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All the People

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

November 19, 2023

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Gifts

*'Tis the joy of the Christmas Season
that brings light to a world in darkness.
Family and friends 'round warm fires gather
sharing their stories of Christmas Time.*

*'Tis the peace of the Christmas Season
that brings hope to a world in sorrow.
Family and friends 'round lit trees join in
singing their goodwill to all mankind.*

*'Tis the love of the Christmas Season
that brings the Christ to dwell in our hearts.
Family and friends 'round full tables thankful,
love is the power that rules our lives.*

Lyrics by Susan Sabre



PRAYER LIST

For Those in mourning: The family and friends of Anna Lennick and friends and especially her husband, Steve. The family and friends of Nell Hillsley. Janine Dobson upon her mother, Bernice's passing.

Those in need of healing: Reva Pallas, Marina Lachecki, Lisa Sill, Anna & Steve Lennick, Jerome Walch, Leslie Livingston, Sandy Erwin (friend of Ronnie's), Ron Crofoot, Judy Schmidt, Bill Hable, Judith and Terry Ball, Susie Laroche (Regina's Mom), Ginny Stryker Brodeen (Julie's cousin), Gabriella (Regina's niece), Margie Smith, Joel (Judy Hable's nephew), Kate Smith, Kevin (Ronnie's cousin), Mary (Judy Hable's granddaughter), Jay Costello (Penny Gill's cousin), Betty Tillman (Sue Pass's mom), Tom Lewandowski (Becky, Molly and Julie's brother).

Our Elders in care: Gary Rieman, Jim Lacy, John Soucek, Helen Anderson and Todd Carlson.

CALENDAR

Woods Hall hours for November
Thurs – Sun 11 – 3

Balance and Exercise Group

Changes to meeting place, days and time!!!

We will be continuing to meet year round...
Beginning October 4 Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am
at the Healing Motion yurt, 900 Big Bay Road.

These exercises will help improve participants' strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. They are especially helpful in fall prevention.

Please join us. Questions: contact group facilitators:

Becky Hogan, 218-310-6092 or

Marnie Sanborn Myhre, (651) 308-9829

Join Zoom Meeting (at link or scan QR code):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84583329061?pwd=SGVDTDYwbGw5a05LdFZkYUE3UXR2QT09>

Meeting ID: 845 8332 9061

Passcode: Balance

AA Meetings

Saturdays at 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

AlAnon Meeting *Serenity on the Rock AlAnon Meetings in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00pm

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: This is our Redeemer's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

People: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

Pastor: This is our Redeemer's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

People: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

Pastor: This is Redeemer's Day, and it has come just in time!

ALL: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

OPENING SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 28

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We come to confess again, God of Hope, that we struggle with our faith in you. We let doubt and despair have the only word, thinking this is how it will always be. Overwhelmed and discouraged, we forget how to imagine a hope beyond what we know. Have mercy on us, Journeying God, and hold us in your compassion. Open our eyes again to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already begun in Jesus Christ, the one who leads us on the road of love. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11 *Susan Sabre*

CONTEMPORARY READING

"Somewhere out there, in the darkness, in the distance, someone is playing music. I can just hear it. The sound slips through the noise of the world, the tumult of the world, to find me listening. It is the music of grateful hearts, of lives restored to wholeness, of hope fulfilled and justice, at last, realized. Listen. Even in the turmoil, listen. It is the music of our redemption, the first sound of creation."

Steven Charleston

SERMON "Imagining Hope, Living Love"

Pastor Nathan Holst

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Sheri Milburn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation"

No. 425

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall
after the service for conversation,
coffee and refreshments hosted by
Debbie Knopf & Michael Collins*