

**Peace United Church of Christ
May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday
Graduation Sunday
10:30am**



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Prelude *Concerto #3 k.447, mvt. 1*, Mozart Deb Rausch, horn

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

*Call to Worship from Psalm 8

We rise in awe of God's majestic creation,
God's glory comes to us out of the mouths of babes.
We are in awe of the work of God's fingers,
The moon and stars, all humanity and all creation, God cares for us.
You have show us your diversity and placed your call upon us:
To steward our lives in your path of love.
Let us worship God!

*Song *Womb of Life, and Source of Being* #274, *New Century Hymnal*

***Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.
Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.
Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
Free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.
Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three, and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,***

***Ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.***

*Prayer of Confession

Creator God, Three-in-One, you contain multitudes. Your diverse being reflects the diversity of our world. But we long for simplicity and understanding. We limit and label You and one another. We try to box in what cannot be bound. Open our hearts and minds. Break down the walls that separate us from one another and from you. Embolden us to embrace the unknown and the uncomfortable when it draws us closer to your love. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, the love, power, and wisdom of our triune God is designed for healing and wholeness. There is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from God's grace.

Through Christ we are forgiven. 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!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound!***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Cindy Macaulay, reader

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Anthem

Pilgrim's Hymn, Stephen Paulus

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and

peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Recognition of Graduates

Slideshow with Special Music

Senior Blanket Service

Blessing of the Graduates

Song *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* #351, *New Century Hymnal*

***I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.***

***I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off
and find where demons dwell.***

***When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.***

***In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through
the night complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.***

***I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.***

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 Concerto #3 for Horn, Mozart*

*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 *These Footsteps* #15, *Praise & Worship*

<i>Follow in these footsteps Cast your burden down Breathe like it's your last breath Pray without a sound Offer up your best gift Pass it all around. Follow in these footsteps Walk on holy ground Jump into the river Feel the current's pull Let it overtake you Let it make you full</i>	<i>When you reach the ocean Big and wild and blue Listen to the waves speak Love is calling you You are called my daughter You are called my son Come up through the water Know that we are one Offer up your best gift Pass it all around Follow in these footsteps Walk on holy ground</i>
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*Benediction

*Postlude *Allegro from Concerto #3, Mozart*

Assisting in Today's Service:

Darlene Leafgren, Laurie Berner, and Pam Kramer, Ushers



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Jen x2 Plant Sale Fundraiser, Today, 9:30am-1:00pm

Jen Stenersen and Jen Gelo will have hundreds of flower and vegetable starts available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to invite friends, but the official advertised public start time is 10:30am to not interfere much with the grad brunch.

Apartment Furnishings Requested

The Welcome Circle is helping furnish a studio apartment and can use your help! We are looking for a small couch or love seat; small kitchen table and chairs; bookshelf; tableware; cooking equipment; etc. Send photo of items to clf.frantz@gmail.com and we'll let you know if we can use them. Thank you.

Summer Sunday Schedule

Starting with our Annual Meeting on June 7 we will be switching to ONE SERVICE at 9:30am followed by coffee hour at 10:30am.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 7 After the 9:30am Service

Following worship on Sunday, June 7, we will hold our annual program meeting, electing new leaders and accepting the annual report.

Annual Meeting Potluck

Everyone is invited to a potluck following the June 7 annual meeting. We will provide mini chicken salad sandwiches and vegan chicken salad sandwiches. Gluten-free buns will be available. If your last name starts with A to M please bring a salad or side dish. Last name starting with N through Z please bring a dessert or snack.

Please drop off your potluck dish in the kitchen before the 9:30 am worship. There is plenty of space in the refrigerator to keep things cold and we will have the oven on low to keep anything warm. No need to bring

serving utensils, but please bring a list of ingredients so we can label items that have common allergens.

Children, Youth, and Families Summer Schedule

Reminder to families, there is no Nursery Care during the summer – this includes June 14 - September 6.

Summer services with Children's Church will be: June 7 & 21, July 5 & 26, August 9 & 30. Please mark your calendars!

KidsConnect Camp 2026! June 15-19, 9:00am-12:00pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church

Calling all:

- K through 5 elementary children!
- Youth who want to be Camp Counselors!
- Adults who want to volunteer!

KidsConnect is where children use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place of belonging, make new friends, and follow Jesus's example of making room for all and loving one another. This half day camp is our version of Vacation Bible School in partnership with Pilgrim Congregational and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Duluth. Email Amanda for the registration link at amanda@peaceucc.org.

Capital Campaign Forum, Sunday, June 14, 10:30am

Join members of the Council, Property Team, and Capital Campaign Team to learn more about the upcoming capital campaign. Over the past several months we have been carefully evaluating our church facilities and identifying projects that will help care for and strengthen our ministry for years to come. As we move forward, the thoughtful input of congregation members is essential. Decisions about these projects and future investments in our facilities should reflect not only practical needs, but also the hopes, priorities, and perspectives of our church community. Your voice will help guide the process as we evaluate options, prioritize projects, and determine responsible next steps. If you can't make it in person, a survey will be emailed the following week as well.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 1

9:00am Yoga with Robin in the Fireside and Zoom

5:00pm Making Meaning out of Malignancy in the Fireside Room and Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 3

3:45pm Listen, Reflect, and Connect Group in the Fireside Room

4:00pm Acting for Justice Meeting in the Staff Lounge

5:00pm Bible Study in the Fireside Room and Zoom

5:00pm Grounds Improvement Team Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 7

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis. Children's Church with Amanda McElray Hunter.

10:30am Annual Meeting

11:00am Potluck/Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

11:00am Trans Joy Fest at Park Point