

**Thought Before Worship**

**I would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it.**

**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather for worship tired from trying to make things work, tired from trying to accomplish more than is reasonable in a given day and worn out from believing that our lives can be anything different.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the possibility of change and transformation.**

Leader: Let us stop. And be still.

**People: Let us breathe deeply, inhaling the peace of God and finding a place in our hearts to rejoice and lift our voices in praise.**

Leader: Let us experience the presence of God as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN “Like a River Glorious”.....no. 497**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess that we live a comfortable faith. Awaken us to the opportunities before us to reach out to those who need our help. Alert us to the possibilities of taking risks to follow Jesus where we would rather not go. Give us the courage to confront our doubts that we might have a growing faith in the love of God. Give us the wisdom to sit quietly in your presence and listen for your voice. Help us to know that you are always present and your grace is always before us; for we ask these things in Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that reaches out and brings to us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

**People: We receive this grace and forgiveness with joy and celebration! AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE**

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 3:1-10 pg. 887

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Peace I Leave With You”*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-48 pg. 861

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**\*HYMN “Cleanse Me”.....no. 425**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN “There Shall be Showers of Blessing”.....no. 580**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

Church website.....[www.peaceunitedchurch.org](http://www.peaceunitedchurch.org)

Pastor ([pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)) .....William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary ([secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Sylvia Leach and Linda Coventry

Greeters.....Bob and Bev Martin

Head Usher.....Greg Grill

The altar flowers are given in memory of his parents and his wife LaFern by Melvin Bowman.

There is a great deal of work to be done to clean up our property. If you can help on a Wednesday morning, please speak with John Haldeman.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Betty Kring

Pat Hall

Dana Keckler

REMINDER – Next Saturday is the Youth Group Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale. We need people to help with the Bake Sale – both in providing a baked item and selling the baked goods on Saturday. Please sign up on the office window. Proceeds from the bake sale will support the work of our church.

New Legislation has been passed in relationship to child safety and background checks for those who will be working with kids. The Cocalico Ministerium is offering a Safe Church Seminar to begin getting us up to date with the new requirements. We will also receive a theological basis for such action. Please speak with Pastor Bill if you are interested in attending. After this event we will hold our own event at the church to make everyone aware of the new requirements and expectations.

There has always been a church key stored at the home of Dick Palsgrove. For safety reasons this key is being moved. If you need a key to get into the church, please contact John Haldeman.

#### COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Faith/Future Exploration – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Outreach Meeting

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Chicken BBQ

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Anyone interested in more information about Peace Church and becoming a member, please join us for an evening of information and preparation. We will gather at 6:00 pm in the Council Room.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Photo Shoot for Directory

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Health and Welfare Sunday – a presentation on Power Pack ministries will be offered and a freewill donation will be gathered. Thank you for your support of this very important ministry.

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Health and Welfare will host a program at Colonial Lodge.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be observed on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. A breakfast and time of prayer will be offered at Weavers Banquet facility. Breakfast will be served at 7 am. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained by speaking with Vicki Garner-Sweigart.

Pictures will be taken for the new directory from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can sign up either after church or online at [www.church-directories.com](http://www.church-directories.com).

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# PEACE

*United Church of Christ*

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*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!*



April 19, 2015  
Third Sunday of Easter