

## Announcements

**June 18:** 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshments — no Sunday School or Confirmation until fall

**Suggestion for Angel Mission donation:** Macaroni and Cheese

**Helping Hands:** \$965.00 on hand.

**June Candle Volunteer:** Nancy Byers Sprague

## Weekly Calendar

**Mon:** 10-12 ESL tutoring... 12-1 AA... 5-6:30 12-step Centering Prayer

**Tues:** 11:30-12:30 ESL tutoring... 12-1 OA... 5-6:45 aerobics... 7-8 AA

**Wed:** 12-1 AA... 1-2 ESL tutoring... 6:30 Centering Prayer

**Thurs:** 5-6:45 aerobics... 5:30-6:30 AA

**Fri:** 12-1 AA

**Sat:** 9-10 AA

**Sun:** 10 Worship, 11 Fellowship, 6-7 NAR-ANON

**SUNDAY, June 25** — 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshments

Greeters and Ushers: Sherry & Rob Middlemis-Brown; Sermon on the Rug and Prayer Writer: Sherry Middlemis-Brown; Refreshments: Liz & Harold Evensen; Nursery: Bobbie Dalquist

### Serving this Morning

Presider/ Preacher: Rev. Melinda Quivik

Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Lector & Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar

Greeters: Lou Ellyn & Ron Helman

Ushers: Bobbie & Dan Dalquist

Sermon on the Rug: Rev. Melinda Quivik

Refreshments: Bobbie Dalquist, Fred Quivik

Nursery: Barb Brookhouse

*Flowers today are provided by Rick vonBatchelder in memory of Melville Merrifield and Linus and Fred vonBatchelder*

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**Portage Lake United Church**  
Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ  
June 18, 2017



## SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

HYMNS: BLUE = Presbyterian Hymnal

GREEN = Sing a New Creation

✦ Please stand if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation

*The Good Samaritan was commended precisely because he acted. The priest and Levite, paragons of Jewish virtue, flunked the test because they didn't do anything. (Brennan Manning)*

*Moment of Silence*

Prelude

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### ✦ OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands!

**Come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God, our Maker to whom we belong.

**We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Good indeed is the Holy One, our God,

**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

✦ Hymn: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

**BLUE #483**

✦ Prayer of The Day

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we come before you knowing your love for us and your mercy, because without you, we are like sheep without a shepherd. We are harassed by sin and helpless against its power. In turn, we harass the helpless and abuse our home, this Earth. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. Holy One, our only Home, restore us, renew us, give us strength to live in gratitude, through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

✦ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Let us greet each other with a sign of God's peace.*

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

**By one spirit we were baptized into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Minute for Mission

Sermon on the Rug for Children of All Ages

First Reading

Exodus 19:2–8a

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

✦ Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35–10:23

Sermon

*Moment of Silence*

✦ Hymn: Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

**BLUE #382**

**RESPONSE** *We respond to the Word with Thanksgiving and Prayer.*

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: Give Thanks

**GREEN #216**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of Our Savior

**BLUE pg. 16**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

✦ Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

**BLUE #326**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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**For reflection in the coming week:**

*How would you respond to the arrival of wandering messengers  
bringing good news in your town  
or on your doorstep? (Matt. 9:35–10:23)*

*Would you welcome them? Listen to their words?*

*What does it mean for the kingdom of heaven to “come near”? (Matt. 10:7)*