



# X, Y, Z THE CONNECTED GENERATIONS

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshipping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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Wakefield Chapel  
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+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Kraig Windschitl, organ

Dennis Janzer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Ross

+ OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Red #407

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I pause along my journey; by thy help thus far I've come;  
and I hope, by thy great mercy, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
came to rescue me from danger, gave his body, shed his blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am called to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

+ RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Andrea Tatley

Leader: With sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, let us pray. Gracious God, open our eyes to the joys and gifts to be learned from all the seasons of life, that we may know your love in each moment. Thank you for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectiously joyful, who are trusting receivers of Your grace.

**All: We thank and praise you, God, for children.**

Leader: Thank you for young people who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their passions.

**All: We thank and praise you, God, for young people.**

Leader: For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks; for steady hands and hearts that guide the young and offer their experience to us all.

**All: We thank and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.**

Leader: For those grown up and grown old through whom we see joy and wisdom and whose stories of life lived can enrich all our lives.

**All: We thank and praise you, God, for those who have grown old.**

Leader: Guide our lives, Lord, so that in each stage of life we recognize and cherish the joys and sorrows, the strengths and weaknesses, and the special presence of your Spirit—not only in our own season of life, but in the lives of each other, young or old or in between. **AMEN.**



## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please come forward to receive the Bread & Cup.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Andrea Tatley

**Faithful God, in this place and at this table we have witnessed the signs of Your love for each one of us. May we go from this place filled with grateful love for You and confirmed in our intention to share Your love with all who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our host at this table and our guide in all our life. Amen.**

## + SENDING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Red #54

For the beauty of the Earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

(Refrain) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

For each perfect gift of thine, unto us so freely given,  
graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. (Refrain)

## + BENEDICTION

Andrea Tatley

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.** (Micah 6:8)

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in F Major*  
Kraig Windschitl, organ

G. F. Handel

**...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...**



Today's Chancel Flowers are given in honor and loving memory of Phyllis Foreman  
from a grateful congregaton.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Dr. John F. Ross
Liturgist	Rev. Andrea Tatley
Music	Kraig Windschitl, organ
Deacon	Kara O'Brien
Usher	Jim Meyer