

**Peace United Church of Christ
August 10th, 2025
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am**



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Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

*Call to Worship

We know that no matter where we are, God is there.

We know that our human values sometimes overshadow God's values.

Come into this place to reconnect to the source of life.

We come to be reminded of what's really important.

May we learn to put the blessings where they belong.

May Jesus remind us where to place our values

So that those who most need it are reminded that they are blessed.

Let us worship God.

*Song

I Woke Up This Morning

#85 NCH

***I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah.***

***Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah.***

*Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, we, your fragile children, sometimes neglect to act gently and faithfully with others. We allow our own wants, desires, needs, and emotions to control our actions. We may speak harshly, even cruelly sometimes, and although we instantly regret it, we may do nothing to heal the pain we caused. We come to you today in humble supplication. We admit our faults and ask for the strength to be the kind of people you know we can be. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Children of God, even in the times when we allow our own needs to take precedence over the needs of others, know that God is aware of not only our actions but also our beautiful potential. God's spirit reminds us to seek first God's kingdom. For we know the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Know that God loves you just as you are and you are forgiven. And in that forgiveness, you are set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

***We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God! (x2)
We are walking, oh, we are walking, oh, we are walking in the light of God! (x2)
Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos, Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos! (x2)
Siyahamba, oh, siyahamba, oh, Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos! (x2)***

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:11-15, 17-18

Darlene Leafgren, reader

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life

and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their cry.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears

and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

and saves the crushed in spirit.

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:13-23

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who considers it unclean. If your brother or sister is distressed by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be slandered. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong to make someone stumble by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. Hold the conviction that you have as your own before God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat because they do not act from faith, for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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

Sermon

Building Up One Another

Rev. Laurie Crelly

Song

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#454 NCH

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart...

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart...

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart...

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

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song

I've Got Peace Like a River

#478 NCH

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul,

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got joy like an anchor...

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:

Tent Show Band: Carrie Kelsey, Cathy Ameel, Cyndi Brown, Emily Ramsey, John Bankson,
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