

Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street
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Sunday July 17, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship
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PRELUDE

“You Are My All in All” - Jernigan, arr. Phillip Keveren
“Indescribable/Morning Has Broken” - Reeves/Story arr. Tornquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

Many: **We come as green olive trees, fragrant with life and vibrancy.**

One: Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.

Many: **We come as green olive trees, ripe with possibilities.**

One: Let us give thanks for God’s abiding and faithful love.

Many: **We come as green olive trees, proclaiming the goodness of God and creation...**

UNISON INVOCATION

Divine Gardener, we need your care and nurture. Fertilize our soil and our souls. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment. Prune us today for more abundance tomorrow. Refresh us with living water. Revive us again. Amen.

HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

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PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Creator, we seek the transformative power of your grace that chastens, convicts, and challenges us to change. Make us new in the pruning of bitterness and resentment, jealousy and comparison, apathy and indifference. Liberally water us in grace that we would bear fruit. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Pruning makes way for flourishing. Transformation and new life wait for us on the other side of the process of growth. Through it all, God is with us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord GOD; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself

all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

MESSAGE

"Distractions and Usefulness"

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

"God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"

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UCC MOMENT

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Colossians 1:18 reminds us that Jesus is the head of the church and first in all things. May we place Christ first as we share the gifts we have been given.

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alpha and Omega, may these gifts meet the needs before us, the community around us, and the call within us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As you go, make known the wonders of God, share the hope of God, and spread the love of God. The grace of God will sustain and guide you. The glory of God will propel you. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“In the Bulb”

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Calendar at Peace Church:

Sun., July 17: 9:00 AM Worship

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tues., July 19: 6:00 PM Finance

Wed., July 20: 10:00 AM Upper Room Discussion

Thurs., July 21: 1:30 PM 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: 7/14: Lisa Acra, Jamie Cynor, Jean Olsen; 7/15: Debbie Skalitzky; 7/19: Susan Waelchli; 7/20: Joshua Krause, Dawn Popp; 7/21: Pete Schroeder; 7/23: Cassandra Whitehouse

Anniversaries: 7/17: Bob & Lori Smits; 7/20: Jeff & Debbie Reinke, Pat & Cindy Staniforth

Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Mike Winkler

Roland Dobratz

Jovy Laatsch

All our homebound members

Those serving in the military: Jackson Smits, Ian & Ryan McNerney

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: July 24: Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85, Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Worship in the Park: August 7th! Since announcing Worship in the Park a number of families have let us know they will not be in town on August 7th. In light of this, we are asking people to sign up on the bulletin board or email the church office by July 24th if you are planning on attending that day. If we don't have enough people signed up we will cancel our outing for the 7th. Regardless of what happens in August, we will be looking at a larger Worship in the Park sometime this Fall and potentially at the Navarino Nature Center. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

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