

Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street

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Sunday April 24, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship
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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN “I Woke Up This Morning” #85

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

Many: The Christ is in our midst.

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings

Many: The Christ is in our midst

One: In heaven’s realm or the cyber universe

Many: The Christ is in our midst.

UNISON INVOCATION

God of the visible and invisible,

We gaze upon roads ahead

Knowing that you are ahead of us.

We seek your presence when the fog is heavy

And our hearts are hurting.

In the moments of haze,

Clear the path before us.

In the moments of clarity,

Show your face to us.

Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night

As we search for your presence and call. Amen.

HYMN “Great Is Your Faithfulness” #423

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

Spirit of Serenity-

You tell us “peace be with you,” but we set that peace aside to live with drama and chaos. We are drawn to highly emotional situations instead of the peace that only comes from you. How can we set aside turmoil to live within your realm of peace? When we cannot sense your holy tranquility surrounding us, open our souls to your warm and calming presence. May we embrace your peace and scatter serenity into our world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The God who walks with us scatters the seeds of grace behind us and before us, allowing us to understand the future with healing and hope. **Amen!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE

"Faith and Doubt"

PASTORAL 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

#459

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of your realm. With gratitude we pray:

Holy God, Holy Light

Even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

No matter the brightness of the day
Or the clear skies of night,
Our God is moving with us,
The Christ is calling to us “Peace be with you,”
And the Holy Spirit is surrounding us.
May Divine Serenity be our companion as we build the realm of God on earth.
Amen!

CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #82

Giving link for the UCC's Humanitarian effort in Ukraine.: [Ukraine Appeal - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](https://www.ucc.org/ukraine-appeal)

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is back following our regular church services! A sign-up sheet has been posted for volunteers to provide snacks. Thank you!



This week at Peace Church:

Fri., April 22: 1:00 PM Quilting Group
Sat., April 23: 1:00 PM Donald Dreier Funeral
Sun., April 24: 9:00 AM Worship
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tues., April 26: 10:00 AM Missions
6:00 PM Finance
Wed., April 27: 6:00 PM Council
Thurs., April 28: NO Worship
Fri., April 29: 1:00 PM Quilting Group
Sat., April 30: Conference Annual Meeting - Appleton

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM.

Thursday Services

Thursday Services post-Lent - We'll be taking two weeks off after Holy Week in an effort to make some pastoral care visits that have not been happening due to the extra planning of Lent, then May 5th, 2022 we'll resume our regular weekly Thursday Services at 1:30 PM in the Great Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone again for our always riveting discussions!

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:

Call the church office (715.526.2916) if you would like to put yourself or a loved one on the prayer list.

Joys

Birthdays: 4/21: Patti Francis, Natalie Hein, Lydia Maglio; 4/22: Myrtle Gayhart, Lori Smits; 4/23: Jenny Suprise; 4/24: Gerald Thorpe, Ashley Weishoff; 4/26: Lee Crawford; 4/27: Tom Naeyaert; 4/29: Jeffrey Reinke; 4/30: Lynda Mutter; 5/1: Laura Naeyaert

Anniversaries: 4/26: David & Julie Nelson; 4/27: Bob & Amanda Hannes

Concern

Jim Niesen	Abby Tuma	Clayton Blom
Karen Mandel	Lola Kaczor	Jerry Bucher
Pastor Lew	Barbara Minster	Bob Engel
Lori Mueller	Mary Ellen Scherer	Marian Pauly
Theresa & Jim Timmer	Leola Anderson	Andrea Knickerbocker
Mary Peterson	Sandy Laehn	Gary Gurnee
Baby Helena Theis	Brian Wescott	Don Olsen
All our homebound members		

Those serving in the military: Mike Hert, Shayne Lanou, Adam Larson, Ian McNerney and Ryan McNerney.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Donald Dreier who passed away April 18.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: May 1: Acts 9:1-6(7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

SAM25 Annual flower sale fund raiser is going on now. Order forms are posted on the bulletin board in the Great Room if you would be interested in supporting our neighbors. All orders are due by May 5th and will be delivered in our parking lot at Peace UCC on Thursday, May 19th, between 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

On April 14-16 Peace Church Missions held a fund raiser at Charlies Little Red Barn. Because we were short of workers, we teamed up with The American Legion for more man power.

Our proceeds were as follows: American Legion \$632, Peace Church Missions \$882. We had tips of \$194, and have given that amount to The Peace Church youth group for a future pizza party.

We thank all who worked, and a special thank you to Richard Lundt, who grilled all 3 days in weather that was not too nice on behalf of the American Legion.