

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

May 21, 2023

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*photo by Michael Childers*

*Contemporary Reading "More to Give"*  
by Steven Charleston

The more you give, the more you seem to have. That's one of the beautiful discoveries of the spiritual life. It is a wisdom you gain more by doing than by thinking. Like most spiritual knowledge, it is counter-intuitive. You would think if you give something away, over time you would run out, but that's not how it works. The more love you give away, the more love seems to grow within you. The more compassion you share, the more compassion you have for people and animals. Offer one act of kindness, and suddenly you can do ten times as many. Abundance in days of scarcity: the more you give, the more you have to give.

*"From the inexhaustible riches of Limitless Life I draw everything I need both materially and spiritually."*

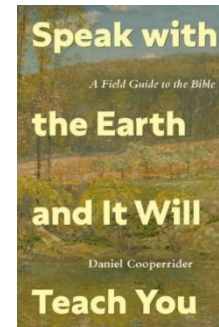
*from The Pattern on the Trestle Board*  
by Paul Foster Case

**Book Review:**  
***Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You***

*Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You; A Field Guide to the Bible* is written by Daniel Cooperrider, a teacher, environmentalist, father, fly-fisher, forager, and UCC pastor.



Reviews of *Speak with the Earth* say that *Speak with the Earth* explores the Bible's treatment of nature and is interwoven with the author's reflections on his experiences in nature. This book examines the multifaceted relationship between the Bible and nature through various media including art, theology, the natural sciences, history, and lived experience.



Renowned author Wendell Berry says, "I don't think it is enough appreciated how much an outdoor book the Bible is." *Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You* is like a stroll through the woods that grounds the mind and body.

Enjoy a conversation with author Daniel Cooperrider about his book and his understanding of how the natural world embodies spiritual power.

<https://vimeo.com/796740385>

*(This is reprinted from The Lighthouse – thank you Lee!)*

## CALENDAR

**May 21, 10am Worship Service** - the selected candidate will preach and conduct the service. This will be followed by a Congregational meeting where all church members and associate members will vote on accepting the candidate as the new St. John's pastor.

**Saturday, June 3, Nick Sievers' Memorial Service**  
12:00pm Visitation 1:00pm Service

### **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*

Pastor: We come to worship ready to hear the good news of abundant love.

People: We know that our fears can sometimes hinder even the most faithful among us.

Pastor: Open our eyes today, Spirit of Hope.

People: Open our hearts to remember what you make possible in us.

Pastor: Guide us, Holy One, to live out your dream of radiant possibilities.

All: Fill us with a resurrection hope of a world where all have enough. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN* "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"  
No. 347

### UNISON PRAYER

Compassionate God, we give thanks for all of you have given and shared. When we lose sight of hope and see scarcity everywhere, transform our vision so we may see and believe in the life you create among us. Give us the courage to risk lives of abundant love, to follow where you call us in each time and place. Amen.

### MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

READINGS "More to Give" by Steven Charleston  
Mark 6. 30 – 44 Julie Stryker

SERMON "Abundance and Possibilities"

REFLECTIVE MUSIC "En Bateau" by Debussy  
piano duet – Susan Sabre & Sheri Milburn

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 "I Come With Joy" No. 349

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE



### PRAYER LIST

**Those in need of healing:** Anne Lacy, Judy Schmidt, Bill Hable, 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.