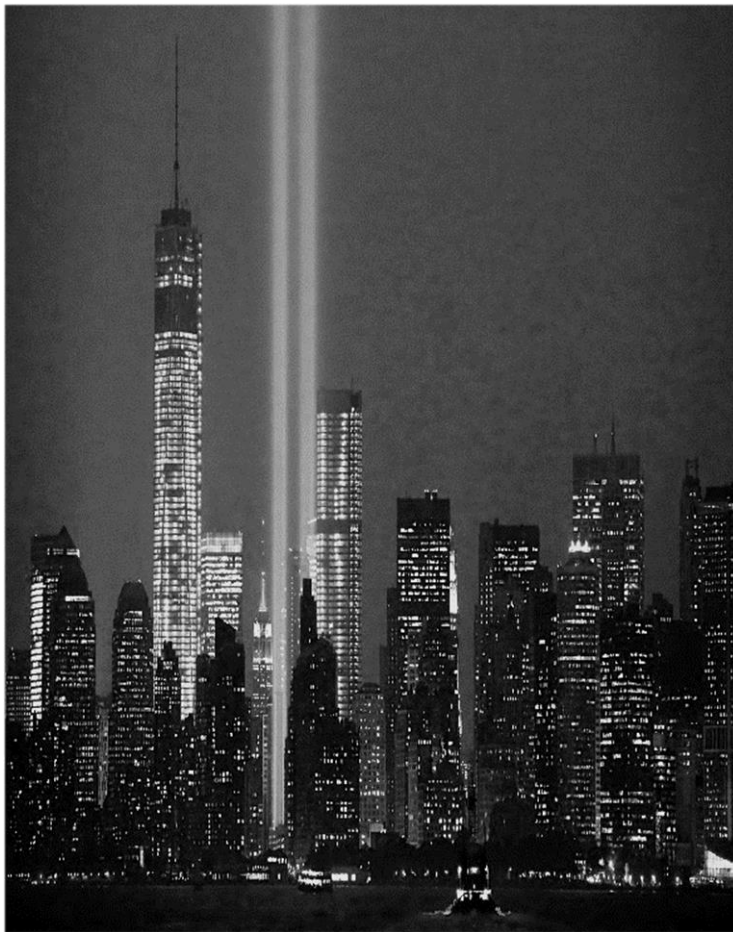


# Peace United Church of Christ

208 E Maurer Street  
Shawano, WI 54166



Sunday September 11, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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Peace United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship  
September 11, 2022

**PRELUDE** “Immortal, Invisible/I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” arr. Tornquist  
“Draw Me Close/Abide With Me” arr. Tornquist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

Many: **May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.**

One: May the wind of God, turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

Many: **May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.**

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love’s good work.

Many: **May God’s vision of a world made new arise from God’s wind in and through us.**

**UNISON INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray.

**O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day, call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world’s design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**O God, have mercy on me because transgressions and wrong turns have too often been my daily detour. Wash me inside and out with the shower of Your love because my life carries a residue of regret I cannot shake loose on my own. I know myself too well, rehearsing littleness of spirit with a frequency**

surprising even to me. Now take every burden that crushes and form in me a new creation. Take every iniquity and instill your sweet song of forgiveness. Let your wisdom rise in my mind and your mercy in my heart that I may offer the same grace to others whom you also love. By this grace you give, mend not only me but the world. And may Your loving truth form a new creation in us all.

**HYMN**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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## **WORDS OF GRACE**

Hear this good news: God’s memory of our misdeeds and misdirection is short. But God’s loving grace is long and stretches over our whole lives. In Christ Jesus, God has let loose a stream of love that perpetually flows as a patient, persistent, power. By this, God has forgiven us and invites you and me to join in the journey of justice and joy. May this blessed forgiveness multiply itself in our life with others. Thanks be to God!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who

repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## **MESSAGE**

"A Day to Remember"

Bob Gehm

## **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**

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

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## **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Our lives are gifts not of our making. But by our consent to Love's deep desire we are indeed remade. God is generous in this way, searching out every lost sheep or coin or beloved child until the fullness of joy rises in celebration. So we are invited to share in the sacred savoring that comes with self-giving that begins and ends in God. May our yes of giving grow Love's delight in us.

## **OFFERTORY**

“Largo/’The Lord's My Shepherd” Handel/Irvine arr. Berry

## **DOXOLOGY**

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## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O Love, stretch wide my heart, open my mind, saturate my soul and form me anew in the gift of this day. Let thanksgivings rise for miracles you place in my path at every turn. Call forth awe at the miracle of life stirring all around and within this body not of my making, but given by You to steward Your love for a season short or long. “Yes...thank you...Love,” let this be my prayer, even as words fail to capture You in me and in all creation seen and unseen and beyond**

what eye can see **But which soul can sense in silences beyond words. Yes, Love, stretch wide my heart for this. And thank-you.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May the wind of God be strong in you. May it be neither too little nor too much for the gift of each day that is your life. May it be strong enough to deepen your root in God. May it be gentle enough for you to catch the breath of life. May it teach you how to breathe the grace and peace of Christ into the life of the world, multiplying this blessing over and over again. Blessings on you, beloved of God!

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

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## **Calendar at Peace Church:**

Sun., Sept. 11: 9:00 AM Worship – W.L. – Bob Gehm

2:00 PM Girl Scouts

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wed., Sept. 14: 6:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Night, games and pizza

Thurs., Sept. 15: 1:30 PM Thursday Worship

Fri., Sept. 16: 1:00 PM Quilters

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

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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 plants, 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



SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Sept. 18: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9, Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

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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 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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**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.

Carol Fuqua  
715-201-0992 landline  
909-855-6941 cell



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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.

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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: 9/8: Ray Waelchli Jr.; 9/9: Ben Langlois, Audrey Marohl; 9/10: Kristine Melton; 9/11: Robert Engel Jr.; 9/12: William Ecke, Dave Rindt, Bob Smits; 9/15: Amber Marshall, James Seifert; 9/16: Gretchen Whitehouse; 9/18: Jay Crawford, Patsey Robertson

Anniversaries: 9/8: Randall & Nancy Ladwig; 9/11: Todd & Brenda Laehn; 9/13: Shane & Ginger Huntington

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



## SAFPARC NEEDS

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



Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Come join us for our Youth Group back to school party! Open to all youth 6th Grade and up, no church membership required! We'll have pizza, play games, and talk about things we would like to do as a group this year!