

Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street
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Sunday July 10, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship
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PRELUDE

“Your Name” - Baloché/Pakiam arr. Keveren
“Blessings” - Story arr. Bober

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you.

Many: **The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal, to send.

Many: **The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness.

Many: **The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

UNISON INVOCATION

Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.

HYMN

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

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PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world. We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and our eyes to sights too painful to see. Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and rebuild us with

the pillars of holy love, compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your mercy, make us new. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

The Righteous One remains near to you and delights in prospering the fruit of your bodies, your soul, and your acts. The way of God is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Amos 7:7-17

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” ¹⁶“Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’” ¹⁷Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

PENTATEUCH: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his

commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

MESSAGE

“The Good Samaritan”

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.

UCC MOMENT**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

The plumb line is a device used to ensure alignment in construction. Generosity aligns the use of resources in excess. We bring our gifts out of the abundance we have received to benefit our neighbor and bless the world.

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Architect of our faith, use these humble offerings to construct your plan of peace, hope, and love for life abundantly. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation: We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.

Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Sentences: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus alone being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in Christ; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Questions of the Candidates:

Pastor: Vicki, Andrew, and Jay, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith:

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

Congregation: **I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Address: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Question about Participation: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome and Reception: Let us, the members of Peace UCC Shawano, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Greetings of Christian Love: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Peace UCC Shawano, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Prayer: Let us pray. **O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Presentation: I present to you our newest members of the Peace UCC family!

BENEDICTION

Be filled with all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Bear fruit in every good work as you grow in the knowledge of God. Be strong in God’s and give thanks to the One who has given you a share in the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“God Be with You”

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Calendar at Peace Church:

Sun., July 10: 9:00 AM Worship – New Member Sunday

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wed., July 13 – 5:00 ONA Meeting

Thurs., July 14: NO Thursday Worship

Church Office Summer Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till 2:00 PM., Friday 9:00 AM till noon.

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: 7/9: Clayton Blom, Eric Crawford; 7/11: Billy Harkey; 7/12: Carol Fuqua; 7/14: Lisa Acra, Jamie Cynor, Jean Olsen; 7/15: Debbie Skalitzky

Anniversaries: 7/7: Sarah & Todd Swedberg; 7/10: Ben & Angie Ruehle; 7/12: Hugo & Lu Petters; 7/17: Bob & Lori Smits

New Members: Vicki Wagner, Andrew Warner, Jay Edmundson



Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Brian Wescott

Mike Winkler

Roland Dobratz

Jovy Laatsch

All our homebound members

Those serving in the military: Jackson Smits

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: July 17: Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52, Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Worship in the Park: August 7th! Come join us at Kuckuk Park for a shorter than normal, certainly buggier, and completely wholesome outdoor service with communion! Then stick around for a church picnic potluck with yard games, good times, and great memories to be made! Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, and your active clothes and come prepared for a wonderful experience!

THURSDAY SERVICES

Throughout the summer months we have decided to move our Thursday Services to the first and third Thursday each month. They will resume to every Thursday sometime in the early fall/late summer. The first Thursday each month will have communion.

Please see your July Messenger for more information regarding the Sensory Room and its uses and meaning.