



**Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Tom Williams
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meet & Greet

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

Leader: We enter with joy and thanksgiving – a community seeking to worship, give thanks and be renewed.

Congregation: We gather to embrace one another and celebrate the possibility of serving each and God through an honest response to God's call.

Leader: As a worshipping community, we open ourselves to the continuing presence and call of God to love each other and the world, to seek to learn new ways to respond to God's love of us, and to recommit ourselves to boldly speak out for the poor, the unloved and the stranger.

Congregation: We gather to listen with courage and with joy of God's word and God's call.

All: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** #298 (Notebook) "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious and Most Merciful God, you call us to love without regard but we want to measure and evaluate the other before we embrace that call. Open our minds and our hearts that we might truly seek to make this place and this community a beacon that summons all to build a community

of joy, hope, pleasure, justice, and peace. And, as we continue on this journey, we pray that You continue to call us to be makers of that 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

SERMON

"Rebuilding a Community of Joy, Hope, Pleasure and Peace?"

WE JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN CHILDREN'S SERMON – A New/Old Hymn

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 wealth, 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 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 CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #246 (Notebook) "One Bread, One Body"

(Please see the bulletin insert for the Communion Litany)

EVERYONE is welcome to share in this sacrament of love. There are no restrictions on the Lord's Table.

Please hold each element until all are served.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** #212 (Notebook)

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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