

Peace United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship
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PRELUDE

“Here I Am Lord”

-Schutte, arr. Mendoza

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

“This is the Day”

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP: UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

UNISON INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonder of children and the gift of new life we celebrate today. We give thanks for this child who you love and sustain with your all-powerful hand. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may this child grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give these parents your sustaining grace and love. May this child know your love, your wisdom and your care. May he grow up to live a life which glorifies you and brings blessing to others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. ⁸All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has already been, in the ages before us. ¹¹The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

MESSAGE

“Honest Covenant”

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

HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM

God is with us every day. We in this church have two sacraments. A sacrament is when we make a special time to recognize and celebrate God being with us. We should celebrate this every day, and you can at home, but we do it once a month on communion Sundays and once a lifetime at our baptism. Thus, today is a very special day indeed.

As we come to this sacrament of covenant, let us remember that this is holy ground.

Let us recall the meaning of baptism:

Matthew 28:19, 20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Mark 1:4, 5 “John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.”

Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

PARENTS AND SPONSORS

The Kunschke Family and sponsors, Baptism is a three-way sacrament of covenant between you, standing in place of the child, this congregation, and God. A covenant is a promise that you keep for the rest of your life. You are promising to teach Baker to live like Jesus taught us to live; to love himself and to love all others, to take care of those who need help, and to treat everyone with compassion and with justice. The

parents and sponsors, and this congregation are promising to help him learn about God and how to live like Jesus taught. And finally, God is promising to walk with Baker on this journey, to love Him every step of the way, and adopt him into the Christian family.

PARENTS

Do you want Baker to be baptized into the faith and family of Christ Jesus? **Yes**
Do you promise, by the grace of God, to help Him to grow in the Christian faith, and be a faithful member of the church of Christ Jesus, to look for and celebrate God's presence and to share the good news with all people?

If so say **"I promise with the help of God"**

PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Do you promise, with God's help, to guide and encourage Baker to live His life as Jesus showed us, by teaching and by example, and holding Him in prayer and in love?
If so, please say **"I promise with the help of God"**

As a show of continuing support from the congregation and all gathered this day:
Will all please stand in body and or in spirit.

Do you believe in God? Say **"I believe in God"**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Say **"I believe in Jesus Christ"**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? Say **"I believe in the Holy Spirit"**.

Christ Jesus calls us to make disciples of all people and to offer them the gift of grace found in baptism. Do you, all who are gathered here today, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, and as he lives and grows in Christ? If so please say, **"We promise our love support and care"**. (You may be seated)

We now have several promises, from the parents and sponsors and the entire congregation; now I invite the Spirit's presence in this water before us to bring Baker and God together through this holy sacrament. Why water? Because the first words in the Bible say God's spirit was moving over the waters. There was nothing else but God and water. Water is special all through the bible and it symbolizes life and renewal. We need water to live, and Jesus says if you drink of his living water, we will never be thirsty again. (Ask a parent or sponsor to get the pitcher of water and pour it).

We pray: **Loving God, we ask that you bless this baptismal water and send your spirit upon it. As water creates and sustains new life in all of creation, we ask**

that you create and sustain a new life in Baker, who is baptized in your love and holy water this day. Glory to you our eternal and covenanting God, the one who was at the beginning and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

What is this child's Christian name?

Baker Stanley Alan Kunschke, I baptize you in the name of the father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Baker Stanley Alan Kunschke, Beautiful child of God, May the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and every day.

Gracious God we ask that you walk with Baker and the Kunschke Family, give strength for the journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I announce to you our newest covenantal partner of Christ's family, Baker Stanley Alan Kunschke! (Presentation of the baptized and baptismal certificate)

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above.” (*James 1:17*)
On this sacred day of baptism, I invite us to reflect on times we have lived into generous covenants. When have you known you were loved by a church? When have you known that you have shown love to the church? How can we live into this covenant we have just made with Baker and his family in the holy ways we are called to? May we reflect on this during our time of offering.

OFFERING

“Come to the Water”

- Foley, arr. Archambeau

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UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, may you take these offerings and use them to multiply your works on this earth through us. May we be grateful that are numbers in this community have strengthened this day. May we always remember the love and generosity you have shown to us through you son, our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now may God the Covenant-Maker; Christ the Beloved Son and Light to all nations; and the Life-Breathing Spirit bless you and remain with you always. Go in peace my friends.

CLOSING HYMN

“Great Work Has God Begun in You”

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Calendar at Peace Church:

Sun., Aug. 12: 9:00 AM Worship – Baptism: Baker Kunschke

1:00 PM Youth Tubing Event

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wed., Aug. 17: 10:00 AM Upper Room Discussion

Thurs., Aug. 18: 1:30 PM Worship

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6, Isa 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

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: 8/11: Alicia Berg, Sam Schroeder; 8/12: David Zittel; 8/14: Jessica Kosnicki; 8/16: Lucas Anker, Mason Theis; 8/17: Tom Fischer; 8/18: Jim Gueths; 8/20: Nicholas Boardman, Kasey Cross

Anniversaries: 8/12: Joel & Gretchen Whitehouse; 8/17: Tom & Laura Naeyaert

Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Mike Winkler

All our homebound members

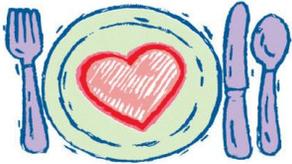
Those serving in the military: Jackson Smits, Ian & Ryan McNerney

YOUTH GROUP DAY!

Join us **TODAY** 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!



COMMUNITY DINNERS



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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!

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!



Volunteer Opportunity



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!

CHARLIE'S RED BARN SEPTEMBER 8, 9, AND 10TH

Volunteers will be needed for grilling, assembly of food, and cashier. There will be morning and afternoon shifts. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Great Room.





SAM25's biggest fundraiser, Empty Bowls, caring hearts is coming up on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10 AM till 4 PM or until soup/bowls are gone. You may also do a walk-through tour of shelter/clinic. Purchase a hand-painted, ceramic bowl and soup-to-go along with baked goods AND view their ONLINE SILENT AUCTION. Event links: www.sam25.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sam25.org>