

**Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Tom Williams
November 26, 2017**



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meet & Greet

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

Leader: Called to this sacred space, we make it sacred through acts of welcome, words of acceptance, shared plates of food.

Congregation: **We give thanks for a worshipping community which dares to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, share with those in need.**

Leader: It is a momentary separation from the world and its values that we might be refreshed and reenergized to challenge the hatred, the violence, the greed and the discrimination.

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

All: **Come let us worship God.**

***OPENING HYMN #304 (NCH)**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious and Most Merciful God, tis the season of thankfulness and sharing yet you call us to make every season one of thankfulness, sharing and peace. Enable us to renew our commitment and our faith that we might go forth

from here to continue Your work and build a community of joy, hope, pleasure, and opportunity for all. 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Matthew 25:31-46

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "Feed, Clothe and Care for-Acts of Justice & Mercy?"

WE JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN #547 (NCH) "Amazing Grace"

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 #305 (NCH)

"You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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