

**Peace United Church of Christ
January 25th, 2026
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Budget Meeting Sunday
10:30am**



*Trim your sail and set your sight,
Chart your course towards His light. ~*

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Prelude *Allegro con brio* from *Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano*, Madeleine Dring

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Melanie Sever
Mike Dayton

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

*Call to Worship from Isaiah 9:1-4

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,
On all of creation light has shined!
The yoke of our burden has been broken by our God,
We rejoice in God's abundance!
God makes a path in the wilderness,
Let us worship our God, our light and our salvation.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service #495, *New Century Hymnal*

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

***So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.***

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and freedom. Reconcile us to you and to all people. Forgive us and strengthen us for new life. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, let us receive this good news:
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Phyllis Cook, reader

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Choir Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd from *Requiem*, John Rutter

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Annual Budget Meeting

Mike Schrage, moderator

Song

You Walk along Our Shoreline

#504, *New Century Hymnal*

***You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul."***

***You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.***

***We cast our net, O Jesus; we seek your promised reign;
We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call on us to gather God's daughters and God's sons
To let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.***

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 semplice from *Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano*, Madeleine Dring

*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

How Firm a Foundation

#407, *New Century Hymnal*

*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!"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Allegro giocoso from *Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano*, Madeline Dring

Assisting in Today's Service:

Lyn Kaim, Greeter

Cyndi Brown, Warren Post, and Cindy Macaulay, Ushering

Gwen Plumb, Craig & Maggie Lilja, and Kirby & Cathy Wood, Coffee Hour Volunteers

Silvee Romberg and Karen Sjelin, Nursery Attendants