

Thought Before Worship

Above all else, know this: Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones. For God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Air" Sheree Wolf

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God gives us one day at a time:

People: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Leader: Deep enough for prayer and silence to mingle together;

People: Time enough to help someone in need;

Leader: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

People: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;

Leader: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, sing praise to God. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us all rejoice and be glad!! **AMEN.**

*HYMN "Come Thou Fount".....no. 318

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God we confess that we look but never see the face of hunger, for our eyes are not open. We listen but do not hear the cry of despair, for our ears are stopped up. We touch but feel nothing of the pain and loneliness of our neighbors, for our hearts have grown dull. In our closed hands five loaves and two fish will never be more than five loaves and two fish.

Merciful God, help us to be silent that we might see, that we might hear, that we might feel, that we might serve you – as we see, hear, feel and serve your people. **AMEN.**

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God turns us around, opens our eyes, renews our faith, and most of all forgives our sins.

People: Of all people, we are truly blessed. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20 pg. 952

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Sheree Wolf

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69 pg. 868

MESSAGE *We are Witnesses*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"no. 619

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "I Saw The Light"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

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

Let There be Peace on Earth.....no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe"

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

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

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Supply Pastor.....Jack Esbenshade

Organist (organist@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Phyllis Sands

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Beverly Madara

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

Altar Guild Workers.....Lillian Messner and Nancy Reese

Greeters.....Sheree Wolf

Head Usher.....Pat Acebo

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

Doris Fultz	Shirley Kline	Robert Becker
Sally Romich	Anna Leshner	Edie Graff
Mildred Krick	Jean Trostle	Jackie McDonough
Claude Adair	Lillian Messner	Lisa Morse
Mark Kline	Charlie Graff	
Ellis Rice	Family of Dick Palsgrove	

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 9 – Fall Schedule Begins
Monday, September 10 – Benevolence – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 11 – Council Meetings – 6:30 and 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 13 – Choir Practice – 7:00 pm
Monday, September 17 – Stitch and Chat – 9:00 am
Bell Choir – 7:00 pm

On Sunday, September 9 we will return to our Fall Schedule. Our Contemporary Service will begin at 8:30 and our Traditional Service at 10:30. Sunday School will kick off at 9:30 with a light breakfast in the fellowship hall and an introduction to Sunday School. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Committee Chairpersons – Please submit Budget requests to the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

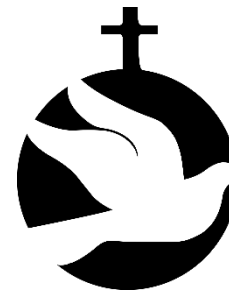
Mark Kline had knee replacement surgery and currently can't drive. An online meal schedule has been set up for him. If you'd like to sign up to take him a meal please go to:

<https://takethemameal.com/>

Last Name: Kline

Password: MKmeals

For those who would like to take a meal to Mark but don't want to sign up online there is a signup sheet on the office window.



Peace United Church of Christ

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!



August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time