

Celebrating Summer Sundays!



**Worship Every Sunday 10AM
Lake Harriet Bandshell**

2026 Calendar

June 28 - Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

July 12 - Richfield United Methodist Church

July 19 - Grace-Trinity Community Church

July 26 - Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities

August 2 - St. John's Episcopal Church

August 9 - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community

August 16 - Lake Harriet Spiritual Community

August 23 - Lynnhurst UCC

August 30 - Church of Christ the King/St. Thomas the Apostle



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Walking Together the
Words and Ways of Jesus.

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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.

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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Prayer Requests

Let our staff pray for you and others in your life (prayers are confidential).



welcome to worship!

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at the Lake Harriet bandshell. Each week a different faith community from south Minneapolis takes a turn leading worship at the bandshell.

We are from Lake Harriet United Methodist Church at 4901 Chowen Avenue South. Our Sunday worship is at 9:30 am in person or online at www.lakeharrietumc.org. You are invited to join us!

As we begin the service, please know that you are invited to sing along, just listen, or whatever you wish. We're just glad you are here!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

COME TO THE WATER

Verse 1

There's a war going on just across the street,
there's a rage that's burning to an angry beat.
I can feel the thirst but there's no relief. We need a river.

There's a sound in the distance like a thunder cloud,
we're waiting for the rain while the sun beats down.
Can you feel it rising from the underground? We need a river.

Pre-Chorus

Oh, let justice roll like rivers.
Oh, let mercy flow with love, love.

Chorus

Come to the water, come to the water of life. It will never run dry.
Come to the water, run to the water of life. It will never run dry.

Verse 2

There's a cry from the child in the factory,
there's a prayer for the prisoners of poverty.
Save us from the greed and the apathy. We need a river.

There's a hope like a flood running down our street,
we're an army of peacemakers on our feet.
Take us to the place love and mercy meet. There is a river.

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters (brothers, mothers), let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sisters (brothers, mothers), let's go down, down to the river to pray.

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DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Verse 1

Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.

Refrain

I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

Verse 2

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.

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WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Karen Bruins

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

All: God's goodness and mercy are sure.

One: Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here.

All: The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.

One: Praise Christ Jesus, who loves us

All: with a love that is boundless and true.

One: Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise,

All: as we worship together on this day.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

New Revised Standard
Version Updated Edition*The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Micah 6:8

New Revised Standard
Version Updated Edition

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

MESSAGE

Faith That Keeps Marching

Rev. Karen Bruins

SONGKeep Marching from *Suffs*(Shaina Taub)
Bandshell Ensemble

SONG

One Foot

(Melanie DeMore)

(Swing eighths)

REFRAIN (always sing twice)



You got-ta put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.

(last time) We got-ta put

repeat several times for ending



Put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.

VERSES 1, 4

Leader:

All:



1.4. Don't give up hope, (Don't give up hope) you're not a - lone. (you're not a - lone)

to refrain



Don't you give up, (Don't you give up) keep mov - in' on. (keep mov - in' on)

VERSES 2, 3



2. Lift up your eyes, (Lift up your eyes) don't you de - spair. (don't you de - spair)

3. I know you're scared, (I know you're scared) and I'm scared, too. (And I'm scared, too)

to refrain



Look up a - head, (Look up a - head) the path is there. (the path is there)

But here I am, (But here I am) right next to you. (right next to you)

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TIME OF PRAYER

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

The freewill offering collected today will be used solely to defray the expenses of this service. All remaining funds will be given to the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. Any envelopes or checks designating specific faith communities or Minneapolis Crisis Nursery will be forwarded to the named organization. Thank you for your generosity!



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OFFERTORY

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(Tomlin/ Ingram/ Barrett)
Bandshell Ensemble

BLESSING

One: The world needs God's song, a song of faith, hope, and love.

All: God needs us to sing it.

One: Make a joyful noise!

All: We will sing and make music unto the Lord.

One: God in peace with a new song in your heart.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SENDING SONG

All My Days



1. You know my words be - fore they're said. You
 2. If I should fly be - yond the dawn, the
 3. Our ev - ery thought, each word we say, the
 4. O mend my heart and free my voice. From



know my needs and I am fed. You give me life. You
 dark - ness will not o - ver - come. If I lie down in
 whole of time, the pres - ent day, are held with - in your
 sin re - leased, I will re - joice. O search me, Lord, my



know my ways, my strength, my path, for all my days, my
 deep - est night, still you are there, my Lord, my light, still
 might - y hand, too won - der - ful to com - pre - hend, too
 spir - it cries, and let my song of praise a - rise, and



strength, my path, for all my days.
 you are there, my Lord, my light.
 won - der - ful to com - pre - hend!
 let my song of



praise a - rise!

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Announcements



JUNE 28 - JULY 26

God Goes to Broadway

God Goes to Broadway is back! This fun summer series looks at spiritual themes in plays and how our faith speaks to them.

This year's musicals include:

- **June 28th** - "SUFFS" - Please note - worship is at the Lake Harriet Bandshell at 10:00 am
- **July 7th** - "In the Heights"
- **July 12th** - "The Prom"
- **July 19th** - "Shrek" - Pastor Chris Kliesen-Wehrman preaching
- **July 26th** - "Six" - Rachel Bridges, preaching. Rachel has directed several musicals for the Lake Harriet Players and has a background in theater.



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WEDNESDAY JULY 15 6:30-8PM

Skills for Disagreeing Better - Minneapolis

Wednesday, July 15 6:30-8pm
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
4901 Chowen Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55410

In this polarized time, we lack basic understanding of why people on the other political side hold their beliefs. We don't see them as they see themselves—their core values and central concerns—but instead as we choose to see them. We are tempted to regard our own side as principled and the other side as self-interested.

When we try to communicate across this gap, we often lack the skills for listening carefully, looking for common ground, and sharing our perspectives in ways that connect rather than create more misunderstanding.

We can learn to disagree better in polarized times, which means accurately seeing where we differ and where we share common ground.

Goals

- More understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ from you politically
- Better skills for listening in a way so that the other person feels heard
- Better skills for sharing viewpoints in a way the other person might hear -- even if they disagree

Questions?

Contact Melinda Voss, mvoss@braverangels.org. To learn more about Braver Angels go to mn.braverangels.org/home



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Be part of our team!

We are seeking a passionate and dynamic Director of Children, Youth, and Families to lead our vibrant programs dedicated to nurturing the spiritual, emotional, and social development of young members of our community.

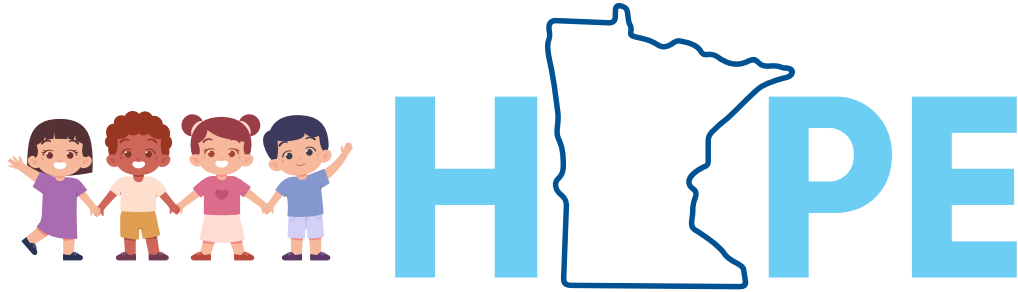
This role offers an exciting opportunity to shape impactful initiatives that foster faith, resilience, and community engagement among children, youth, and their families. The ideal candidate will bring visionary leadership, compassionate mentorship, and a commitment to creating welcoming environments where families feel supported and inspired.

Please submit a cover letter indicating why you are interested in this position and how your experience would make you a good candidate, and a resume to church@lakeharrietumc.org.



LEARN MORE AND APPLY

by scanning the QR code or by visiting lakeharrietumc.org/calendar/now-hiring



What is “Minnesota’s Hope”?

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church stands with “Minnesota’s Hope.” It represents a collective, community-driven vision: to make Minnesota the best state for children (Birth-18 years) by embracing shared responsibility and focusing on character development, emotional well-being, and nurturing environments. It calls on adults across the state—parents, educators, volunteers, professionals, and others—to commit to:

1. Honoring each child’s uniqueness; showing they are loved and valued.
2. Helping children regulate emotions; build healthy relationships.
3. Empowering them to make wise choices and nurture personal accountability.
4. Ensuring safe, supportive spaces at home, school, and in the community.
5. Setting boundaries while modeling accountability
6. Encouraging curiosity and embracing failure as part of growth.
7. Being honest and transparent with children, even about imperfections.
8. Listening genuinely, which fosters deeper understanding.
9. Ensuring every child has at least one caring adult to lean on.
10. Communicating that children are the hope for Minnesota’s—and the nation’s—future.

Jesus Walked on Water Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

V R L T D R E J I S P P Y N M
 Q S K U B I R Z M A Z R P T I
 D E N K J U S C W A Z A W S R
 W A L K E D O C Y M O Y T T A
 W T N S W V E D I K F Q Q S C
 J A D N W I N D G P N O O C L
 O S V O K X Z C Y A L S Y O E
 D U U E C N X R U F A E D D S
 L V F X S O S K D H F X S E V
 K M A O J K B O A T R M M J A
 E U I C E G R C B O A N X F R
 I I T P E T E R U A I Z M M P
 S N H S K C F G E T D A D B C
 C O F T N S H D W E I K I B Q
 F R W A T E R B Z G D O U B T

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 WALKED

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 WATER

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Land Acknowledgement

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church is located on the land of the Wahpekute, one of the seven council fires of the Ocheti Sakowin (commonly Dakotah) peoples. We recognize and pay tribute to the indigenous people who called this land home for centuries before us.



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