SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Transformed By Grace: Worship Series & Stewardship Campaign



GOD TRUSTED *ME* WITH IT!

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.

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.*

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

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Connect with Us

Let Us Know You Are Here
Please register your attendance through the welcome pad.

Enewsletter
Stay informed by subscribing to our enews.

Visit Us Online
Stay informed, register for ministry events, give online, and more.

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

Share your talents
The opportunities abound to help your community, find where you fit.

WiFi
Access the church's WiFi with the password: LHUMCGuest.

Hearing Enhancement Aids
T-coil hearing assistance is available throughout the Sanctuary. Turn your hearing aid to the T (telephone) position or see a sound team member at the back of the sanctuary for wireless headphones.

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

⬆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is a day with new opportunities.
All: Every day and opportunity is a gift given from God!
One: Let us embrace what we have been given and not let it go to waste.
All: May our trust in God give us the courage to be bold!
One: God, join us here today.
All: Cast away our fears so we can begin a new week ready to work for your glory!

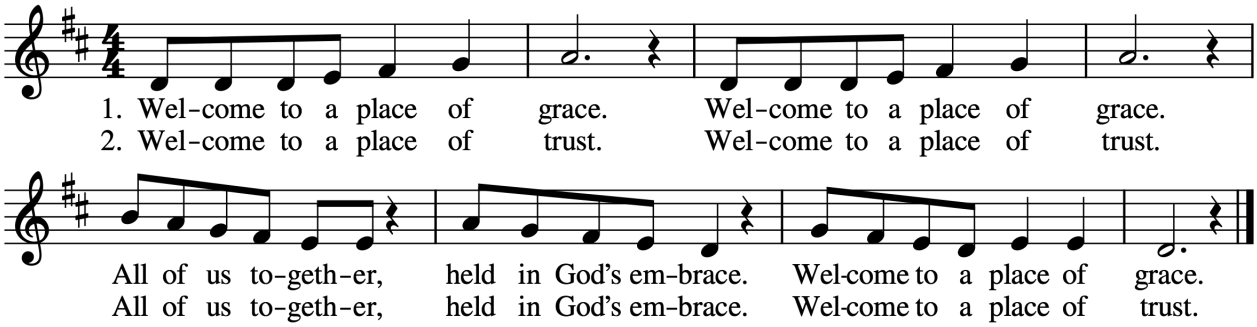
⬆ HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal 92

verses 1 & 6–all; verses 2 & 4–low voices; verses 3 & 5–treble voices

SHARE A GREETING

RAINBOW CHAT Jenny Brelje

SONG Welcome



SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 Common English Bible

Parable of the valuable coins

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

"After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.'

"His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.'

"People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Transformed by Grace - God Trusted Me With It!" Rev. Karen Bruins

HYMN Take This Moment



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 Scott Parker

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is found in the back of the sanctuary

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by visiting our website at lakeharrietumc.org

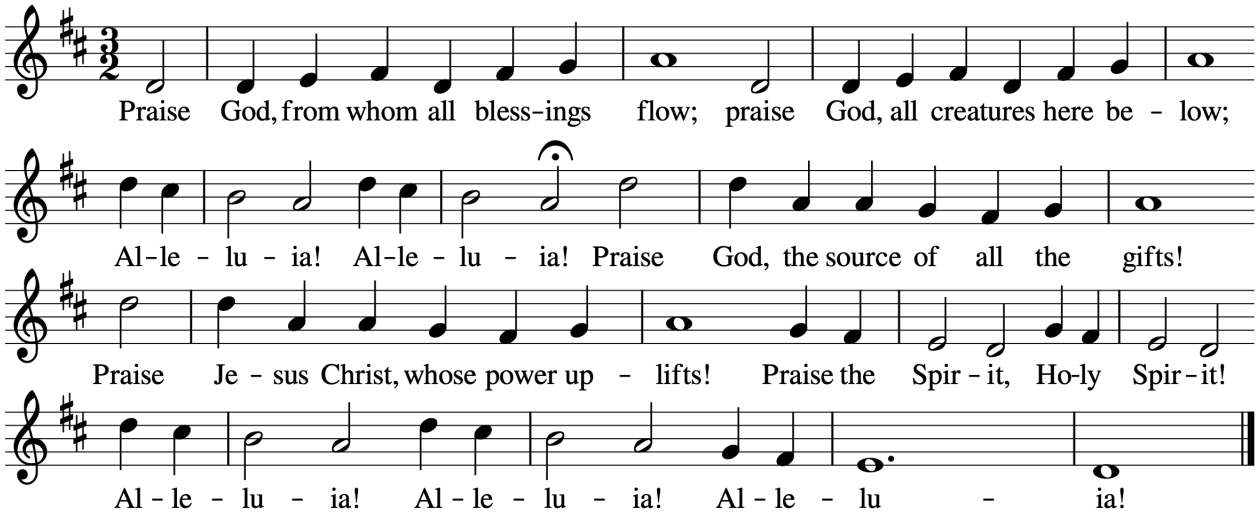
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MAIL IN TO
4901 Chowen Ave S
Minneapolis, MN
55410

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you that we are part of your family, that you love us, and that you are always working in us. Receive our offerings today as a response to your great love. Bless what we give so that we can make a difference in the lives of others, sharing the love and peace that can only come from you. Amen.

OFFERTORY Go Gently, Go Lightly (Nancy Raabe)
Marie & Susie Kinner, flutes
Sanctuary Choir


Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all the gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



↑ BLESSING

Go now, transformed by grace.

You are called by love, trusted with gifts, and freed from the fear that there is never enough.

So live with open hearts and open hands. Use what God has given you with courage and joy. And trust that as you offer your lives in love, God's grace will keep working—

in you, through you, and beyond you.

Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Siyahamba: We Are Marching in the Light of God South African song
arr. John A. Behnke

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Karen Bruins
Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries: Jenny Brelje
Director of Music Ministries: Jungjoo Park
Musicians: Sanctuary Choir
Guest Musicians: Marie Kinner & Susie Kinner, flutes
Scripture Reader: Ginger Mateer
Sound Technician: Dave Bruins
Streaming: Michael Perry
Slides: Kim Boisvert
Greeters: Bruce Anderson, Jane Kammerman, Ken Larson
Hospitality: Erika & Curt Soderberg, Verne Niemeier
Table Art: Katie Schneider-Bryan

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This Week at Lake Harriet

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8
9:30am Worship In-Person and Online
9:45am Godly Play (3yrs-3rd grade) - Godly Play Room
10:40am Cherub Choir - Godly Play Room
10:45am By Faith Band & Choir Rehearsal - Bell Room
10:45am We Cry Justice Small Group - Wesley Room
11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9
9:30am Truth Council Session - Wesley Room
7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting - Fireside Room

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner - Reception Room
5:30pm Prime Chimers (Ages 10 - Adult) - Bell Room
6:00pm Festival Bells - Bell Room
6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1 - 5) - Sanctuary
6:30pm Confirmation - Fireside Room
6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:15pm Youth Group - Youth Room
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12
6:30pm Empty Nest Group - Fireside Room
7:00pm Play "You Can't Take It With You" - Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13
7:00pm Play "You Can't Take It With You" - Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14
2:00pm Play "You Can't Take It With You" - Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Play "You Can't Take It With You" - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15
9:30am Worship In-Person and Online
9:45am Godly Play (3yrs-3rd grade) - Godly Play Room
10:40am Cherub Choir - Godly Play Room
10:45am By Faith Band & Choir Rehearsal - Bell Room
10:45am We Cry Justice Small Group - Wesley Room
11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom
2:00pm Play "You Can't Take It With You" - Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Unleavened Bread Group - Fireside Room



SIGN UP to help by scanning the QR code or by visiting *bit.ly/fall-play-2026*

NOVEMBER 12-15

Fall Play Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with crowds, serving desserts, and light clean up during our performances. In addition, we are also seeking donations of nut-free, finger food desserts. Please consider volunteering your time or baking/shopping talents!

Connect with our SignUp Genius for volunteer shifts and donations on the left. We hope to see you at the show!

We are well underway with rehearsals for You Can't Take It With You and excited to take the stage in the Fellowship Hall November 12-15. Our fall play is a more intimate theater-in-the-round style show with desserts and coffee at intermission. Performances will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. Thursday's show is a preview performance so desserts and coffee are not served at this show.



2026 ELECTION

Election Day Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to LHUMC and all of our wonderful volunteers who served coffee and cookies on Election Day!

We served **336 cookies** (with chocolate chip winning the popular vote!) and poured **12 gallons of coffee**, with regular taking the lead over decaf!

Thank you to Lake Harriet UMC for your continued commitment to radical hospitality. At a time when many people were feeling anxious or overwhelmed, a warm welcome, a friendly smile, a cup of coffee, and a cookie went a long way in spreading joy and goodwill.

Sometimes the simplest acts of kindness make the biggest difference. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and sharing a little extra warmth with our community!



LAKE HARRIET PLAYERS

Spring Musical

Lake Harriet Players is excited to announce our spring 2027 musical, "As You Like It." Shakespeare meets modern folk-pop in this musical retelling of the classic play.

Join us on the stage or in the audience March 5-7, and 12-14, 2027. Auditions will be held on December 5 with callbacks on December 6. The audition sign-up will go live on November 8.

Watch our socials and website for more information!

COMMUNITY

MN Truth Council Initiative AND You!

The Minnesota Truth Council was established by Governor Walz, to create a comprehensive public record of the impacts of Operation Metro Surge on Minnesota.

For further information go to *mn.gov/governor/about-gov/councils/truth-council*

Do you have a story to share? Most of us do. Four members of our congregation have gone through training to be Story Collectors and we are here for you to share your story in a private and safe way. Sharing your story will provide legitimate documentation of what happened to you, our neighbors, our community, our schools and how we supported one another.

A table will be set up in the church lobby for you to sign up to share your story and we'll be available to answer any questions. **If you're not able to attend church**, feel free to contact Kim Grant at 612.481.3163 or email: *kfgflamenco55@gmail.com* to schedule a time to share your story with any of our Story Collectors (Kim Grant, Lorrie Sandelin, Zoe Johnson and Wendy Blethen).



SIGN UP to help by scanning the QR code or by visiting *bit.ly/advent-candle-lighting*

BOWLING - Sign up by scanning the QR code or by visiting *bit.ly/Youth-Bowling-Trip*

SAVE THE DATES

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Updates

Upcoming Godly Play:

- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

Cherubs Choir will be singing in church on Nov. 22!

Advent Candle Lighting: We need volunteers to light the Advent Candle during the Sunday Worship, November 29, December 6, 13, & 20. If you plan to participate in this worship activity, please sign up with the link on the left.

YOUTH (6th-12th grades)
Confirmation on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:10pm

Youth Group (7th-12th) 7:20 pm-8:30 pm. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun! Come check it out!

Bowling: 7th-12th Graders join us for an afternoon of bowling Nov. 22 from 3-5pm. We will meet at church at 2:30pm and head to Punch Bowl Social. Please sign up by Nov. 19, the cost is $15. Sign up on the left.

Save the Dates - more information coming out soon!

- **ASP:** Appalachia Service Project - **July 17-25th.** Youth going into 9th grade through graduating seniors can go on the trip!
- **Ski Trip Spirit Mountain**, Duluth, **Jan. 15th-17th**, 2027. 7th-12th grades



THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30-7:00PM

Unleavened Bread Bible Study

Welcome to Unleavened Bread, a "book club" for Bible readers. In this small group, you are encouraged to read the Bible daily at your own pace. We have a monthly gathering with a simple soup dinner. There, you bring your selected Bible verses from what you have read and share it with other members. Newcomers and tryouts are always welcome!

Our next gathering is **Sunday, November 15**, 5:30-7pm in the Fireside Room.

Questions? Contact Jungjoo at *jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org* for details.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Christmas Choir

November 18th to December 13th

The Advent and Christmas season is coming near and you are invited to join the Christmas Choir and present music at the annual Lessons and Carols service on December 13th.

- **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays Nov. 18, Dec. 2 & 9 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 am to noon in the sanctuary

Please contact Jungjoo at *jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org* for details.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

You're Invited To Our Advent Festival!

Get ready for a time full of creativity, laughter, and holiday cheer! Join us for an all-ages, intergenerational Advent Festival where kids, parents, grandparents, and everyone in between can celebrate the season together!

Festive Fun for Everyone!

- A fun "Snow-tastic" activity
- Create your own Advent wreath
- Make Christmas ornaments all skill levels welcome! There will be options for all.
- A Service Project! Create cards for our friends at The Waters
- Build the much-anticipated gingerbread houses or a manger
- We'll kick things off with a fun group activity and wrap up our time together by singing Christmas carols with Jungjoo!

Pizza lunch will be provided. Pop in for a little while or stay for the whole event—whatever works for you! Whether you love crafting, building gingerbread masterpieces, singing carols, or simply spending time with our church family, there's a place for you.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and let's make some joyful memories as we prepare our hearts for Advent!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Advent Festival Supply Collection

Have a stash of old Christmas cards tucked away that you just can't seem to throw out? Now's the perfect time to put them to good use!

We're collecting gently used Christmas cards to repurpose into new holiday cards for our friends at The Waters.

We are also collecting empty toilet paper rolls, and small and medium sized pinecones for a fun craft.

How can you help?

- **Christmas Cards:** Bring in your old holiday cards so we can turn them into something new!
- **Toilet Paper Rolls:** Save those empty rolls instead of tossing them!
- **Pinecones:** Gather up pinecones when taking a walk - we have plans for both small and medium sized ones!

Please place your donations in the designated collection bin at church.

We will be collecting through November 19.

Thank you for helping us recycle, get creative, and spread a little Christmas joy to our neighbors at The Waters. Every card and every roll counts!


LAKE HARRIET PLAYERS
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!
By Moss Hart and George S. Kaufmann,
Directed by Lon Church
PERFORMANCES NOVEMBER 12-15
THURSDAY PREVIEW PERFORMANCE AT 7 PM
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7 PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2 PM
at Lake Harriet UMC, 4901 Chowen Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN
You Can't Take It With You is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Dramatists Play Service. www.concordtheatricals.com

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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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