

Thought Before Worship

Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Adoration"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear the wisdom of God's words and way:

To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. When justice is done it brings joy to the righteous. He who pursues righteousness and love finds love, righteousness and honor. If a person shuts their ears to the cries of the poor, when they cry out they will not be heard.

People: Let us walk in the way of God's wisdom, God's righteousness and God's grace.

Leader: Let us walk and worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise".....no. 332

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, there are so many things we have done that we should have left undone. There are so many things we've said that should have been left unsaid. We are so quick to act impulsively, or speak without pausing.

For all of this, and for more, we repent and seek your grace. Slow us down, O God. Help us to be slow to speak and slow to anger. Give us patience and gentle spirits. And when we fail, give us humility to admit our wrongs and turn from them. Make us more like your son, Jesus, each day. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again. By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life.

People: May our lives be filled with gratitude and thanks. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 1 pg. 536

SPECIAL MUSIC "Using Things and Loving People"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-30 pg. 820

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "Come, Holy Spirit".....no. 150

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me".....no. 625

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.....Janet Mattis and Mary Getz

Greeters.....Janis Hoch

Head Usher.....Mary Getz

The altar flowers are given in memory of Bill Harting by his wife

Margaret Harting.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Royce McCrabb

Dana Keckler

Kathryn Light

Doris Fultz

Margaret Gress

Slats Trostle

Alan Miller

We thank Tyler Rutt for providing our Special Music this morning!

If anyone has a TV that they are not using, and would like to donate it to the church for use by the Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Bill.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – Please have your committee reports for the annual report book submitted to the church office by early October. They can be placed on the secretary's desk or submitted by email using – secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 13th – Church Picnic following our Traditional Service.

Wednesday, September 16th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Choir will sing on Sunday

Saturday, September 26th – Chicken BBQ

Sunday, September 27th – Harvest Home – On Saturday, September 26th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church.

These will be displayed in front of our Sanctuary as a way to celebrate God's goodness and provisions. They will then be sent to Ephrata Area Social Services to be shared with others. Any financial gifts for Harvest Home will be passed on to the Power Packs Program.

Wednesday, September 30th – Children's Ministry Meeting – 6:30 pm

World Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th. That afternoon at 3:00 we will provide a Communion Service for our Special Care and Concern members and their sponsors. A dinner will follow. Anyone eating alone that day is invited to join us for dinner. We do ask that you speak with Erla Hartranft or Janis Hoch so that we might be prepared for everyone who attends.

Fall Hours – have begun and are as follows:

Contemporary Worship – 8:30 am

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Tradition Worship – 10:30 am

The Health and Welfare Committee has placed a number of prayer shawls in the Narthex. If you know someone who would be comforted with one, we invite you to take one and share it with them.

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!*



September 13, 2015
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time