

## Community

“I am praying ... All of mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.” ~ *Jesus in John 17:9*

Community is a commonly used buzzword thrown — or perhaps even earnestly sown — about raising our hope for a societal healing balm. Community is where we meet; grab our groceries, worship and work. We crave community because it’s the place we plant our dust to dusty lives into home base. How might church be synonymous with community?

Steven Doughty describes a woman who has “known both worlds.” Her life is packed with her professional history of managing a community center, a strong commitment to her faith and what we call the fullness of life. Doughty explains how his friend saw an absence of community rather than the gathering of one. It was a moment of mutual sadness.

She began with this imagery: “‘We’re like this.’ With both hands she formed a series of imaginary clumps on the table that lay between the two of us. Each clump is separate and distant from the others. ‘We’re like this in the church now.’ [Her other hand distantly sweeps across the table.] ‘And we are like this in society. We live in little bunches that don’t much connect...’ We were quiet. For

the moment, [our eyes met across the table and we realized], the clumps coming together were only in our yearning.”

Doughty’s words are one with of many voices pleading for community. Across a wide spectrum, politicians and social advocates, corporate and educational leaders are speaking about this very yearning. Jesus has his own magnified voice supporting this yearning. He renamed us adopted heirs, friends, children and citizens who belong and are clumped into a greater family of God. Imagining these elusive, independent “clumps” is not difficult to muster into view amidst living in a family, neighborhood or church. It is revealed each day — however, seeing with the soulful seal of the Sacred is ultimately different, holy and set apart.

If we are immersed with the Sacred, my wanting to see something better wrapped in the eyes of God is possible. We see there is opportunity for goodness, compassion, charity, temperance, forgiveness and nurturing growth. Are there not words that surround this thought given by our Creator: “Are we are not the clay,

and You are our potter; we are all the work of your hand (Is. 64:8ESV).”

Do we not walk in the way and spirit of a Guider that has showed us “clumps” can be transformed? In fact, “clumps” are there to be transformed. Clumps of mud, clay and dust are substantial resources to build with.

Community means finding a place to transform and bless another for their value within this broad, different, longer view. Reverend, Barbara Brown Taylor describes our need for shared community in this way: “All I am saying is that the world needs you to bless, because there is a real shortage of people willing to kneel wherever they are and recognize the holiness holding its sometimes bony, often tender, always life-giving hand above heads. That we are able to bless one another at all is evidence that we have been blessed, whether we can remember when or not. That we are willing to bless one another is miracle enough to stagger the very stars.” — *J.Jacot*

*Discovering Community, A Meditation on the Community in Christ* by Steven V. Doughty

**Prayer at WBLUMC:** One of the ways our church helps to nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, [ljacot@q.com](mailto:ljacot@q.com). **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto:rondalauva2@msn.com). **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.

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10am Worship Sunday, July 16, 2017

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Death is a strange thing. People live their whole lives as if it does not exist, and yet it’s often one of the great motivations for the living. Some of us, in time, become so conscious of it that we live harder, more obstinately, with more fury. Some need its constant presence to even be aware of its antithesis. Others become so preoccupied with it that they go into the waiting room long before it has announced its arrival.” ~ *Fredrik Bachman, “A Man Called Ove”*

PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Gather Us in”

Words and music by Marty Haugen  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Leader: Deep inside us all— old and young alike —

**All: There is a place of faith,**

A place of trust and hope and love,

**All: Without which there can be no peace.**

Jesus said, “Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

**All: For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”**

Here then, O people of God: approach this hour as children of the Almighty,

**All: With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,**

With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

**All: And with love that is easy and quick. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Stanzas 1-4 & 7

No.62

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Raegan Margaret Wolf**  
Born April 25, 2017  
Parents: Carolyn & Scott Wolf

**Anna Kay Milashius**  
Born Oct. 13, 2016  
Parents: John & Mari Milashius

BAPTISMAL SONG

“I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry”

I was there to hear your borneing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**We welcome Raegan and Anna joyfully and reverently as a member of our family, the family of God. We offer ourselves to be their brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers in Christ to surround them with God’s kind of love. We accept as our sacred responsibility to help them grow, together with us all, to full humanity, as we see it in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.*

MORNING 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.**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Leader:* For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Man Called Ove: Pursuing Love

Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

+HYMN

“They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”

No. 2223

CONNECTION CARDS

*Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

Prayer of St. Francis

Arr. by Betty Carr Pulkingham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN

“The Servant Song”

No. 2222

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

“Trust and Obey”

Daniel B. Towner

ALTAR FLOWERS

The pink carnation on the altar is for Josephina Ina Marina Sobolewski, born May 24, 2017.  
Her parents are Ali and Tom Sobolewski.

The blue carnation on the altar is for Kane Steven Gausman born March 1, 2017.  
His parents are Cassie Lukin and Keith Gausman.

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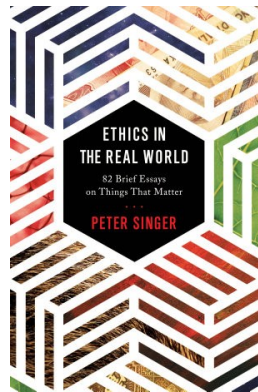
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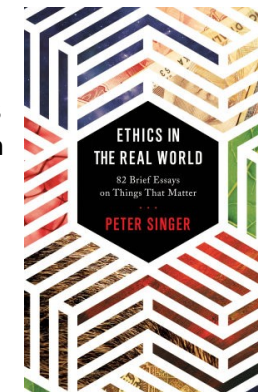
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