

Thought Before Worship

When I lay these questions before God I get no answer. It is not the locked door. It is a silent, certainly not uncompassionate, gaze. As though God shook His head not in refusal but waiving the question. Like, "Peace, child; you don't understand." — [C.S. Lewis](#)

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Melodie"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day for celebration! This is a day to rejoice! The Spirit of God is in our midst; God has come to meet with us.

People: We bring our hearts before the Lord. We worship God in word and song and prayer.

Leader: Be filled with hope and joy for we have a God who loves us, who knows us and wants to be with us. Let go of your fear, your worry and your frustration. Release it all!

People: We are here, as one, the body of Christ. Let us celebrate together our great and wonderful God! AMEN.

*HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord Is King".....no. 374

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, as we explore your word we are reminded of your ever-gracious invitation to be part of your family, to receive the gift of your salvation, to respond to your call to follow you. We confess that far too often we act like ungrateful guests. We allow other priorities to crowd you out. Our addiction to busyness leaves us no time to celebrate with you. We erect other gods that require our attention and loyalty. In our vain attempts to look "successful" we polish the veneer of our lives without attending to our deepest needs and longings, including our need and longing for you. Gracious God, forgive us, we pray, and restore us to health, wholeness and a renewed, re-energized faith. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- God's love is amazing. God never cuts us off from compassion and mercy? We are loved and we are forgiven!

People- We are redeemed and restored as the people of God!

AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 28:10-19 pg. 22

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Hideth My Soul" Women's Chorus

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30 pg. 795

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE CREED.....inside front cover of gold hymnal

*HYMN "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder".....no. 488

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Take Time to be Holy" Chorus

OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Jesus Loves Even Me".....no. 225

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand, +kneel)

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org) William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Mary Bernstel & Deb Hedrick

Greeters.....John & Heidi McDonough

Head Usher.....Pat Wolf

Attendance on July 13.....92

Offering for July 13.....\$2,380.00

Month to date offering.....\$4,447.00

Amount needed to meet budget.....\$15,430.00

The altar flowers are given in memory of Marie Shupp by her husband Ernest and family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Glenna Brensinger

Charlie Graff

Erla Hartranft

Jeff Moyer

Ethyl Youndt

Amber Martin

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 22th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Monday, August 4th - Altar Guild Picnic/Meeting 10:00 am
Wednesday, August 13th – Choir Picnic - 6:00 pm
Sunday, August 17th – Re-Creation will lead our worship
Wednesday, September 10th – Choir Rehearsals begin – 7:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD (SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES)

Our Youth will be on their mission trip to NYC the week of July 27.
Please keep them in your prayers
August 28th – Peace will serve the Community Dinner at Trinity
United Methodist Church in Denver.

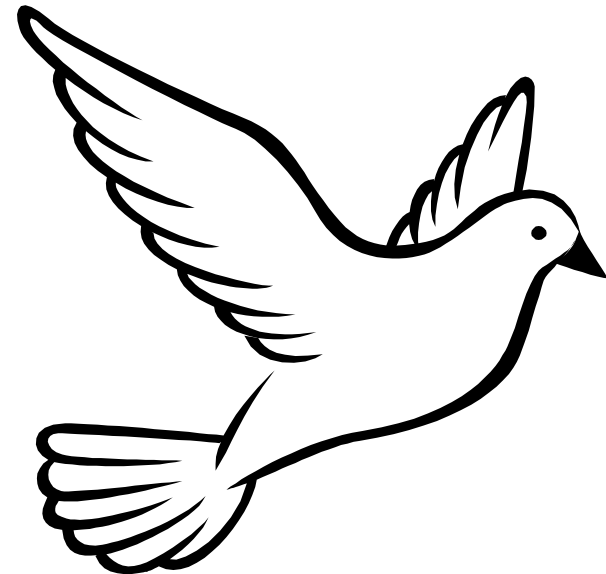
FAITH EXPLORATION EVENTS – We will begin with a new series of explorations on Sunday Evening, July 20th at 6:00 pm. What do we say about ourselves and our faith by the words we use to talk about our faith and the church?

PEACE

United Church of Christ

Denver, Pennsylvania

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
WELCOME!*



July 20, 2014
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time