

FILL, DRAW, TASTE, SERVE

Sunday, January 19th, 2025

Peace United Church of Christ

Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE:

“Prelude on Buinessan”

Edward Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARING OF CONCERNS, BLESSINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Be still for a moment. What do you hear?.....What do you smell?.....What do you feel under your feet?....Beloved of God, God is here.

P: In the familiar and the unfamiliar, God is here with us.

L: Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice?....Who isn't here that you expected to see?....Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

P: In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

L: Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

P: In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

L: God is here. May we pay attention to how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

P: On this day as we begin our worship, let us join in greeting one another, in welcoming and blessing each other with peace.

(please pass the peace, then be seated)

WORSHIP CALL BY BELL CHOIR:

“You Raise Me Up” Words, Music by R. Lovland & B. Graham

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” by W. Runyan

Arranger: S. Eithun

PRAYER: (adapted from “You Raise Me Up”)

L: When we are down and our souls so weary, when troubles come and our hearts burdened be,

P: Then we are still and wait here in the silence until You, O Lord, come and sit awhile with us.

L: O Lord, You raise us up so we can stand on mountains, walk on stormy seas.

P: We are strong when we are on Your shoulders for You raise us up to more than we can be.

L: And so we pray in gratitude for Your faithfulness to us through our worship today and for y_Your many blessings.

P: Amen!

SONG: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" #459

LET US Fill OURSELVES WITH THE WORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD: Pastor Paula

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 62:1-5 Laura Moser

EPISTLE: I. Corinthians 12:1-11 Laura Moser

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 Pastor Paula

THE CONFESSION BASED ON THE GOSPEL:

L: God of miracles,

P: we offer to You the water of our lives. May You work your transforming grace in us; may You change our water into Your wine that we may live fully in the delight You have for us.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are assured that all our sins are forgiven. We are set free because we are Your children, Your beloved.

In the Name of Jesus, we pray and affirm our faith in You. AMEN.

THE MESSAGE: "Mary Saved the Wedding!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.

OFFERING INVITATION:

L: Our offerings can sow miracles in the lives of others, reveal Jesus in our world and spread hope in this community and beyond. Let us give generously.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Hear the Voice of God So Tender"
Skinner Chavez

***DOXOLOGY: (unison)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above you heavenly host;**

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

BENEDICTION:

:L: Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love. Do not be silent about God's faithful love. Shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest.

May God rejoice over us and call us "My Delight." May Christ Jesus bring out the best in us, to His glory; and may the Spirit equip us with all with gifts and talents for the common good.

P: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. AMEN.

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

"God of Change and Glory" #177

(please be seated)

POSTLUDE: "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WELCOME

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Worship Leaders

Today-Jan. 19th

Worship: Pastor Paula

Reader: Laura Moser

Fellowship: Elaine Knoke Martin

Organist: Laura Moser

Ushers: Florence Gifford

Opening/ Sue Stott

Closing

Next Sunday Jan. 26th

Pastor Paula

Bruce Landis

Cookie Cupboard

Arlene Reimer

Dean, Joanne Gray

Steve McCorkindale

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Dr. Cranston, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Dave & Diane B-H, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Wayne Frentress., Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Gerry and Sandy Kramer, Gary and Nancy Kuehl, Mary Ann McMillin, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Payton Renschler, Father James, Mary W's brother, Mike; Kris, Kim's friend

Survivors and first responders of the CA. wildfires

United Church of Christ Disaster Relief for the CA. wildfires:

United Church

of Christ

Box 71957
Cleveland, OH. 44194

Make check to United Church of Christ: put CA. Wildfires 2025 on line item

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-noon-----Monday, Wednesday. Thursday

8 a.m.-10:45 a.m.--Tuesday

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TODAY: Special Congregational Mtg. after worship

Tuesday: Clergy Text Study at 11 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir practice

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Thursday: 9 a.m. Sunday BULLETIN Deadline

Friday: Pastor's Day Off **Saturday:** Worship prep

TIDINGS articles due by Friday, January 24th, 2025

OFFERING BOXES are on table in the back of the church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual meeting reports due by next Sunday, January 26, 2025!

Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025. Both the worship service and the annual meeting will be on YouTube for members unable to attend in person.

A potluck will be held after annual meeting

THOSE WHO OPEN/CLOSE THE CHURCH— When closing the church, turn on the elevator, move the platform up or down a few inches and turn the elevator off.

PEACE CHURCH COUNCIL

Continuing Members: Mike Anderson, Marlis Huinker, Steve McCorkindale

Completing Thersea Freitag's term: Dwight Freitag

New Members: Elaine Knoke Martin, Donna Buckman