

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 10: 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshment, 11:15 Sunday School & Confirmation Class

September 3: Labor Day Office closed

Suggestion for Angel Mission donation: Peanut Butter

Helping Hands: \$997.00 on hand. \$25.00 given to help with gas.

September Candle Volunteer: Volunteer needed

DONATIONS are welcome for Michelle and Kyle as her bone marrow transplant treatment comes to a [hopefully] positive end. Checks may be made to PLUC.

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON CHURCH STAFF: The Personnel Committee will be meeting the church staff (office manager, treasurer, custodian) and the minister in the coming weeks. See Nancy, Lois Jambekar, or Rob Middlemiss-Brown if you have comments to make regarding personnel.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to HELP SERVE COFFEE HOUR: A sign-up sheet is on the Lounge table. A few more volunteers would lighten the load. Consistory discussed simplifying the tasks. You don't have to bake and polish. Make it easy.

Weekly Calendar

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

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

Fri: 9:30-11:00 Nathan cleans church...12-1 AA

Sat: 9-10 AA

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

SUNDAY, September 10 — 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshments, Sunday School for children and adults, and Confirmation — Greeters: Liz & Harold Evensen; Usher: Barb Brookhouse; Sermon on the Rug: Fred Quivik; Prayer Writer: Barb Brookhouse; Refreshments: Lois Jambekar, Lois Young; Sunday School: Barb Brookhouse; Nursery: Trista Burton

Serving this Morning

Presider/ Preacher: Rev. Melinda Quivik

Musician: Ardys Maki

Lector & Greeter: Beth Smock;

Ushers & Refreshments: Sherry & Rob Middlemis-Brown

Sermon on the Rug: Sherry Middlemis-Brown

Prayer Writer: Rev. Peter Norland

Communion: Fred Quivik, Barb Brookhouse

Nursery: Trista Burton

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Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ

September 3, 2017



13th SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Year A

HYMNS: BLUE = Presbyterian Hymnal

GREEN = Sing a New Creation

✦ Please stand if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation

Because our individual stories are deeply embedded in history and traditions that extend across many centuries, generations, and cultures, all of us unconsciously know more than we think we know. ...Through them more of God's spiritual nature has been passed on to us than we can ever imagine or intuit. (Helen Bruch Pearson)

Moment of Silence

Prelude

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

✦ OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;
the glory of God abides with us.

✦ Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

BLUE #263

✦ Prayer of The Day

- ✦ Call to Confession
- ✦ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have failed to show compassion for our neighbors near and far. We have not been patient in suffering; we have not persevered in prayer. We have not lived peaceably with all. Forgive us, free us from discouragement, and in the face of evil's power to make us fearful, give us the courage to cling to what is good. Help us to trust in your everlasting and steadfast love; through Jesus Christ. 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 Jeremiah 15:15–21

Epistle Romans 12:9–21

✦ Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21–28

Sermon
Moment of Silence

✦ Hymn: Deep in the Shadows of the Past **BLUE #330**

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

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: God Welcomes All **INSERT**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Setting the Table

Invitation to Communion

✦ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

✦ Prayer of Our Savior **BLUE pg. 16**

Communion Distribution

Communion is by intinction. If you wish to remain seated, please indicate to a server that you would like the elements brought to you. Christ Jesus is the host inviting us to this table.

Hymn: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant **GREEN #277**

Prayer after Communion

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

✦ Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me **GREEN #267**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

For reflection in the coming week:

*What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus?
 How do I practice that in my daily life?
 How is the cross I am asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?*