



Sunday, September 28

Encouraged

lake harriet  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walking Together the  
Words and Ways of Jesus

# Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

## No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, you are welcome.

If you are married or single, you are welcome.

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and you are welcome.

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, you are welcome.

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, you are welcome.

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, you are welcome.

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

## You are welcome here!

*Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary*



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## Hearing Enhancement Aids

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# welcome to worship!

Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING SONG

Change My Heart O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true. *Fine*

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. *D.C. al Fine*

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first two staves are in G major (one sharp). The third and fourth staves are in D major (two sharps). The first staff ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C. al Fine'. There are triplet markings over the first three notes of the third and fourth staves.

## ↑ OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together:

**All: Encouraging God,**  
we hear your invitation into the future  
and we look to you for courage.  
Open us to know your presence as we  
embark together on new adventures.  
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits  
for ongoing discovery.  
**Amen.**

↑ HYMN

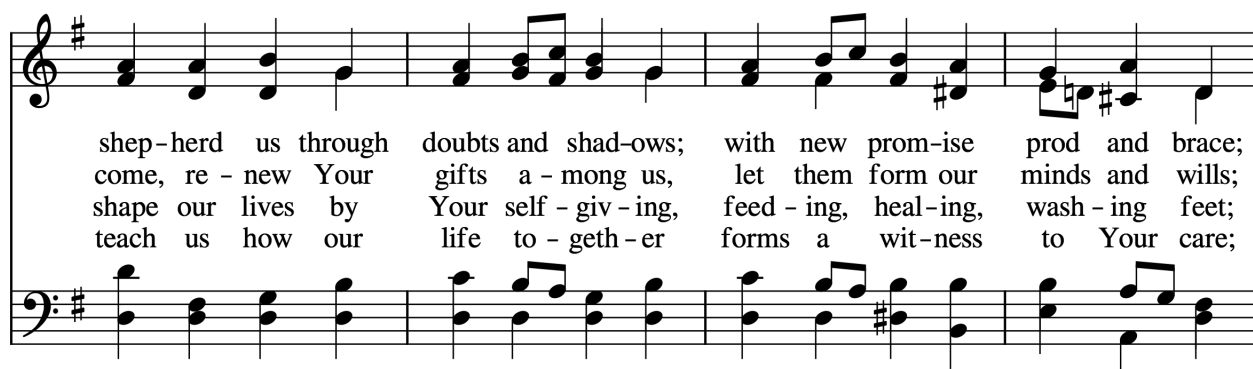
God of Every New Beginning



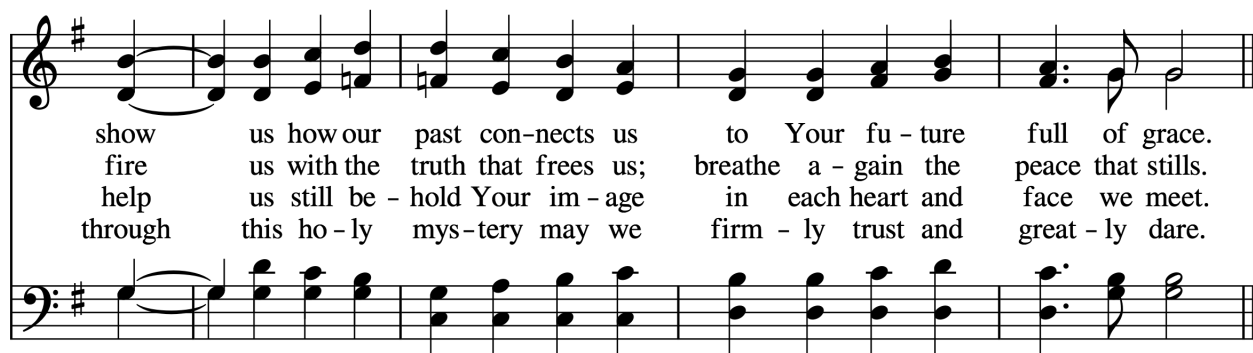
1. God of ev - ery new be - gin - ning, each re - kin - dling, all fresh starts,  
 2. God the Spir - it, life - be - stow - er, sing - ing wind and danc - ing fire,  
 3. God In - car - nate, dwel - ling with us, Word made flesh by hu - man birth,  
 4. Tri - une God, en - twined and vi - brant, nev - er - end - ing, un - be - gun,



re - a - waken - ing joy and won - der, rous - ing nerve in fear - ful hearts:  
 fount of faith's i - mag - i - na - tion, hope's en - dur - ance, love's de - sire:  
 Love em - bod - ied in our sto - ry, Suffer - ing Ser - vant here on earth:  
 man - i - fest in three - fold splen - dor that re - mains di - verse - ly One:



shep - herd us through doubts and shad - ows; with new prom - ise prod and brace;  
 come, re - new Your gifts a - mong us, let them form our minds and wills;  
 shape our lives by Your self - giv - ing, feed - ing, heal - ing, wash - ing feet;  
 teach us how our life to - geth - er forms a wit - ness to Your care;



show us how our past con - nects us to Your fu - ture full of grace.  
 fire us with the truth that frees us; breathe a - gain the peace that stills.  
 help us still be - hold Your im - age in each heart and face we meet.  
 through this ho - ly mys - tery may we firm - ly trust and great - ly dare.

SHARE A GREETING

RAINBOW CHAT

Rev. Bea Mungania

## SONG

### *Jesu Tawa Pano* (Jesus, We Are Here)

Je - su ta - wa pa - no; Je - su ta - wa pa - no;  
Je - sus, we are here;— Je - sus, we are here;—

Je - su ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are here;— we are here\_\_\_\_\_ for\_\_\_\_\_ you.

## CONTEMPORARY READING

(*Leader*) In an article in 1991, Marion Wright Edelman recalled hearing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak at Spelman College when she was a young lawyer. “One of the things I liked about him was that he didn’t pretend to be a great powerful know-it-all. I remember him discussing openly his gloom, depression, his fears, admitting that he didn’t know what the next step was. He would then say: ‘Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.’”

Here is a poem called “Start Close In” by David Whyte:

Start close in,  
don’t take the second step  
or the third,  
start with the first thing  
close in,  
the step you don’t want to take.

Start with the ground you know,  
the pale ground beneath your feet,  
your own way to begin the conversation.

Start with your own question,  
give up on other people’s questions,  
don’t let them smother something simple.

To hear another's voice,  
follow your own voice,  
wait until that voice becomes a private ear  
that can really listen to another.

Start right now  
take a small step you can call your own  
don't follow someone else's heroics,  
be humble and focused,  
start close in  
don't mistake that other for your own.

Start close in,  
don't take the second step  
or the third,  
start with the first thing  
close in,  
the step you don't want to take.  
What's your first step? The one you don't want to take?

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-31

New Revised Standard Version  
Updated Edition

### *Jesus Walks on the Water*

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

En-Couraged

Pastor Karen Bruins



## PRAYER SONG

Ready for a Change

(Mark Miller)

1. Take this bro - ken spir-it,\_\_\_\_ cre - ate in me a clean heart,  
2. Wipe a - way these tears, Lord,\_\_\_\_ and end my night of weep - ing,  
heal this wound - ed heal-er\_\_\_\_ and point me to the good road.  
wash a - way the old ways,\_\_\_\_ re - place my pain with your joy!  
Lord, I'm read - y for a change, on-ly you can make me change,  
Lord, I'm read - y for a change, on-ly you can make me change,  
on-ly you can make me change, Lord, I'm read - y for a change.  
*Last time only*  
Give my life a new start,\_\_\_\_ and plant in me a fresh, seed that  
grows and blos - soms\_\_\_\_ in - to the fruit of bles-sing.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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. Amen.



## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Ken Golder  
Joyce Uptown Foodshelf Board Member



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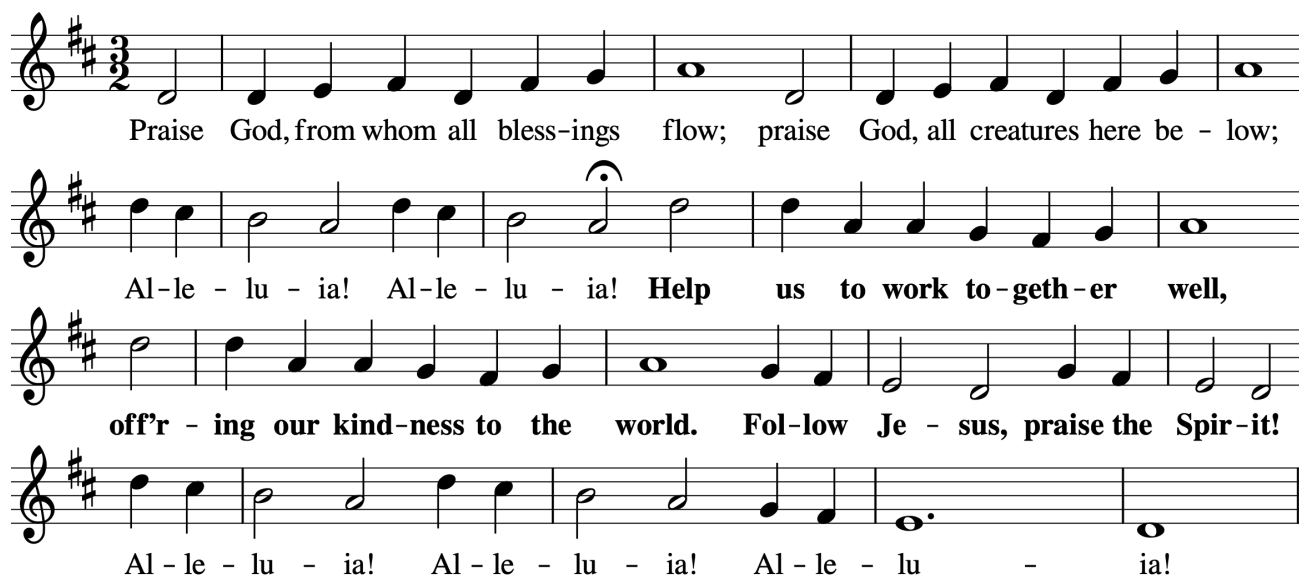
Simply Trusting

(arr. Earlene Rentz)  
Sanctuary Choir

## ↑ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;  
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! **Help us to work to-geth-er well,**  
**off'r - ing our kind-ness to the world. Fol-low Je - sus, praise the Spir-it!**  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

↑ HYMN

We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

South Africa (20th cent.)

First system of the musical score. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -".

Second system of the musical score. It includes first and second endings. The lyrics for the first ending are: "march-ing in the light of God. hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos." The lyrics for the second ending are: "march-ing in the light of, (the hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen, (kha - of God, kwen - khos'.".

Third system of the musical score. The lyrics are: "light of God.) nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march-ing, Si - ya - ham - ba, (march-ing, we are (ham - ba, si - ya -".

Fourth system of the musical score. It begins with a vocalization "Ooo". The lyrics are: "march-ing,) (march-ing,) we are march-ing in the light of God. ham-ba,) (ham - ba,) si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.".

## ↑ BLESSING

Remember that you are never alone in the journey of change—we're all on it with Jesus who says, "Come on ahead!" and then moves with us each step of the way.

Go into the world knowing  
that the Potter God is still shaping and reshaping you as you were made to do;  
that the Teacher Jesus is inviting you to a change of heart,  
making it all so very possible;  
and that the Adventurous Spirit is luring you to  
more play and curiosity in your precious life.  
Go in peace,  
stay in courage,  
**Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

(arr. Vicki Collinsworth)

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## Worship Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Karen Bruins

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Beatrice Mungania

**Director of Music Ministries:** Jungjoo Park

**Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture Reader:** Paul Glewwe

**Sound Technician:** Chad Johnson

**Streaming:** Jack Lee and Dave Bruins

**Slides:** Kim Boisvert

**Greeters:** Jane Kammerman, Ken Larson

**Hospitality:** Norma Bayers

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# This Week at Lake Harriet

## **SUNDAY SEPT 28**

- 9:30am Worship in-person and online
- 9:45am Godly Play (PreK-3rd Grade) - Godly Play Room
- 9:45am 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School - Conference Room
- 10:45am Apostles Creed Small Group - Fireside Room
- 10:45am By Faith Youth Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Science and Faith Book Study - Zoom
- 12:00pm Joyce Uptown Foodshelf Open House

## **MONDAY SEPT 29**

- 7:00pm Re-Shaped Sermon Series Small Group - Zoom

## **TUESDAY SEPT 30**

- 10:00am Crafters (Knitting) Group - Commons
- 7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room

## **WEDNESDAY OCT 1**

- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (PreK - 5th Grade)- Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Prime Chimers Rehearsal (5th - 12th Grade) - Bell Room
- 6:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation - Conference Room
- 6:30pm Youth Group 6th - 8th Grade - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:30pm Festival Bells Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

## **THURSDAY OCT 2**

- 2:30pm Preschool Executive Board - Fireside Room

## **SUNDAY OCT 5**

- 9:30am Worship in-person and online - Communion Sunday
- 10:45am Apostles Creed Small Group - Fireside Room
- 11:00am Worship at the Waters
- 11:00am Science and Faith Book Study - Zoom



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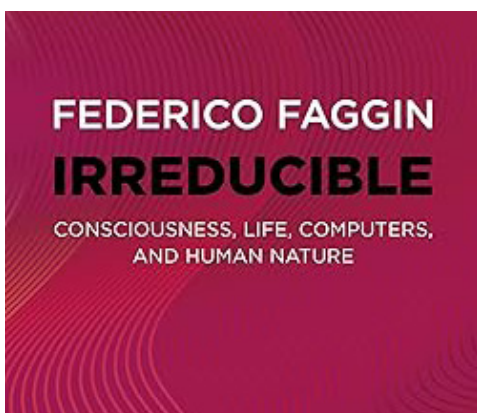
**WEDNESDAYS 5:00-6:00PM**

## Wednesday Night Dinners

Meals will be served from 5:00-6:00pm. The cost per person is \$12 with a family cap of \$36, and children under 3 years are free. *(Please note the updated price).* You may register and pay for several weeks at once, or you can register and pay weekly, but you must register for every week you plan to attend for accurate head count.

**RSVPS** are needed ahead of time by MONDAY noon, so we can order the correct amount of food.

Four volunteers will be needed each week to set-up and serve, or to clean-up. <https://bit.ly/umcvolunteer>



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**SUNDAYS, 11AM-NOON**

## Science and Faith Book Study

*Irreducible: Consciousness, Life, Computers, and Human Nature* by Federico Faggin

**Sundays, 11am-Noon (Zoom only)**

*Facilitators: Chris Dozier and Paul Glewwe*

Please purchase a book via your favorite book seller.

This fall the Science and Religion group will be reading Federico Faggin's book, *Irreducible: Consciousness, Life, Computers and Human Nature*. Faggin invented the microprocessor as well as MOS gate technology at Intel and received the 2009 National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the highest honor the United States confers for achievements related to technological progress.



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## OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES

# Dinner with Jesus

One of the best ways to get to know someone is over a meal. This October, we'll explore Biblical stories of people sharing a meal with Jesus. Who he chose to break bread with was a source of controversy, and ultimately a sign of God's grace.

- **October 5**, John 2:1-12 "The Wedding Crashers"
- **October 12**, Luke 5:27-32 "Dining with the Wrong People"
- **October 19**, John 6:1-15 "Dining with the Masses"
- **October 26**, Matthew 22:1-15 "The 'A' List Invitations"

As part of this series, there will be two small groups meeting together to break bread and get to know each other. Each week will include a brief devotion on the Scripture reading for the week, along with some get-to-know-you questions. The groups will be together for four weeks. Group size will be limited to 8 participants.

Kristen Linder-Brown is the contact person for a Sunday after-church brunch group that will meet in homes or restaurants on **October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th**.

Lorrie Sandelin is the contact person for the small group that meets on **Wednesdays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th** at 5:30pm at the church. You're welcome to join us for Wednesday suppers at church. Each meal is \$12 with a family cap of \$36, and children under 3 years are free. Reservations for the Wednesday meal are required-see left sidebar to register.

If interest is great, more small groups can be added.

**Questions?** Contact Lorrie Sandelin at [lorrie.sandelin@lakeharrietumc.org](mailto:lorrie.sandelin@lakeharrietumc.org) with questions.





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**OCTOBER 12 12-1PM**

## Joyce Uptown FoodShelf Open Houses

Members of Lake Harriet United Methodist Church are invited to join us for **an open house on October 12**, where Executive Director Matthew Ayres will give a tour of the food shelf and talk about current events impacting our mission and our neighborhood. We are excited to connect and see you there! The food shelf has limited space so there is a cap on attendance.

**Questions?** Contact Ken Golder at [kgolder812@gmail.com](mailto:kgolder812@gmail.com).



**OCTOBER 23RD & NOVEMBER 20TH**

## The Waters Vendor Event

The Waters is hosting their very first Vendor Market in The Waters on 50th community! We're inviting local makers and resident creators to showcase their work at our upcoming markets on October 23rd and November 20th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your products with residents and their guests while helping them create a festive, local shopping experience. If the markets are a hit, The Waters would love to make this an annual tradition just before the holidays!

**Deadline to sign up is Oct 4th.**

**Questions or to reserve your spot:** Contact Ivy Duchein at 612.200.9560 or by email, [iduchein@thewaters.com](mailto:iduchein@thewaters.com).





## WELCOME to our community

Assoc. Pastor Beatrice Mungania



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OCTOBER 2ND, 12TH, 26TH, OR DECEMBER 7TH

## Welcoming Pastor Bea

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to plan several small group gatherings to give Pastor Bea the opportunity to get to know our congregation. Two meet-and-greet events are already scheduled, with more dates to be announced soon in the e-news.

A heartfelt thank-you to the volunteer hosts who are opening their homes and hearts for these gatherings! We invite you to sign up using the link below for the date that works best for you.

- **Thursday October 2 at 4pm**, hosted by Linda and Larry Shelton, Todd Otis and Caren Dewar at 3540 James Avenue South #205, Minneapolis
- **\*NEW!\* Sunday, October 12 at 3pm**, Avidor Edina, 5220 Eden Avenue. Hosted by Ginger Mateer and Barb LaPolice.
- **Sunday, October 26th at 3pm** hosted by the Jordans at 4915 Abbott Avenue South, Minneapolis (just a few blocks from church)
- **Sunday, December 7th at 11am** hosted by the Landruds at 4224 Crocker Ave, Edina, MN 55416. Parking is either in our driveway or the East side of the street.



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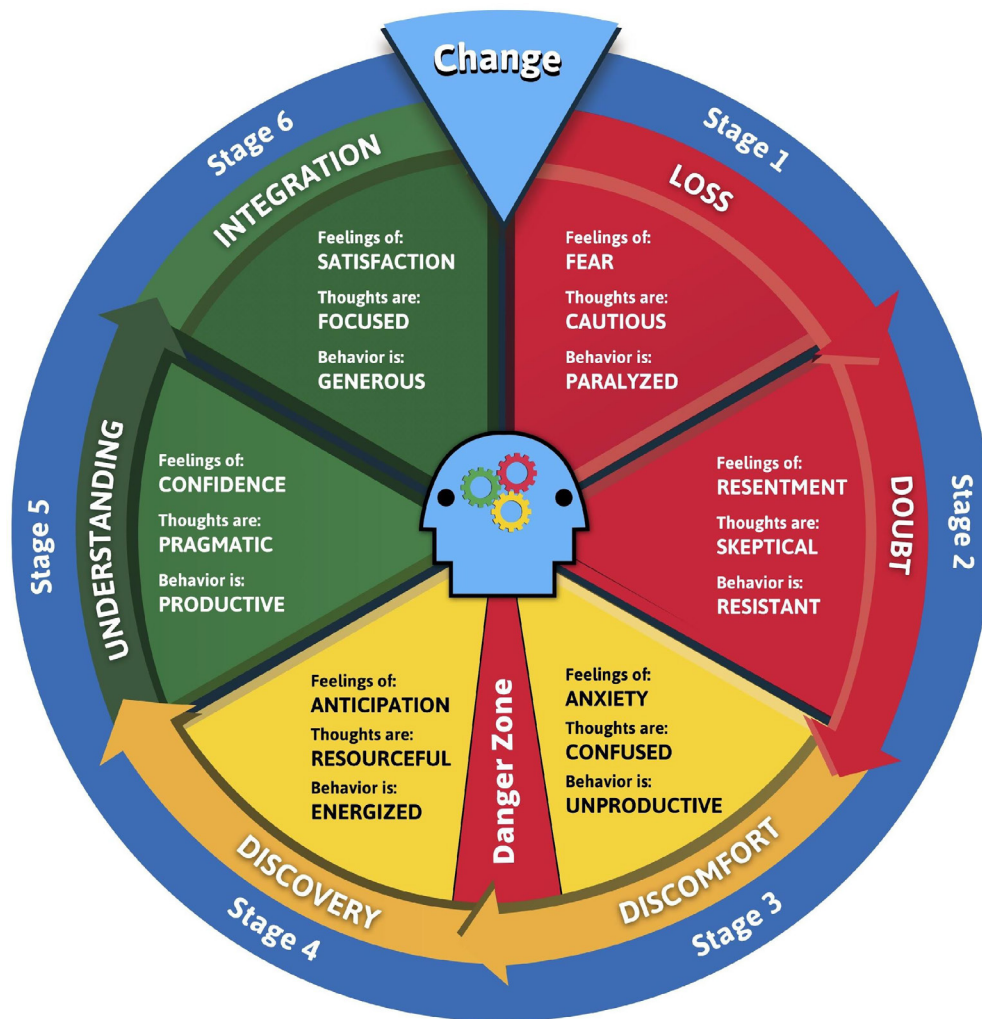
NOVEMBER 9 8AM-NOON

## Volunteers Needed

Bob Bayers and Mitch Grant are organizing the second annual Thank you Pancake Breakfast. As a part of this effort, volunteers are needed to help make it a great event. They are specifically looking for volunteers to help with set-up, kitchen support, serving, and clean-up. If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up through SignUp Genius link on the left.

Volunteers from last year shared how much fun they had and how meaningful it was to be part of the event!

We can't wait to see you there for a wonderful morning of delicious food, fellowship, and community building.



The Change Cycle™ is a powerful tool used by all kinds of organizations and individuals to learn to navigate change with more ease. When you look at the model above, it's a circle, and it represents the true cyclical nature of each change we experience. In the outside ring are the six sequential and predictable stages of change. The names of the stages: Loss, Doubt, Discomfort, Discovery, Understanding, and Integration, indicate the primary experience of that stage. The inside pie pieces list the thoughts, feelings and behaviors most associated with the stage. The Change Cycle™ uses the colors of a traffic light to signal that the stages mirror the actions we take at traffic lights. The Change Cycle™ model is a map that depicts our human experience of each stage of change — in all changes, big or small, good or bad.

Learn more at [www.changecycle.com](http://www.changecycle.com).

# Session Four

## The Green Zone

We are on a reflective journey together about change. In our fourth session, we are reminded that, just like Peter, if we are going to change we have to take the first uncertain steps out of the boat onto the water and into the unknown. Here is an excerpt from scripture:

*Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. — Matthew 14: 22-31a (The Message)*

Let us light a candle, take a deep breath, and pray:

**Encouraging God,  
we hear your invitation into the future  
and we look to you for courage.  
Open us to know your presence as we  
embark together on new adventures.  
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits  
for ongoing discovery.  
Amen.**



Watch Session  
4 of the  
interview series  
at

<https://youtu.be/MiewD-PSVTs>

### Notes

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*[For groups]:* In our conversation, everyone is invited to share, but sharing is not required. Please make room for all voices, keeping your contribution to a respectful time limit so everyone has a chance. Whatever is said here stays here – not because we are telling secrets but because we honor that what a person says here is their story to share.

I invite you to share something from the video that felt familiar or gave you an “aha” about your own process of change. What felt challenging? These are just suggestions... feel free to share whatever is bubbling up around this topic.

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### **Closing Prayer**

From the Gospel According to Elmo’s friends,  
“Take the first step and soon you’ll see  
just how brave your heart can be!”  
Remember that you are never alone in the journey of change—  
we’re all on it with Jesus who says, “Come on ahead!”  
and then moves with us each step of the way.  
Go into the world knowing  
that the Potter God is still shaping and reshaping you  
as you were made to do;  
that the Teacher Jesus is inviting you to a change of heart,  
making it all so very possible;  
and that the Adventurous Spirit is luring you to  
more play and curiosity in your precious life.  
Go in peace,  
Stay in courage,  
Amen!

## Celebrating five years of the Lilly Grant: What makes discipleship contemplative?

Reflections from two spiritual leaders, shared practice,  
and your own stories from our first five years together

**Saturday**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

*In-person or online*

**St. Catherine University**  
Rauenhorst Ballroom,  
3rd floor, Coeur de Catherine

**Registration Link:**  
[stkate.edu/spiritualityinpractice](https://stkate.edu/spiritualityinpractice)

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Contact Bill McDonough, grant coordinator,  
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Cynthia Bailey Manns, DMin

Director of Adult Learning,  
Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community



Cynthia Bailey Manns is an experienced soul companion, supervisor, and retreat leader. She was one of four laypeople from the United States selected by Pope Francis to participate in the global Synod in Rome. She will share her experience with what the synod called “conversations in the Spirit.”

### Mary E. Hess, PhD

Professor of Educational Leadership,  
Luther Seminary



Mary E. Hess received her PhD from Boston College and has taught at Luther Seminary since 2000. She has directed a number of projects focusing on the challenges of media culture for communities of faith. Mary has also been very involved in adapting “circle practice” for use in Christian congregations. She will share her experience with circles and discipleship.

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## Connect with Staff

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