

# Peace United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship  
August 7, 2022

**PRELUDE**

“You Are My All in All/My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Jerniger/Mason arr. Tornquist

“Give Us Clean Hands/Cleanse Me”

- arr. Tornquist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN**

“This is the Day”

#84

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

**Many: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.**

One: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

**Many: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.**

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

**Many: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.**

**UNISON INVOCATION**

**Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.**

## WORDS OF GRACE

Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Grace is such a gift; mercy is another. Transformation and new life descend freely from the Most High to all who would receive it. Receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had

been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:32-40

<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

## **MESSAGE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **HYMN**

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

#423

## **UCC MOMENT**

## **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Luke 12:34 informs us, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God’s abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

### **OFFERTORY**

“My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff”

arr. Mendoza

### **DOXOLOGY**

#780

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Jesus Took the Bread”

#343 vs. 1 & 4

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

One: God be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: We lift up our hearts and give thanks to God who meets us where we are.

Let us pray:

**Holy and loving God, we offer thanks for this day—for the beauty of the earth, for your love and care for every creature, for this table that is before us. We offer gratitude for the community that surrounds this table, and for the many tables and faces we cannot see that make up this ceremonial banquet. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this marvelous mosaic.**

**We offer prayers for those without tables to gather around, without food to eat, without beverage to quench their thirst. Communion and community are for them too. We are humbled by this reality, and as we prepare to receive this gift of grace, remind us to be gracious with one another. Meet us in our striving, and hear us as we pray the words that Jesus taught us, saying:**

**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.**

### **WORDS OF REMEMBERING**

God, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

### **Congregational Response:**

**In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

Come, for all things are ready.

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **BENEDICTION**

Live in the abundance of God's treasure, spreading the love and peace of Christ in the world to the glory of God. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#82

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### **Calendar at Peace Church:**

Sun., Aug. 7: 9:00 AM Worship - Communion  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Thurs., Aug. 11: 1:30 PM Thursday Worship - Communion  
6:40 PM T-Rats Game

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**

The next Thursday Service will be August 11<sup>th</sup> with Communion and then again August 18<sup>th</sup>. Services will continue on the first and third Thursday through September.





**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!



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SCRIPTURE LESSONS: August 14: Isa 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

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**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: 8/4: Clint Anker; 8/5: David Nelson; 8/7: Ivan Korth, Ben Smits; 8/9: Lois Rohe, Vicki Wagner; 8/11: Alicia Berg, Sam Schroeder; 8/12: David Zittel; 8/14: Jessica Kosnicki

Anniversaries: 8/5: Stephanie & Andy Gruber; 8/12: Joel & Gretchen Whitehouse

Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Mike Winkler

All our homebound members

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



Please keep the families of Roland Dobratz and Lester Schreiber in your prayers. Both passed away on August 2.

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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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### USHERS

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!

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### LOOKING FOR CUSTODIAL VOLUNTEERS

Due to personal reasons, Lu has needed to take a leave of absence until mid-October. We are looking for people who might be interested in volunteering to help keep our church clean. If we could 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!