



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**November 12, 2017**  
**Rev. Barb Loose**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the People  
God chose for God's inheritance

People: **We will proclaim liberty to all God's people in every  
land.**

Pastor: For we are God's people. A holy nation – a royal  
priesthood.

People: **In thanksgiving we proclaim the goodness of God, who  
leads us in the way of peace.**

Pastor: Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be the sons  
and daughters of God.

People: **Let all the people praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
– One God forever.**

**\*HYMN OF GREAT PRAISE #592 (NCH)**

"God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"

**\*INVOCATION (unison)**

**Timeless God, we gather again to remember your promises  
and blessings, the freedom to worship you. The beauty of fall  
foliage, the harvest of our first fruits. As we gather together  
we ask your blessing in this time of worship. In Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

**\*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.

**CHILDREN'S TIME – Mini Mission Moment (Veterans)**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Matthew 25:1-13

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S HOLY WORD "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

**SERMON HYMN #102 (NCH) "O How Shall I Receive You"**

**SERMON – God Only Knows**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #381 (NCH) vs. 3 & 4**

"Faith of the Martyrs"

**PRAYERS**

**GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory

\*Doxology

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Accept, O God, these gifts from our hearts and hands; as we  
renew our commitment to serve your people. Follow them  
with your blessing, so they may bring your realm closer on  
earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Directed, Silent, Pastoral, Lord's Prayer**

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING #610 (NCH)**

"My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*