

Thought Before Worship

Harvest isn't simply the act of plucking a vegetable off the vine, it is a season of collecting the crops and celebrating the plentiful gifts our garden and our God have brought us.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"* Cindy Anthony

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise to the Lord, the God of Israel, for God has done marvelous things!

People: God will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy.

Leader: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

People: Let grain abound throughout the land, let its fruit flourish like Lebanon!

Leader: Praise to our God, may the whole earth be filled with the glory and the grace of our God! **AMEN.**

*HYMN *"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"*.....no. 385

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, forgive our moments of ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world that you have made. Forgive us for not recognizing your hand in the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see. Open our lips to praise you. Open our hands to share the bounty that is ours.

May our feet tread lightly on the path we walk and may our footsteps be worthy of following in the way that you would lead. **AMEN.**

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not be afraid for God who made all things, and all things good, forgives our every sin and restores us to life.

People: The grace and the peace of Christ is upon us. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON James 5:13-20 pg. 983

CHOIR ANTHEM *"There Is A Balm"*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50 pg. 821

MESSAGE *"Life in the Church"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"*.....no. 547

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"Angel Band"* Cindy Anthony

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love".....no. 677

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

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Improvisation on the 8th Psalm Tone"*

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

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Greeters.....Susie Strouse

Head Usher.....Deb Hedrick

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	Lois Haldeman
Larry Lenig		

COMING EVENTS

Monday, October 1 – Stitch and Chat – 9:00 am
Bell Choir – 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 4 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 7 – Special Care and Concern Communion Service
and Dinner – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 9 – Council Meetings – 6:30 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 28 – Youth Luncheon – 11:30 am
- Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Totenfest will soon be here. If you have lost a loved one, please provide to Pastor Betsy or Bev that person's name, date of death and their relationship to you. Thank You.

It is time for **Annual Reports** – Committee chairpersons, please prepare and submit your reports to Bev. If possible, please email in your reports. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on November 11th. Following our meeting there will be a dinner.

During October and November Peace Pantry will be collecting food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner. Donated items will be placed in Thanksgiving boxes by the Health and Welfare committee for families in need within the congregation and our local community.



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 30, 2018

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