

Even when it seems like you are alone, Trust and Believe
God is working hard behind the scenes for your life!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Evensong"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to celebrate the joy and hope of God's Spirit with us.

People: As winds blow and storms rage, as floods rise and waves batter, as wars kill and hatred abounds:

Leader: God is our strength and our refuge, our comfort and support, our hope and our guide.

People: As prejudice remains and divisions flourish, God is our unity and our affirmation.

Leader: May God's Spirit keep us. May God's Spirit be with us as we worship and go forth to serve! **AMEN.**

*HYMN "Blessed Be the Name".....no. 352

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, forgive your church for its lack of courage and nerve. Forgive your church for its wealth among the poor, its fear among the powers of sameness, and its cowardice among the warring of the nations. Eternal God, forgive us, your children, for our lack of confidence in your guiding Spirit our lack of hope in your empowering Spirit, and our lack of love in your generous Spirit.

Humble us when we are strong; affirm us when we are weak; shame us when we trust only in ourselves; and surround us when we are lost. In your Spirit of grace forgive us. **AMEN.**

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through the loving sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, all our sins are forgiven.

People: By the power of grace we no longer bear the weight of sin and shame. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 2:1-10 pg. 43

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Well" Cindy Anthony

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 pg. 798

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Triune God"no. 136

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Pastorale"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"no. 677

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Toccata in Scarlotti Style"

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

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Greeters.....Mary Getz

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Harold and Beatrice

Stauffer, and Samuel and Mazie Horst, by brothers Fred and Randy Stauffer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz Kathy Schlegel Betty Leisey

Dave Paul Kring Robert Keppley

Harvey and Esther Schlouch

COMING EVENTS

This Evening gather in the grove for a time of vesper worship and fellowship. This is a casual moment to reflect on God's grace as we enter into a new season of worship and service!

Monday, August 28th – Adult Ministry – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 29th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Children's Ministry – 7:00 pm

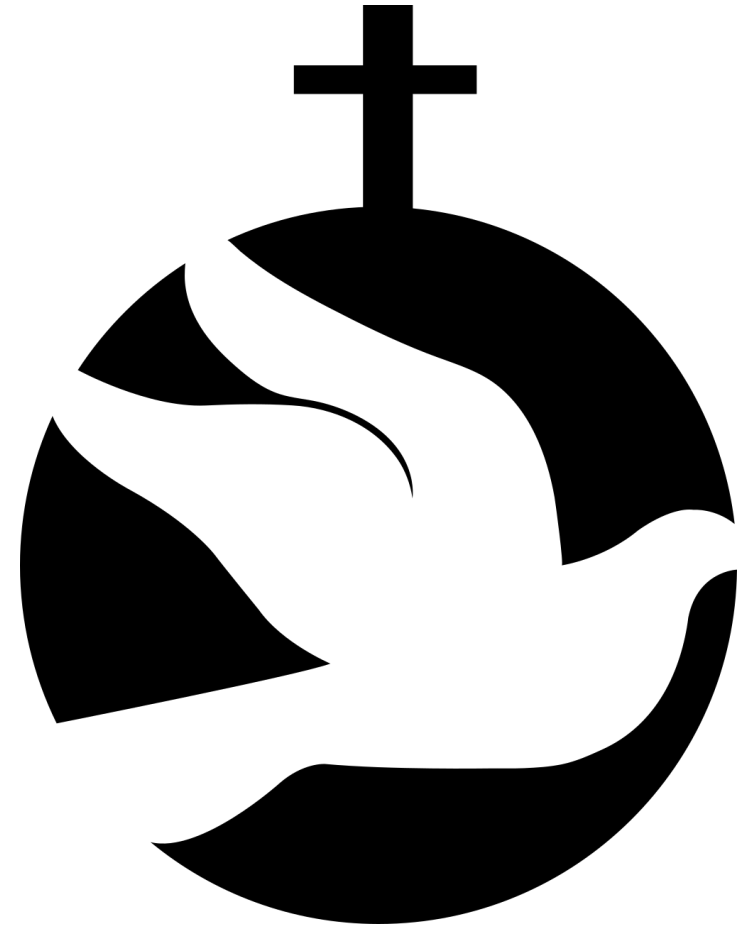
Tuesday, September 5th – Health and Welfare – 5:30 pm

Sunday, September 17th – First Responder Recognition Sunday

A reminder for those of us who have not yet made a commitment to Securing of Future Capital Campaign, please complete the commitment form that was e-mailed or mailed to you. Additional commitment forms along with envelopes (if you need some) are available in the Narthex between the two office doors. Online giving is available as well. Details to sign up for online giving are also available in the Narthex. Please consider participation, your church needs your commitment.

On Sunday, September 17th we will return to our Fall Schedule. Our Contemporary Service will be at 8:30 and our Traditional at 10:30. Between services we will have a faith and fellowship time. Please stay a little later or come a little earlier for a time of fellowship between services. We will be recognizing and thanking first responders. As part of our recognition of first responders we will be holding a new toy drive. Toys will be distributed to kids in local hospitals at Christmas.

Peace United Church of Christ



August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time