

Peace United Church of Christ
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meet & Greet

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Leader – Congregation*)

Leader: We gather in response to God's presence and continuing call. We sing, learn and celebrate a call which sets us apart as those who comfort the broken hearted, welcome of the stranger, challenge those who seek an easy path, a simple way.

Congregation: It's faith lived out which sets us apart, which defines our lives and witnesses to God's presence.

Leader: Worship marks a time for renewal, rebirth and recommitment to a joyous journey working for peace, witnessing to justice and celebrating kindness.

Congregation: Come let us listen together for God's word and God's call.

All: Come let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** #332 (NCH) "As We Gather at Your Table"

WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious and Most Merciful God, the idols we worship are all around – wealth, power, self-righteousness seem to top the list. Forgive us for such a failure of faith and enable us to gain strength and courage and joy from your presence in this

community and the world. And, as we continue on this journey, we pray that You continue to call us to be makers of peace, doers of justice, practitioners of kindness. Hear now our silent prayers of things we have done and things we have failed to do.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: Amen. Let us say what we truly believe.

All: Our confessions are witness to our belief that as we forgive others, God forgives us and that forgiveness is assured by our faith in God's continuing presence as promised by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus whom we believe to be the Christ. Therefore, we declare and accept God's forgiveness. AMEN.

***THE GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father"

WE SHARE IN GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "A Dress Code for Faithful Participation"

WE JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN #206 (NCH)

"A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost"

TIME OF PRAYER Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

IN THANKFULNESS WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

PRESENT OUR GIFTS: *We are on the way with you, gracious God. We put our faith in you. Bless our giving and our gifts.*

OFFERTORY

***Offering Response**

Doxology - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Gracious and Loving God, as stewards of that which has been shared with us, we are grateful for the opportunity to share with this congregation and its ministries. Enable us to use this offering, we pray, in ways that continue to be responsive to Your call to feed the hungry, lift up the broken hearted, welcome the stranger. And we give thanks that as stewards of these gifts, that call continues to be heard and welcomed in our midst. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN #308 (NCH)**

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*When you see an * in the bulletin, you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*