

**Peace United Church of Christ  
August 17th, 2025  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
9:30am**



*Joyful Mountain Landscape, Paul Klee*

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Prelude

*Allegro Vivace from Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667,  
"Trout", by Franz Schubert*

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

\*Call to Worship from *Psalm 72*

Bring your justice, O God,  
**Bring your righteousness to our hurting world.**  
Your hope extends as long as the sun and the moon endure,  
**In your time, there shall be an abundance of peace.**  
Bless us with flourishing,  
**Let us worship God!**

\*Song *How Firm a Foundation* #407 NCH

*How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."*

*"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
delivering you from your deepest distress."*

*"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."*

*"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"*

\*Prayer of Confession adapted from a prayer by Jane Stranz, *re: Worship*

**When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God,  
our lives reflect your values of justice and righteousness,  
but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world,  
that your values take second place.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,  
source of power and life.  
Grant us the freedom we find in Christ.  
Amen**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, there is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from the love of God.  
**Through Christ, all things are made new. Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

Contemporary Reading *Untitled*, Hafiz Phyllis Cook, reader

I sometimes forget  
that I was created for Joy.  
My mind is too busy.  
My Heart is too heavy  
for me to remember

that I have been  
called to dance  
the Sacred dance of life.  
I was created to smile  
To Love  
To be lifted up  
And to lift others up.  
O' Sacred One  
Untangle my feet  
from all that ensnares.  
Free my soul.  
That we might  
Dance  
and that our dancing  
might be contagious.

Special Music

*Six Pieces*, Ottorino Respighi

Scripture Reading

*Romans 15:1-6*

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Intergenerational Sermon

*Self Among Others*

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

#31 NCH

**Refrain:**

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
our dear God made them all.***

***Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings.***

**Refrain:**

***The purpleheaded mountain,  
the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.***

**Refrain:**

***The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one.***

**Refrain:**

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sung Amen

Offertory

*Andante* from Piano Quintet, Schubert

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!***

Sacrament of Holy Communion

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is a joy to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(In the United Church of Christ all are welcome to participate in Communion. Gluten free crackers are on the tray and we use non-alcoholic grape juice.)*

Prayer after Communion

**Bountiful God, we give thanks for all we have received at this table through the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Closing Song

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

see insert

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Allegro Guisto* from Piano Quintet, Schubert

Postlude bonus track

*Adagio Cantabile-Allegro Vivace*  
from Sonata in A major for cello and piano, Beethoven

Assisting in Today's Service:

Louise Hawley, Greeter

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Musicians: Emily Ramsey, violin, Ron Kari, viola, Byron Klimek, cello, and Tim Churchill, bass

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