

***Welcome!***

**Prayer of Preparation**

*We thank you, God, as we prepare to worship  
that you have sent your Spirit to empower us  
to witness to your love.*

*We seek your encouraging presence this day,  
that we may worship you with joy. Amen*

**We will sing from the Gold Hymnal today**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE      *"I Saw the Light"*                  Gospel Group

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome! This is a day of new beginnings!

P: ***Let's see what God has in store!***

L: We are here to love God, learn from Jesus,  
and be led by the Spirit!

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\*HYMN      "Just A Closer Walk"..... no. 591

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***We are strong, O God, secure in the presence of the Solid Rock,  
your Son, our Savior. Yet there are times when we forget, when we  
lack the confidence of that sure faith, or when we mistake our own  
opinion for your will. Keep us confident in our faith as we address  
a broken world, humble in our encounters with the vulnerable,  
and loving in word and deed. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen***

**+SILENT PRAYER**

**+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

L: The Holy Spirit stirs in us!

C: ***We receive the gift of life and the fire of Love!***

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE      "Gloria Patri"**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end! Amen Amen*

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE READING                  Philemon 1: 1-21                  pg. 970

SPECIAL MUSIC                  "I'll Fly Away"                  Gospel Group

SCRIPTURE READING                  Luke 14: 25-33                  pg. 850

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      "Brother and Teacher"**

***We trust in God, Spirit of life,  
Creator of all that is and all that is to come;  
who surrounds us and fills us;  
who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.***

***We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,  
our brother and teacher;  
who lived in prayer and in love.  
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,  
he gave his life in love;  
but God raised him to life that is eternal;  
and so we follow him.***

***We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.***

***We trust in the power of forgiveness,  
the reality of resurrection,  
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen***

\*HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" verses 1-2.....no. 616

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Do Lord" Gospel Group

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

\*HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" verses 3-4.....no. 616

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace On Earth".....no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Stand Up For Jesus Reprise" Gospel Group

(L- Leader; P- **People**. Those who are able, please \*- stand, +-kneel)

Affirmation of Faith from umcdiscipleship.org, written by Steve Garness-Holmes

The altar flowers are given in memory of Bill Harting, by his wife Margaret Harting.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Janine Davis (friend of Pastor Betsy)

Virginia Tobias Betty Good

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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Greeters.....Mardel Lausch

Head Usher.....Kristine Butz



# 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 8, 2019**

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**