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All Are Welcome to Worship at
St John's United Church of Christ
on Madeline Island

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Blessing In The Round

This Blessing
Cannot help it;
it's the way it was designed.
Lay it down and it rises again.

Release it
and it returns to you.

Give it away
and it makes a path
back to you.

There is no explaining
how it delights
in reappearing
when you have ceased
to hold it,
no hiding the sly smile
it wears
when it shows up...

*Jan Richardson
excerpt from "Circle of Grace"*

CALENDAR

Mar 29 6pm Soup Supper & Family Game Night

Thursdays 11:00am Bible Study on World Religions

Contact Pastor Drew at drew@stjohnsmadelineisland.org for more information.

Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87643575244?pwd=YktrNm1j](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87643575244?pwd=YktrNm1jMWt4NDV4Nk95TTBwVTlMZz09)

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Meeting ID: 876 4357 5244, Passcode: 786827

AA Meetings

Saturdays at 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

AlAnon Meeting Serenity on the Rock AlAnon Meetings

have a new time and have moved to zoom for now.

Join us on Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm

via Zoom - Meeting ID: 880 1533 6936

Passcode: island

AlAnon is a mutual support organization for the families and friends of alcoholics. All are welcome



PRELUDE

Sheri Milburn

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Drew Filkins

Pastor: The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Pastor: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

All: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" No. 286

Barbara Meyer, Joe Scarry & Sheri Milburn

vs. 1&2

UNISON PRAYER

Generous God, in abundance, you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

READINGS 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
Joan Watts

SERMON "Fearful Inactivity" *Rev. Drew Filkins*

REFLECTIVE MUSIC "Shallow" *Neeñah Marano*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Rev. Drew Filkins*
& *LORD'S PRAYER*

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" No. 588
Barbara Meyer & Sheri Milburn



PRAYER LIST

Those in need of healing:

Lois Carlson, Michelle Magnusson (Birdie's friend), Judith and Terry Ball, Jim Lacy, Susie Laroche (Regina's Mom), Ginny Stryker Brodeen (Julie's cousin), Jackie Nelson, Gabriella (Regina's niece), Margie Smith, Joel (Judy Hable's nephew), Marilyn Goad (Joan Watt's sister-in-law), Delores Huber, Kate Smith, Kevin (Ronnie's cousin), Mary (Judy Hable's granddaughter), Jay Costello (Penny Gill's cousin), Marvin Schmidt (Barb Lutz' father), Betty Tillman (Sue Pass's mom), Tom Lewandowski (Becky, Molly and Julie's brother), and Todd Carlson.

Our Elders in care: John Soucek & Helen Anderson.