

Rather than asking: God, where are you in all this? Let's start asking: God, will you reveal yourself to me.

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Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Over the Sunset Mountains"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The light of a candle is enough to chase away the darkness.

**People: Burn bright in us, O God.**

Leader: Drops of water will bring a seed to birth.

**People: Refresh us with your flowing love.**

Leader: One song can drive despair away.

**People: Sing your song in us and through us, again and again.**

Leader: Words of truth prevail and heal.

**People: Plant your truth deep so our words may echo your peace.**

**All: Here in this place, may we see light to heal our darkness, feel love to be refreshed and renewed, hear a song to lift our spirits and know a word to give us peace and strength. AMEN.**

\*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" .....no. 319

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our memories are short and we need to be reminded of your blessings. We get caught up in the busyness of life and lose sight of your presence. The urgent and the necessary crowd out thanksgiving and gratitude. We are polite, but distant. We have manners but lack feeling behind the words. Forgive us, Lord, for outward obedience and inner resistance. Let your light brighten our way, your peace ease our anxious moments, your love heal our troubled minds, your joy kindle our memory and hope. Lord, hear our prayer. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God humbles us in our pride, affirms us when we are weak, surrounds us when we are lost and forgives all our sin!

**People: God, lift us out of darkness into your light! AMEN!**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:21-26 pg. 582

CHOIR ANTHEM "To God Be the Glory"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:14-26 pg. 820

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

\*HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" .....no. 98

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "I Believe In Miracles"

\*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

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Heaven Came Down"

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of our parents by Ray and Carolyn Wolverton.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.*

Doris Fultz	Mel Gerhart	Deb Schleicher
Sally Romich	Lori Hartranft	Anna Leshar
Caitlin West	Betty Leisey	Mildred Krick
Penny Wolfe		

## COMING EVENTS

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm  
Health and Welfare Meeting – 6:30 pm  
Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm  
Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth Lock-In

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE MINISTRY MATTERS

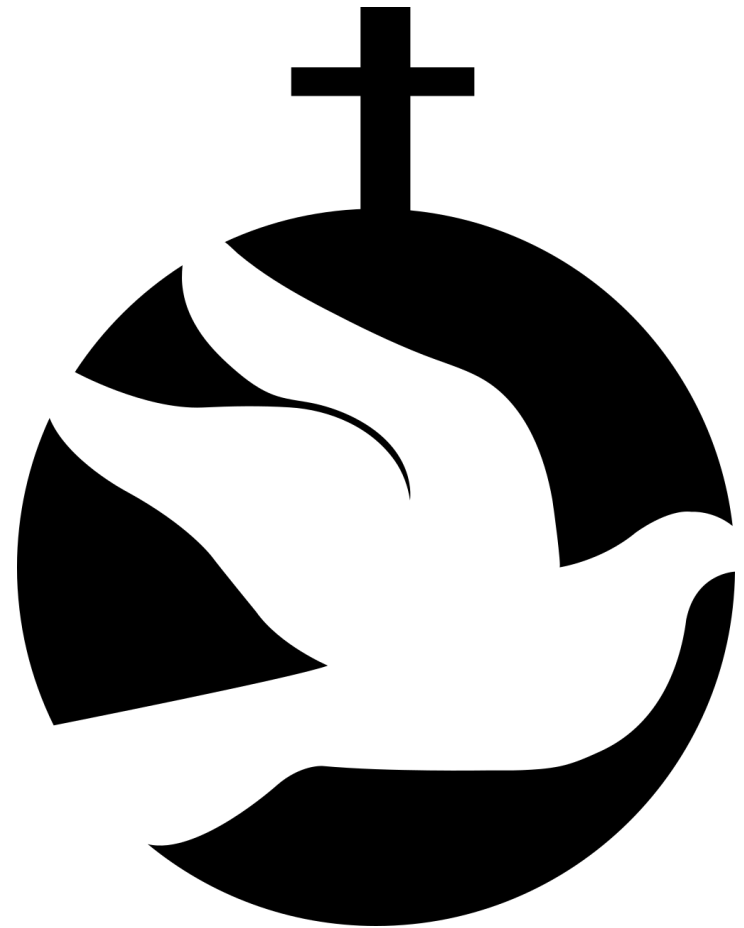
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Peace UCC, 37 E Swartzville Rd, Jeff Hain  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Trinity UMC, 420 Main St, Denver, Bill Hoch  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – St. John's UCC, 659 S 4th St, Denver, Mike Roney  
March 7<sup>th</sup> – Swamp Christian Fellowship, 390 Swamp Church Rd,  
Reinholds, Brad Haws

**Do you like to knit, crochet, machine sew, “chat”?** We are looking for women who are interested in getting together for some devotions and then a time of fellowship while making needed items for donation to agencies/hospitals in the area. You can't ask for more—devotions, fun and fellowship with other women, helping those in need. See Pat Hall for more information.

We invite you to follow the example of our youth and write a letter expressing your hopes and prayers for the people of Zion Church and Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild in the coming New Year. Please drop your cards in the box that will be provided in the Narthex and we will send them all together.

# Peace United Church of Christ



**February 4, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**