

But the Lord Stood with Me
And Gave me Strength!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Like the followers of Jesus at the empty tomb,

People: We come seeking the living Christ.

Leader: Like the disciples wandering lost on Holy Saturday,

People: We come to find our way.

Leader: Like the apostles of the early church,

People: We come in search of faith and courage to live that faith.

Leader: Like a resurrection people,

All: We come with gratitude to praise our God. AMEN.

***HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Sky"no. 322**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, before you died, you prayed that we would be one, and that the world would know we are yours by our love for one another. We confess that we have failed. Instead of seeking unity, we have gossiped. Instead of seeking to serve one another, we serve only our own interests. Instead of embracing the outsider, we isolate ourselves away from the world. God, save us from seeking redemption in such small ways. Lift our eyes to see your movement and work in the world. Give us the joy of finding your work and joining the movement of the Spirit. Make us one, Lord, here, there and everywhere. AMEN

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus laid down his life for us. Through this act of grace we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia. AMEN!

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 pg. 983

CHOIR ANTHEM *"It Took a Miracle"*

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-29 pg. 883

MESSAGE Linda Greth, VisionCorps

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Open My Eyes That I may See".....no. 486**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"His Eye is On the Sparrow"*

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us".....no. 601**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Lift High the Cross"*

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

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

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

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Treasurer (treasurer@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Michael Madara

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

Greeters.....Ann Englert and Vaye Freeman

Head Usher.....Kristine Butz

The Altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshner.

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz

Kathy Schlegel

Christian Gress

Alan LaBelle

Peace Youth will be making Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 29th. Cost is \$6 for a half a chicken and \$9 for a dinner. The dinner includes a half of a chicken, baked potato, roll and butter, coleslaw, and a Clover Farm drink. Chicken can be picked up starting at 10:00 am until sold out. Tickets are not being sold for this event so come early!!

The Peace Church Choir will be singing at the Barnstormers Baseball game on Saturday, June 17th. Game time is 6:30 pm. For more information see John Haldeman or Pat Acebo.

National Day of Prayer Community Breakfast will be held at Weaver's Market Banquet facility on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. The cost of the event is \$10.00 and tickets may be purchased from Vicki Garner-Sweigart.

The Wednesday morning work crew is looking for more volunteers to help with the spring work. Please see John Haldeman for more information.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 23rd – Health and Welfare Sunday – Linda Greth from Vision Corp

Monday, April 24th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Program at Ephrata Manor – 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 27th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 29th – Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am

Sunday, April 30th – Celebration of Baptism – 10:30 am

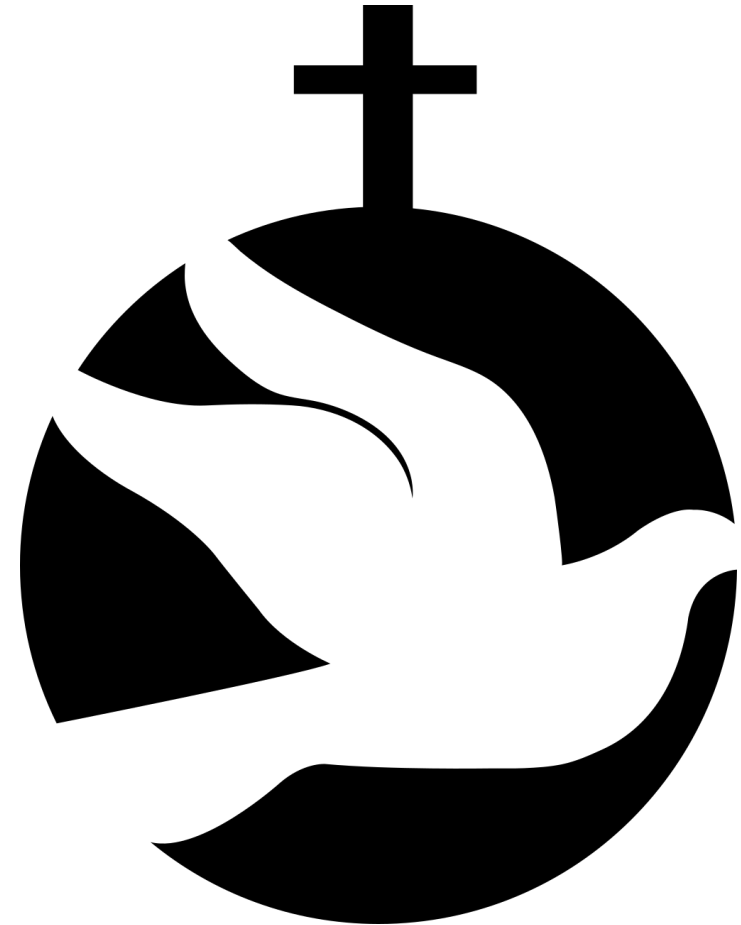
Tuesday, May 2nd – Health and Welfare Meeting – 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 5th – National Day of Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am

Tuesday, May 9th – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17th – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm

Peace United Church of Christ



**Health and Welfare Sunday
April 23, 2017**