

# Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street  
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Sunday September 4, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Order of Worship  
September 4, 2022

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN**                      “Be Now My Vision”                      #451

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Like clay, we arrive at this time of worship:

**Many:** **Shapeless and full of potential, we arrive.**

**One:** Like clay, we prepare for this time of worship:

**Many:** **Stretched and twisted into formation, we prepare.**

**One:** Like clay, we enter this time of worship:

**Many:** **Formed and ready for warmth, we enter.**

**UNISON INVOCATION**

**One:** Let us pray.

**Many:** **Loving Creator, maker of everything good, we are in your hands. Be with us now as we gather ourselves to seek your wisdom and strive to become the people you would have us be.**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE/WORDS OF GRACE**

**Unlike clay, we actively resist the diverse ways you shape us into what the world needs. We frequently struggle to trust in your vision for who we could become.**

**We anxiously avoid facing the heat that protects and sustains us. We humbly confess to these and all our shortcomings.**

*observe a brief stretch of silence*

God graciously chooses us despite our self-destructive ways. God repeatedly mends our broken places and unceasingly delivers us from harm toward wholeness. All thanks be to God!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW BIBLE: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?” says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

<sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## MESSAGE

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**HYMN**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

#286

**UCC MOMENT**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

The cost of discipleship is bold and radical. It requires a countercultural giving of possessions and self. Let us risk the safety of ordinary and choose to build with God by sharing our tithes, offerings, and our very selves.

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

#780

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy Giver of all Gifts, we thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts and participate in the various ministries you’ve placed before this faith community. Bless these monies and each one of us as we go back out to continue your work in the world. Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#330

**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**

Before your birth, you were wonderfully and fearfully formed. Like clay, may God continue to reform and reshape you into your truest self, now and every day after. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Spirit of the Living God”

#283

**Calendar at Peace Church:**

Sun., Sept. 4: 9:00 AM Worship – Communion  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Mon., Sept. 5: Church Office Closed – Labor Day

Thurs., Sept. 8: NO Thursday Worship

**Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sept. 8 – 9 - 10: Peace UCC at Charlie’s Red Barn**

Sat., Sept. 10: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM SAM25 Empty Bowls/Caring Hearts Fund raiser

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Sept. 11: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14, Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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**FALL CLEANUP DAY!**

Please mark your calendars for October 8th, as your help is needed for 2-3 hours around the church building and grounds in order to prepare for Winter. We will be cleaning the window wells, pruning the plan tings, complete a small landscape drainage repair, and wash windows (not the high ones!). The church already has most of the materials and tools needed for the projects planned. Just bring your willingness to work and join in the fellowship! We will plan to get started at 9AM on the 8th!

Thank you and God Bless!  
Facilities Committee



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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!



## 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 couple of 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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## CHARLIE'S RED BARN SEPTEMBER 8, 9, AND 10<sup>TH</sup>

Volunteers still needed for grilling, assembly of food, and cashier. There are morning and afternoon shifts. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Great Room. **For those volunteering at Charlie's you need to wear a Thrivent shirt. They can wear last year's one or get one from Shelley in office. We were able to get a Thrivent card thanks to a gracious church member. You can get shirts also after church on Sunday September 4th. All volunteers must wear a baseball cap or hair net according to health codes. Thank you for volunteering!!!**

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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. Kick-Off \$10,000 MATCH DONATION DRIVE; Two Anonymous Donors will match any donations made through September 30, 2022 up to \$10,000. Event links: [www.sam25.org](http://www.sam25.org) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sam25.org>

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## CHILI DINNER PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Our last Chili Dinner was March 10, 2022 and it was a big success. Since it is now football season we are getting our Peace Team into practice and warming up for the next Chili Dinner. We are in the planning stages to have the Chili Dinner once again on November 10, 2022. Now with that being said we need to have jars returned to the church. If you have any of those jars or know where there is some, please return them by the end of October. Thank you to all who have returned their jars!

We are also planning on having raffle baskets and bake sales once again. So if you can assist with the baskets or donate items, or monies to purchase items or gift cards please contact me. If you have a few new items but not planning to use them, please donate to make a basket. Gift cards are also great to tempt those to spend more money on tickets. Miracles happen with your donations and the money multiplies!!! We did over \$800+ on the last raffle and sold out of all the baking goodies. A BIG thank you to those who recycled their raffle baskets too! It is greatly appreciated!!!

A meeting to discuss and plan the Chili Dinner is scheduled for after church on Sunday September 25, 2022.

A BIG thank you to the Peace Team for all their hard work and let's make it another successful dinner once again.

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Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> will be our first day of Sunday School with registration that day. Packets have been mailed to all families (including the registration form) with children ages 3 thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact the church office. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be receiving bibles during the 9:00 AM worship service this day.



**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: 9/1: Jon “Roger” Meyers; 9/2: Pepper Dickinson, Brenda Schroeder; 9/3: Corey Jones; 9/4: Jennifer Maglio, Henry Schultz, Cynthia Staniforth; 9/5: Thomas Rindt; 9/6: Sharon Fischer; 9/8: Ray Waelchli Jr.; 9/9: Ben Langlois, Audrey Marohl; 9/10: Kristine Melton; 9/11: Robert Engel Jr.

Anniversaries: 9/1: John & Deb Knickerbocker; 9/8: Randall & Nancy Ladwig; 9/11: Todd & Brenda Laehn

Concern

Barbara Minster

Lori Mueller

Leola Anderson

Gary Gurnee

Mike Winkler

Brian Wescott

All our homebound members

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

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Dear Congregation:

SAFPARC (Shawano Area Food Pantry) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to serving all those in need in the Shawano area.

In order to make a difference, we rely on the support of generous individuals, churches and businesses in our community.

We greatly appreciate the donations you have made in the past.

**We would be grateful if you would consider providing these items to our organization**

Thank you for helping us to assist those in need.

## SAFPARC NEEDS

- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna, potatoes, mixed vegetables, soup
- Canned fruits (pineapple, mandarin oranges)
  - Canned pork & beans
  - Raman noodles

