

### Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 15:** 10:00 Worship;11:00 Refreshments

**Suggestion for Angel Mission donation:** Baby Food

**July Candle Volunteer:** Liz & Harold Evensen

### Weekly Calendar

**Mon:** 9-10 Conversational English...10-12 ESL tutoring... 12-1 AA...

5:00-6:00 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... 5-6 Centering Prayer... 7-8 NA

**Thurs:** 5-6:45 aerobics... 5:15-6:45 AA... 5:30-8 Susie's music lessons

**Fri:** 9:30-11:00 church is cleaned...12-1 AA...6:30-8:00 AA

**Sat:** 9-10 AA

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

**SUNDAY, July 15**—Greeters: Liz & Harold Evensen; Usher: Nancy Byers  
Sprague; Sermon Under the Tree: Mark Marino; Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar;  
Refreshments: Nancy Byers Sprague, Dianne Sprague; Nursery: Barb Brookhouse

#### Serving this Morning

Presider: The Rev. Peter Norland; Musician: Ardys Maki

Lector: Harold Evensen; Greeter: Lois Jambekar

Usher and Prayer Writer: Barb Brookhouse;

Sermon Under the Tree: Rev. Peter Norland;

Refreshments: Liz & Harold Evensen;

Nursery: Heather Deering

## Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ

July 8, 2018



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

HYMNS: BLUE = *Presbyterian Hymnal*

GREEN = *Sing a New Creation*

✚ Please stand if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation

*In prayer, we need to speak whatever truth is in us: pain and grief,  
fear and disappointment, yearning and desire, questions and doubt,  
hope and faith, failure and weakness, praise and thanks, despair and  
sorrow, anger and yes, even hatred.*

*(Marjorie J. Thompson)*

*Moment of Silence*

Prelude

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

✚ OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

God is mighty in word and deed.

**God's mercy is everlasting.**

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

**Glory to God forever.**

✚ Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**BLUE #281**

✚ Prayer of The Day

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OFFICE HRS: 8-11 am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri; PASTOR'S OFFICE HRS: 9-noon Thurs or by appt

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name,  
yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless  
of your call.**

**By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life  
that we may return to faithful living,  
in Christ's name we pray. 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.*

Sermon Under the Tree for Children of All Ages

First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

✦ Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

*Moment of Silence*

✦ Hymn: The Servant Song **GREEN #277**

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

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: Calm to the Waves **INSERT**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

✦ Prayer of Our Savior

**BLUE pg. 16 (ecumenical)**

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

✦ Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples **BLUE #434**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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**For personal reflection in the coming week:**

*Stuff distracts us. Useless clutter we think we cannot live without can be a burden: too many coats, shoes, garden tools, or mismatched kitchen storage containers with no lids in sight as they tumble out of overstuffed cabinets. Perhaps our clutter shows up in other ways: on a computer that has grown slow from processing too many useless files, or when our minds grow dull from too much Web surfing or television viewing. Do you struggle with too much stuff? How do Jesus' words about traveling light challenge you to change the way you live? How can you follow him more faithfully today?*

**Next Sunday's scripture passages to read in preparation for worship:**

*Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29*