

Thought Before Worship

Why do we forgive?

Because we don't want to turn into creatures of bitterness locked up in the past, our lives dominated by hurt rather than love.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Stayed On Jesus"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord says, "Be still and know that I am God!"

People: We have come to this sacred hour that we might know our God!

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory and the majesty of God!

People: Everywhere we look we are able to see something of God!

Leader: As we encounter God in this place, as we go forth from this place, may others see something of God in us, hear something of God in our words, and know that God is near!

AMEN.

*HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*.....no. 323

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we want an easy path set before us. We want to know what to expect at each moment and at each turn. We don't want to be called on to assume new challenges or go where we have not been before.

Forgive us when we find excuses not to follow the path set before us. Forgive us when we think that it is too hard or we are too good. Forgive us when we rely on our own abilities and strengths and fail to trust in you. Forgive us when we refuse to hear and believe that you will be with us. Forgive us for all that is past and free us that we might live a new and living faith in you, all through the grace of Christ our Savior. **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. By God's grace we are forgiven that we might walk in newness of life!

People: God has given us the grace to begin again. Let us begin to live as the children of light. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 pg. 140

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Broken Halos"*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 pg. 818

MESSAGE *All Employees Must Wash Hands*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN *"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"*.....no. 394

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"You Raise Me Up"*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN *"Where Cross The Crowded Ways"*.....no. 665

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

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Blessed Be Your Name"*

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

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Altar Guild Workers.....Mary Getz and Pat Acebo

Greeters.....Jack and Linda Long

Head Usher.....Deb Hedrick

The Altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Rosie Johnston.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

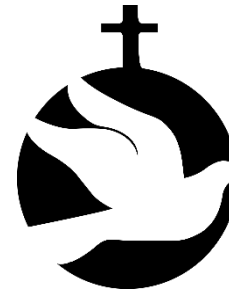
COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 4 – Health & Welfare Meeting at Erla’s – 5:30 pm
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 Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Monday, September 17 – Stitch and Chat – 9:00 am
- Bell Choir Rehearsal– 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 29 – Altar Guild set up Harvest Home – 9:00 am
- Youth Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am until sold out

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.

The Peace Pantry will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services’ food bank in September. These items should be anything you and your family would use at home, but not commercial size. Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, crackers and canned fruits are especially needed at this time. These items will be used to decorate the Chancel area for Harvest Home on Sunday September 30th.

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



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!



September 2, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time