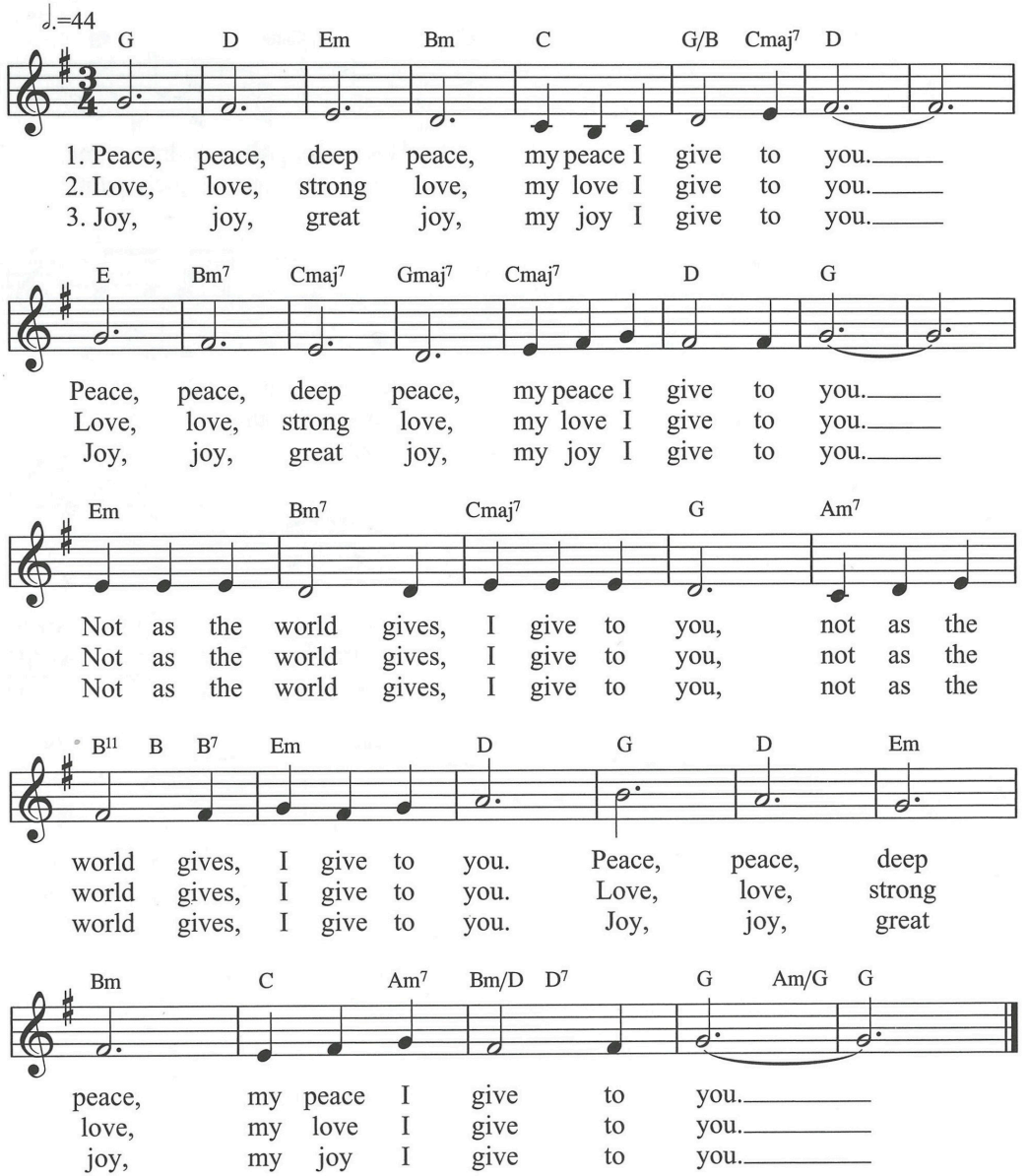
For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green, 1970



Deep Peace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G D Em Bm C G/B Cmaj7 D
1. Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.
2. Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you.
3. Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you.
E Bm7 Cmaj7 Gmaj7 Cmaj7 D G
Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.
Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you.
Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you.
Em Bm7 Cmaj7 G Am7
Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the
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B11 B B7 Em D G D Em
world gives, I give to you. Peace, peace, deep
world gives, I give to you. Love, love, strong
world gives, I give to you. Joy, joy, great
Bm C Am7 Bm/D D7 G Am/G G
peace, my peace I give to you.
love, my love I give to you.
joy, my joy I give to you.