

Thought Before Worship

You are not what you do, you are not what others say you are, you are not a set of descriptions. To know who we are we must first ask why are we here. Then, perhaps, we can ask - Who am I?

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"God Leads Us Along"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, God has anointed us to bring good tidings to the afflicted;

People: God has called us to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Leader: God has called us to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor;

People: To grant to those who mourn in Zion -- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit;

Leader: May God fill us with the Spirit of Shalom as we go forth to be the people God calls us to be! **AMEN.**

*HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible"*no. 319

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we want our lives to matter. We want to be remembered for doing something good or important. Our thoughts are noble; we want to do something for your kingdom. Help us to see how easy it is to get lost in the quest and in the end to accomplish little.

Forgive us, O God. Give us your vision to see that it is not always the big things that matter. Forgive us and help us to see and do the things that do matter – to love a child, to care for a friend, to show someone that you are nearby by our being near and caring for them. Help us not to be lost in the quest but to lose ourselves in your service. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God never cuts us off from compassion and mercy? We are loved, we are forgiven, we are God's children!

People: This is Good News! Alleluia! AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 pg. 265

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Blessed Assurance"*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:30-37 pg. 821

MESSAGE *"Servant Leader"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"*no. 339

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"He Died for Us"*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN *"You Servants of God"*no. 360

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

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

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

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Greeters.....Art and Karen Pannebecker

Head Usher.....Deb Hedrick

The Altar flowers are given in memory of J. Walter, Mabel, and Harold El Shupp by Ella Mae Shupp.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Kline	Robert Becker	Jackie McDonough
Sally Romich	Anna Leshner	Ellis Rice
Mildred Krick	Jean Trostle	Rich Underwood
Claude Adair	Lillian Messner	Lisa Morse
Alice Binns	Charlie Graff	Bill Wallace
Helen Martzall	Linda Coventry	

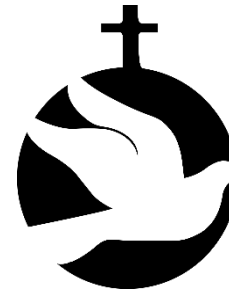
COMING EVENTS

Monday, September 24 – Bell Choir – 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 27 – 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
Sunday, September 30 – Harvest Home
Monday, October 1 – Women’s Stitch and Chat – 9:00 am
Sunday, October 7 – Special Care and Concern Communion Service
and Dinner – 3:00 pm

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.

The Wednesday Morning Work Crew is looking for some helping hands. See the article in the upcoming newsletter or talk to John Haldeman for more information.



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 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time