

Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street
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Behold
I am making
all things
new.

Revelation 21:5

Sunday May 15, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship
May 15, 2022

PRELUDE “Here I Am to Worship/Fairest Lord Jesus” - Hughes, arr. Tornquist
“Blessed Be Your Name/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” - Redman, arr. Tornquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” #4

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

Many: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

UNISON INVOCATION

Spirit of Joy-

Basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us. We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings. We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors. Amen.

HYMN “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” #351

GRADUATING SENIORS

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

God of Awe and Harmony-

We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. What

events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving? Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace as the Divine One works to transform our world into a realm of peace and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

MESSAGE

“A New Commandment”

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

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

#423

CALL TO OFFERING

We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God’s Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God’s love.

DOXOLOGY

#780

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness-

We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As the week begins again,
May we dance as we celebrate God’s presence.
May we sing as we proclaim Christ’s love.
May we create as we embrace the Spirit’s vision.
May we love boldly, care radically, and share courageously to glorify the Spirit of God in our midst. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“God Be With You”

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Giving link for the UCC's Humanitarian effort in Ukraine.: [Ukraine Appeal - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](http://UkraineAppeal-UnitedChurchofChrist(ucc.org))



This weeks bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Mae Meyer who would have been 105 years young on May 11th by The Meyer Family.

This week at Peace Church:

Sun., May 15: 9:00 AM Worship – Senior Recognition

Last Sunday Funday & Senior Recognition Sunday!

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Mon., May 16: 5:30 PM Choir

Wed., May 18: 10:00 AM Upper Room Discussion

Thurs., May 19: 10:00 AM Care Committee Mtg.

1:30 PM Worship
4:40 – 6:30 PM SAM25 flower distribution in parking lot
6:30 PM Care Committee Mtg.

Fri., May 20: 1:00 PM Quilting Group

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

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: 5/13: Emerson Gruber, Bobby Scott IV, Pastor Uriah; 5/14: Hailey Weishoff; 5/16: Brynn Hannes; 5/18: Harper Anker, Terri Ponschok; 5/19: Richard Laehn; 5/21: Bonnie Dickelman Cannon, David Ruehle, Kelly Theis, Wyatt Theis

Anniversaries: 5/12: Ashley & Justin Weishoff; 5/14: Lee & Merrie Crawford; 5/17: Hans & Stephanie Sager; 5/20: William & Rita Ecke; 5/22: Steve & Lisa Acra, Patti & Bob Francis

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	Mike Winkler
Roland Dobratz		

All our homebound members

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: May 22: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

What's Happening?

Care Committee! - Thursday, May 19: 10:00 AM OR 6:30 PM.



June 5th, 2022 - Luncheon catered by Angie's starting around noon with the service itself starting at 1:30.

Greeters! Lets bring back greeters to the church.

Sensory Room! Check out our Amazon registry if you would like to support this project by purchasing any of the equipment yourself or if you would like to mark your offering envelopes specifically for this project, we will make sure your offering is utilized for this purpose.

New Member Course! - Course to be held in early June

Committee/Group Roster - Committee heads please send a list of current members, a short description of what the committee/group does, and the best contact info for the head of the group, we would be greatly appreciative!