

Peace United Church of Christ
November 1, 2026
All Saints Day
10:30am



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Welcome and Announcements

Ringin' of the Bells

Choral Call to Worship

***Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here***

*Call to Worship from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me,
Let us exalt God's name together.
Taste and see that God is good,
Happy are those who take refuge in God.
Let us worship God!

*Song *By Breath* #1, Praise & Worship

***By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one
The air that is my breath, is the air that you are breathing
The air that is your breath, is the air that I am breathing
The wind rising in my breast
Is the wind from the east, from the west
From the north, from the south
Breathing in, breathing out***

***By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one
The water that is my blood, my sweat, tears from crying
Is the water that is your blood, your sweat,
tears from crying
And the rising of the tide
Is in our veins, and in the ocean wide
We are in the rising steam
Rushing river, running stream***

***By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one
The earth is dust, the earth is clay,
flow'rs blossoming and fading
We are dust and we are clay,
we are blossoming and fading
Every color, every sound,
Every place is holy ground
Oh, every living thing
Can you hear it laugh? Can you hear it sing?
By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one***

*The fire in my heart, my soul flame burning
Is the fire in your heart, your soul flame burning
We are Spirit burning bright
By the light of day, in the dark of night
We are shining like the sun
And like the moon, like the Holy One*

By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, on this day when we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are mindful of the fragility and impermanence of life. We confess that we do not always honor our lives and the lives of our neighbors with the sacred worth you imbue in each one of us. We confess to you in silence.

Transform us, O God, that we might trust in your power and learn from our ancestors. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved, from generation to generation, we belong to God, and God's love will never abandon us.

Through Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Sending the Children

Oh When the Saints

#35, Praise & Worship

Hebrew Bible Reading

Jeremiah 29:4-14

René Montgomery, reader

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Choir Anthem *Deep Peace* (Scottish Gaelic Blessing), Sara Thomsen
Dedicated to Peggy Pearson

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

Holy Angels

#4, Praise & Worship

You are held by holy angels

Holy angels all around you

"Hush, now, sleep child"

Sing the holy angels

"We are holding you.

You can rest."

"Morning will come, child.

The dawn will break through the darkness.

We are holding you

through the light of the newborn day."

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

Reception of New Members

Sharing of the UCC Statement of Faith

#886, *New Century Hymnal*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Introduction of New Members

Covenantal Questions of the New Members

Covenantal Questions of the Congregation

We are grateful for this opportunity to welcome these new members of our congregation. Do you promise to welcome them, to be open to what they bring, and to care for them? Will you pray for and with them? Will you learn from them even as they learn from you? If so, please answer yes. **Yes.**

Congregational Response:

We welcome you with joy into the covenantal life of this church. We promise you our friendship and support as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Our Gifts

Invitation

What shall I give to you? (repeat)

**Oh, that we could give like the rain
Pouring out on rich and poor the same
Oh, that we could give like the sun
Shining light on everyone**

**Teach us how to give we pray
Offering our work and play
Oh, that we could learn how to care
Every breath we breathe a prayer**

**Oh, that like the bread we become
Scattered grains all gathered in one
With this cup of blessing you give
Fill us and teach us how to live**

*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.)*

Music During Communion

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

May the Longtime Sun

#10, Praise & Worship

**May the long time sun
Shine upon you,
All love surround you,
And the pure light within you
Guide your way on.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:

Phyllis Cook, Marsha Hystead, and Mike Swanoski, Ushers

Lu Filkins and Andrew Holmstrom, Nursery Attendants

Loni Cran-Hovis, Janell Kohls, Judy Derauf, and Laurie Berner, Coffee Hour Volunteers

Peace United Church of Christ Staff

Alex Nelson – Livestream Technician

Amanda McElray Hunter – Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator

Bri Dornbush – Office Coordinator

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis – Pastor

Carrie Kelsey – Kitchen Manager

Dan Shepard – Maintenance

Jim Pospisil – Music Director

Rev. Laurie Crelly – Pastoral Care Chaplain

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Rachel Burnett – Business Manager

Sophia Farell – Soundboard Technician

Today's Forum: All Saints Community Art Project

We are looking forward to creating a community art project that honors our loved ones who have died, brings hope into an uncertain time, and connects us to one another. All are welcome, kids included! Amanda & Corinne will be facilitating this forum.

All Souls to the Polls: Early Voting in Interfaith Community,**Today, Sunday, November 1, 12:00–3:00pm****Duluth City Hall & St. Louis County Courthouse, 411 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802**

Voting is a sacred act, honoring our God-given human dignity and worth. Participation in our democracy makes it possible to do what our faith calls us to do, like feed the hungry, care for the sick, and welcome the stranger. On Sunday, November 1, members of faith communities will joyfully declare that people of faith stand for a free and fair democracy. Residents of St. Louis County and/or the City of Duluth will be able to cast their early votes. There will be food trucks, celebrations, public witness and a brief program at 1:00 pm. Early voting is the most secure way to vote. Together we are called to powerful and transformational community!

Prayer Chain Gathering, Sunday, November 8

Prayer Chain get together has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 8, after the 10:30am service. We'll meet in the Music Room. Light refreshments will be served, and Tom Liddle will lead a discussion on prayer. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Linda Goese at lrgoese@gmail.com today!

Chum Assembly, Tuesday, November 10, 6:00–7:30pm, Vineyard Church

Chum is hosting its November Assembly on Nov. 10 at Vineyard Church (1533 W Arrowhead Rd.). From 6:00–6:30 pm you will have the opportunity to socialize and hear directly from Chum Program Staff, before the official meeting which will go from 6:30–7:30 p.m. You do not need to be a Chum delegate to attend! These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for you to engage with the Chum community and hear updates about Chum's exciting transitions.

**Land of Neighbors Listening Session, Sunday November 15, 4:00–5:30pm,
Harrison Community Center 3002 W 3rd St**

Land of Neighbors aims to move beyond outrage and division. This session is a time to create space for neighbors to speak honestly about what matters to them, listen to others, and explore what action might look like together. Join us at the Harrison Community Center from 4:00–5:30pm for dinner, honest conversations, to connect with your neighbors and help us see what we share. Childcare is available; please let us know if you'll be bringing any children. After this session we will begin choosing actions for all of us in the area to work on together. I don't know what those actions will be because we will use your input to determine what they are! For more information and registration, visit <https://minnesotalandofneighbors.org/events/duluth-111526>

PALS November Event

On November 12 the PALS group will once again meet to repackage flour, sugar, and coffee to be included in the Thanksgiving boxes prepared by the CHUM food shelf staff. Last year we raised \$2,000 to buy the supplies and make a substantial cash contribution to the food shelf. Please consider supporting this project with a contribution made by bringing or sending a check to Peace Church with PALS in the memo line. Contributions can also be made online at the church website, again putting PALS in the appropriate line. Please make your contribution as soon as possible and then plan to join us that evening. When the repackaging is completed, we will enjoy a pizza supper.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 4

5:00pm Soup Supper on the Fellowship Hall

5:30pm Childcare Available in the Nursery

5:45pm Bible Study in the Fireside Room and Zoom

5:45pm Kids' Club in the Wildwoods Room

6:15pm Choir in the Sanctuary

6:30pm Middle School Youth Group in the Youth Room

6:30pm High School Youth Group in the Wildwoods Room

7:15pm Confirmation 2 in the Chapel

7:30pm Confirmation 1 in the Fireside Room

Sunday, November 8

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex

9:30am Forum: Stewardship & Capital Campaign 101 in the Fireside Room

10:00am Childcare Available in the Nursery

10:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis. Children's Church with Amanda McElray Hunter

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall