

# Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street  
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Sunday July 31, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship  
July 31, 2022

**PRELUDE** They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love/Blest Be the Tie  
- Scholtes/Nageli arr. Tornquist  
In the Garden/Knowing You - Miles/Kendrick arr. Tornquist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN** "We Sing to You, O God" #9

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

Many: **The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!**

One: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

Many: **The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.**

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

Many: **The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!**

**UNISON INVOCATION**

**Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" #583

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation. Amen.**

## WORDS OF GRACE

The God of mercy bends toward their children with love and hope. The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life. In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup>They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have

prepared, whose will they be?’<sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**MESSAGE** “Cords of Love and Generosity”

### **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** “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky” #563

### **UCC MOMENT**

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Jesus said, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15) The promise of life abundantly invites us to trust God’s provision and abundance of resources for all. We share our gifts from the abundance given to us.

**OFFERTORY** - Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air - Freylinghausen arr. Mendoza

**DOXOLOGY** #780

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.**

### **BENEDICTION**

As we have been led by cords of human kindness, let us live connected to all creation. As we have been freed, may we pursue liberty for all. As we have known God’s gracious love, may we embody God’s abundant love. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #77

**Calendar at Peace Church:**

Sun., July 31: 9:00 AM Worship  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Thurs., Aug. 4: NO Thursday Worship **PENDING**

Pastor Uriah will be on vacation August 1 – 5

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

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**THURSDAY SERVICE NEXT WEEK**

Pastor Uriah has a family commitment next week that will be taking him out of office. As such, we are moving next week's Thursday Service with communion to the following Thursday, August 11th. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you in a couple weeks! The next Thursday Service after that will be August 18th. Services will continue on the first and third Thursday through September.

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**LOOKING FOR CUSTODIAL VOLUNTEERS**

Due to personal reasons, Lu has needed to take a leave of absence until mid-October this year. In the meantime, we are looking for people who might be interested in volunteering to help keep our church clean. If we could even get a group of 3 or 4 together who would be willing to help us out for these few months, it would probably only be around a 2 or 3 hour time commitment each week. Please reach out to the church office if you would be willing to volunteer!

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**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

Due to lack of sign up, we have decided that it is best to cancel our worship in the park that was scheduled for August 7th. We will be looking at rescheduling for a later date, potentially in conjunction with our 120th year of ministry celebration. There will still be Sunday morning worship on August 7th! It will just be held at the church.

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**YOUTH GROUP DAY!**

Join us on August 14th for a youth group event! We are planning on tubing the Wolf River starting at 1:00 PM. Meet us at the church and we can carpool over to the start point. After we finish tubing, we will plan on grilling some food, having a picnic, and setting up some yard games to play (location pending)! Any youth are invited to join us from 6th grade to include this year's graduates, no church membership required! Hope to see you there!

**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: 7/28: Jeff Langlois; 7/30: Julie Nelson; 8/1: Darlene Mosher; 8/4: Clint Anker; 8/5: David Nelson; 8/7: Ivan Korth, Ben Smits

Anniversaries: 8/1: Russ & Krisit Blom; 8/5: Stephanie & Andy Gruber

Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Mike Winkler

Roland Dobratz

All our homebound members

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

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS: August 7: Isa 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23, Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

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**COMMUNITY DINNERS**

The Shawano Presbyterian Church is reinstating their Community Meals this year! They have reached out to organizations and churches around town, to include here at Peace, to see if we would be available/interested to cover one session of this wonderful community event this year. If you are interested in learning more or helping out, please reach out to the church office to let us know!



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As we now pass the plates again for offering, we are reaching out to find volunteers to usher during worship services. If this is a service to the church you would be interested in fulfilling, please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the yellow bulletin board. Thank you for your continued dedication to this church!