



**Worship Leader** Mike Stepan  
**Organist** Betsy Murray  
**LAM** Lee Wood  
**Reader** Bea Jones  
**Ushers** Scott & Beth Tradup  
**Altar Guild** Karen Eian, Becky Thompson  
**Hospitality** Ron & Sharon Nelson,  
Connie Carlson, Polly Morrison

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE                      “Lord of All Hopefulness,” *arr. by D. Wood*                      Betsy Murray

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.*

**Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.  
Merciful God,*

**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have  
squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have failed to  
be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In  
the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we  
fail. Receive the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name  
of † Jesus Christ.*

**Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      “Come, Bring Your Burdens,” *ACS #1009, sing 2x*

*Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.*

*Repeat*

**\*GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: Let us pray.*

**All: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

PSALM Psalm 145:8-14 (*read responsively*)

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

*All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.*

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

*that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

*The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "I Will Sing, I Will Sing," by Max Dyer

*Allelu, alleluia, Glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, Glory to the Lord.*

*Allelu, alleluia, Glory to the Lord. Alleluia, Glory to the Lord.*

\*GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

CHILDREN & YOUTH TIME Erica Johnson

SERMON Mike Stepan

HYMN OF THE DAY "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," ELW #608 vs. 1-3

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
*Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
*Refrain*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

*Leader: . . . Hear us, O God.*

**All: Your mercy is Great.**

*Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**All: Amen.**

#### PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

OFFERING                    “This Train is Bound for Glory,” *traditional*                    Betsy Murray

OFFERTORY                “Asante Sana, Yesu (trad. African),” *M. Burrows*

Asante Sana, Yesu. Asante Sana, Yesu. Asante Sana, Yesu, moyoni.

Asante Sana, Yesu. Asante Sana, Yesu. Asante Sana, Yesu, moyoni.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

*Leader: Let us pray.*

**All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Let us use these gifts collected today to feed the world with your love. Through our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ANOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

*The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.*

**Amen.**

### \*SENDING                   “Lord of All Hopefulness,” *ELW #765 vs. 1-4*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### \*SENDING OUT

*Go in peace. Share the harvest.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“How Great Thou Art,” *by S. Hine*

Betsy Murray

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!  
Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall  
(out the sanctuary doors and to the left) immediately following the service.*

## **CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:**

### **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:**

Chris Kliver (brother of Alvina Peterson), cancer is in remission and he is doing well.  
For everyone who joins in our worship from afar.  
For all individuals supporting CTK with their gifts.  
Gratitude for everyone sharing Flat Jesus this summer as we remember He is with us always.

### **THOSE GRIEVING:**

For all those grieving the death of loved ones.

### **THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:**

Wendy Ness, treatment for Lymphoma, and brother, Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.  
Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.  
Harvey Schindler (family member of Sharon Scott ), cancer.  
Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), recently diagnosed with leukemia.  
Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.  
Mark Peterson (son of Alvina Peterson), finished chemo and continues to fight to get his immunity back.

### **OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:**

For Sharon Scott's sister, Shirley Jones, recovering from surgery.  
For Corrine Erlandson's sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.  
For all who are undergoing medical procedures.  
Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.  
Elaine (Lori Will's mother).  
For Fletcher and Courtney McKinney, improvement in health.

### **GLOBAL CONCERNS:**

For all victims of gun violence. For all who seek to prevent such violence and all who must respond to it.  
For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania as they seek their new pastor. That their plans and projects bear fruit for the glory of God.

### **MILITARY CONCERNS:**

Elida's grandson, LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves who has been transferred to the Philippines on special secure assignment.

\*Please remember to contact the church office to keep the continuing prayer list current.  
Prayers listed in the bulletin will also appear on the website within the bulletin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Journey Together

You are invited to Journey Together. It will feature time spent exploring the Bible, Disciples, the Church, and the World. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm. Come to one or all – everyone of all ages is encouraged to attend and have fun together!

**Meals Together:** CTK will provide the main meal for our dinner from 5:30-6:30 pm. We'll need volunteers to help host the meals by setting up, serving, and cleaning up. You can also help provide sides/salads and desserts to round out our meals. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex!

**Journey Together:** After our meal, we'll gather for learning and playing together focused on a variety of themes. Each week will be different! The activities are meant to be intergenerational, so people of all ages are needed to build relationships and have fun together. Bring your friends or family!

**Mark Your Calendar:** Meal: 5:30-6:30 pm, activities: 6:30-7:30 pm, **July 12 and 19, August 2 and 16.**

## Where is FLAT JESUS

Remember to take Flat Jesus with you on your adventures and take pictures of the fun things you are doing this summer. Text or email your pictures to Pastor Rebecca or the church office so we can share them with you all.

### Reading Buddies for Birch Lake Elementary Needed

The school psychologist at Birch Lake Elementary has reached out to CTK looking for volunteers to be reading buddies beginning in the fall. The commitment would be for the 2023-24 school year to read with your buddy for 30 minutes per week. If it is a good connection for the volunteer and student, you could continue with your student for subsequent year(s).

Please contact Elida if you are interested at [erolson868@gmail.com](mailto:erolson868@gmail.com). We will get more information regarding schedules when we get closer to school starting.

**Pastor Rebecca is on vacation July 3-9, 2023**

**For emergency pastoral care or other needs please contact Pastor Dan Streeper at 612-801-0571.**