

## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 7:** 10:00 Worship (Communion); 11:00 Refreshments;  
11:30 Sunday School

**October 2:** 7:00 Pastor Search Committee

**October 3:** 6:30-8:00 Youth Group @ PLUC

**Suggestion for Angel Mission donation:** Cleanser

**October Candle Volunteer:** Nancy Byers Sprague

## 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... 12:30-2:00 ESL tutoring... 5-6 Centering Prayer... 6-8 Youth Group...7-8 NA

**Thurs:** 10-12 International Neighbors...5-6:45 aerobics... 5:15-6:45 AA

**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....11:30 Sunday School...6-7 NAR-ANON

**SUNDAY, October 7**—Greeters: Nancy Byers Sprague, Dianne Sprague;

Communion: Terry Monson, Ebenezer Tumban; Ushers: Lou Ellyn & Ron

Helman; Sermon Under the Tree: Eric Byykkonen; Prayer Writer: Carl Vilmann;

Refreshments: Lou Ellyn & Ron Helman; Nursery: Bobbie Dalquist

### Serving this Morning

Presider: The Rev. Peter Norland; Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Lector: Sherry Middlemis-Brown;

Greeter: Karen Hubbard; Usher: Barb Brookhouse

Sermon Under the Tree: Rev. Peter Norland;

Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar

Refreshments: Lois Jambekar, Bobbie Dalquist; Nursery: Heather Deering

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## Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ

September 30, 2018



## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

HYMNS: BLUE = *Presbyterian Hymnal*

GREEN = *Sing a New Creation*

✙ Please stand if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation

*I am beginning now to see how radically the character of my spiritual journey will change when I no longer think of God as hiding out and making it as difficult as possible for me to find (God), but instead, as the one who is looking for me while I am doing the hiding.*

*(Henri J.M. Nouwen)*

*Moment of Silence*

Prelude

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

✙ OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon this gathering of your people,

**pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

Be near to us and speak to us,

**and we will proclaim your glory.**

✙ Hymn: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**BLUE #315**

✙ Prayer of The Day

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

**God, our strength and savior,  
you know our great transgressions,  
our hidden faults, our secret sins.  
With our hands we grasp at power;  
with our feet we stumble into evil;  
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
and lead us in your holy way  
of life and love and peace;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Epistle James 5:13-20

✦ Gospel Reading Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

*Moment of Silence*

✦ Hymn: We Cannot Measure How You Heal **GREEN #69**

**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

✦ Prayer of Our Savior **BLUE pg. 16 (ecumenical)**

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

✦ Hymn: When in Our Music God Is Glorified **BLUE #264**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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

*Numbers 11:24–29 and Mark 9:38–41 are both concerned with expressions of divine power that occur outside the bounds of formal leadership and authority. Where have you experienced God's mighty or gracious action in the church and in the world? What does it mean for the church to pray or act in the name of Jesus Christ? How do you account for gifts of the Spirit that seem to spill out beyond the church's control?*

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

*Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16*