

Welcome to Peace Community of Faith

A Progressive Community . . . A Reconciling Congregation . . . A Place of Peace

A Congregation of the United Methodist Church

Communing with God's Presence

January 30, 2022 + + + + + 10:00 am

Peace is a progressive, multi-generational community of faith called to engage our world through the power of God's love.

We seek to accomplish this by respectfully:

Affirming that all people are a gift of God's love.

Nurturing ourselves and inviting all into God's love and peace through eclectic worship, exploring questions of faith and addressing challenging issues of our day.

Inspiring hope through community action, advocacy and service, taking our faith into the world together.

Gathering As a Faith Community

As we gather together, we relax into the SPIRIT OF LIFE, to settle our souls so that we might reconnect with "THE SOURCE OF LIFE."

Gathering Music

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A Super-Hero God

(Please join in singing the refrains.)

Welcome

Gary Walpole

Inviting Bell to Worship

Singing Our Faith

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Spirit Come

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, Spirit of Life, we live daily in your presence, knowing that what you call us to be and want for us is sometimes at odds with what we and our world are comfortable

with. **Sometimes we feel we are at the edge between the world we are comfortable in and the life of Love you call us to.** In this time of worship, remind us of your gracious and loving way. **Empower us by your holy Spirit that we may have the courage to be about your ministry even as we live on the edge.** Open our hearts to receive your guidance and strength for our lives.

Singing Our Faith

The Faith We Sing 2137

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Young people may gather with Amanda for Seasons of the Spirit at this time.

Hearing our Faith Story

In the second part of our worship, we are invited to "explore our faith," our trust, confidence, and commitment to engage our world through the power of GOD's love, by engaging our Sacred Story.

Our Sacred Story: Luke 4:21-30

²¹ After reading from the scroll of Isaiah Jesus began by saying to them, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

²² All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was just a kid?"

²³⁻²⁷ He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you

something: Prophets are never welcomed in their hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian."

28-30 That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom. But, determined to continue his way he walked right through them.

Adapted from *The Message Bible*
for inclusive language

Speaking of Faith: Love at the Edge

Stewards of Faith

In the third part of our worship, we focus through prayer and offering on what's really important, really essential, to live in the depth of GOD's love.

Music for Reflection

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Love Will Guide Us

(Please join in singing the refrains.)

Offering

*(We are called to transform the world by the power of God's love. Your financial giving helps us accomplish this. **Please support Peace Community of Faith by donating as you leave so that God may work for love and peace in the world through our contributions this week.**)*

Stewardship Prayer

All Living, Loving Spirit, this morning we are grateful for your willingness to empower us to be reflections of your love to all the world. **We offer to you the gifts of our lives.** Accept these gifts as we journey toward your new creation and new community where all shall be well. **Give us vision to live to bring**

about your just peace and courage to do what is compassionate and good with what we ourselves have been given. **Most of all we ask for Love that we may see ourselves, all people and the world as beautiful, fragile and worthy.**

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For God's Gifts (Stanzas 1 & 2)

Prayers of the People

(Petitions concluding with) God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we offer to you the prayers of our hearts and the stewardship of our lives that you may use them to transform us by your love and grace, your justice and peace. **We pray in the name of the One who is our companion toward wholeness, Jesus who is the Christ.**

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For God's Gifts (Stanzas 3 & 4)

Christ Prayer

GUIDER, TRUTH SEEKER, FRIEND; your holy breath continues to sustain us and our universe. **You are love.** Give us daily a collective heart to care for creation. **Heal us so we may be instruments of your peace in a violent world.** Lead us from a self-centered economy to one where all profit. **Deliver us into compassion so we may understand that loving our neighbor allows us to love our Selves more deeply.** May your governing grace guide us. **May your desire for the common good inspire us.** And may the power of your love infuse us, always and everywhere. **Amen.**

Adapted from *The Lord's Prayer* for modern and inclusive language by Gary Walpole
Thanks to the 2015 Storm Mountain Service Team!

Living our Faith

In the final moments of our worship, we commit to taking our faith into a hurting world to transform it by the power of GOD's love. We are reminded to "keep faith as the main thing."

Singing Our Faith

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Things That Can't Be Done

Engaging in God's Love

Postlude

When the Waves Are Crashing
Words: Gareth Hill/Music: Jackson Henry

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS +

We are currently abiding by the following COVID protocol at Peace:

Worship in the sanctuary requires masks and social distancing. Congregational singing is allowed as long as people leave their masks on.

*We continue to collect phone numbers with your attendance check-in, so **remember to sign in this morning** and to contact us if you get COVID after attending worship or any activity at Peace so that we are able to follow through with contact tracing.*

Equal Exchange is back at Peace! Pam Jacobson is taking over as coordinator of the Equal Exchange program at Peace Church. The Coffee Shoppe in the Commons has been restocked! The popular Breakfast Blend is available, as are various chocolate bars, cocoa, and green tea. Talk to her if you have any special requests, such as flavored or decaf coffee, or other teas.

Our Choir's Back, too!



Today is a 5th Sunday! This is your opportunity to help Peace Church chip away at the principal on its mortgage. You may choose to contribute to Fifth Sundays online (go to the Participants page of our website, note the 'Donate' area, log into Simple Church, and click the Fund dropdown to select Fifth Sunday). Or if you prefer, put a check in the plate this morning or mail one to the church office with '5th Sunday' written in the memo line. Thank you!

Encore Time – Encore is a space for middle schoolers and high schoolers to discuss and explore their faith and community. Starting on February 6, we will meet the first and third Sunday of each month after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We're looking for meaningful ways to use our time together; one example is to connect with the watershed restoration group, Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO). Coffee, hot chocolate, and friends are welcome.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Interfaith Housing Webinar –

February 3, 6:30-7:30 pm, followed by 20 minutes of small group discussion. If you want to understand affordable housing needs and opportunities—and make a difference—join advocates with JRLC to learn about and advocate for public policy housing solutions for the 2022 Minnesota legislative session. To RSVP and get the Zoom link, contact Joan at jmilttenberger@jrlc.org, 612-230-3232.

Love Beyond Borders: The Interfaith Movement to End the Pandemic

is a campaign to raise funds for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world. Originating in a UMC church in Idaho, it has been picked up by Global Ministries of the UMC and become one of their Advance Specials in support of COVAX alongside UNICEF, the key vaccine delivery partner. All funds will be sent to UNICEF for this project. Donate to Advance Special #3022671 at

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<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-2079-love-beyond-borders-the-interfaith-movement-to-end-the-pandemic.aspx>

Calendar of coming events - Note that our plans may have to change pending developing health concerns.

Coming up—
Family Ministry Second Sunday Event - Feb 13

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Visit our website for these and other announcements at <https://peaceumc.com/bulletin-board/> and calendar events on the participants page at <https://peaceumc.com/participants-page/>.

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