



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: In a world of separation and individualism, we are called to live in and celebrate a community, which welcomes the stranger, lifts up the broken hearted and feed the hungry.

Congregation: **We gather with joy and thanksgiving.**

Leader: We gather to learn and to grow, to give thanks and to listen to each other and for the presence and call of God.

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

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** #100 (Notebook)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

WE WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious and Most Merciful God, we live in a culture of violence, environmental destruction and fear but you call us to be makers of peace, sowers of kindness, and lovers of justice. Enable us to dare to embrace of faith which breaks through the barriers that separate and enables us to be the leaders of a community of hope, joy, trust and kindness. 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**

I Samuel 3:1-10  
John 1:43-51

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Mini Missions

**SERMON** "Called to Tell the Stories?"

WE JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

**PRAYER HYMN** #216 (Notebook) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

**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** #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.*