

*COURAGE FOR COMMUNITY*  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Peace United Church of Christ      Elkader, Iowa 52043

PRELUDE:      "Praise God the Father"      Franklin Ritter

**CANDLELIGHTING, BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:**

L: God of unity,    **P: we do not always live as people bound together by love. May you forgive us when we forget to pray for those in need, care for those who are sick, give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, when we judge others and neglect living according to your teachings. As forgiven people, may you flavor us with your love and strength to repent, knead into us your mercy and grace, sprinkle us with spices of compassion and commitment. As we are forgiven, let us forgive others. In your name, we pray! AMEN!**

**THEME OF WORSHIP:**

**\*GATHERING WORDS: (inspired by James 5, Mark 9)**

L: Come, you who are suffering and sick!

**P: God is our help and our strength!**

L: Come, you who are filled with joy!

**P: God is our help and our strength!**

L: Come, people of faith, your prayers are needed here!

**P: God is our help and our strength!**

L: Come, you who are sprinkled with salt or dull with doubt!

**P: God is our help and strength.**

L: Come, call on Christ's name, believe in God's love, trust in the Spirit's guidance. Now let us turn to our neighbors, to those whom we know, to those who are strangers and share the peace.    **(please pass the peace and then sit)**

**GATHERING SONG:**    "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"    #480

**GOD'S WORD FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**      Pastor Paula

**EPISTLE:** James 5:13-20--THE MESSAGE    Laura Moser

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9:38-50      Pastor Paula

**MESSAGE:** "How to Get Along and Keep the Body Intact"

**MESSAGE SONG:** "Help Us Accept Each Other"    #388

### **CALL TO PRAYER:**

L: Are any among us suffering? Let us offer prayers for healing. Are any among us cheerful? Let us offer words of praise. Come, let us pray together for the prayers of the righteous are powerful!

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

L: God of love and power, hear our prayers. We pray for those who are suffering and sick, for those who are grieving and feeling lost and for all of us as we struggle with temptation and sin. Especially we pray for those on our prayer.....(followed by silent prayer for others)

God of love and power, **P: hear our prayers!**

L: We pray for those who serve and share in ministry around the world, for those who lead and guide others in their journeys of faith. Today, we remember those who serve and lead us on our journeys. (silent prayers)

God of love and power, **P: hear our prayers!**

L: We give thanks for those who are cheerful and bring joy to our lives, for those who are loving and kind.

God of love and power, **P: hear our prayers!**

L: We pray for leaders on every level to be guided in ways of peace and understanding, to be willing to set aside differences and work for the good of all,

God of love and power, **P: hear our prayers!**

L: We pray for those who are in harm's way in war torn areas, in the midst of violence and those who perpetrate violence, those who are coping with natural disasters and the interruption of their lives.

God of love and power, **P: hear our prayers!**

L: We give thanks for the grace of Christ, for the presence of God in our world and our lives, for the support of the Holy Spirit. God of love and power, we ask that you hear our prayers and be with us as we pray together the Jesus prayer:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### **INVITATION TO SHARING:**

L: May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of abundance that God's creation has sufficient resources and a prayer of hope that needs can be met.

**P: May you bless and honor our gifts, O generous God. We pray to you with our mouths, hearts and spirits as well as with our time, talents and treasures. AMEN**

### **RECEIVING OF OFFERING:**

#### **OFFERTORY:**

"Throw Out the Life Line" Edward Smith

**\*THE DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**AMEN.**

**\*BENEDICTION: (unison)**

May the love of God uphold us as our love of neighbor compels us to respond.

May the peace of Christ sustain us as the work of peace inspires us.

May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct us as the call to live in courageous community beckons us.

L: Yes, let us go in the assurance of belonging to God and to one another in hope and joy.

**P: AMEN!**

**\*SENDING FORTH SONG:**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age” #306

**\*POSTLUDE:**

“O Day of Radiant Gladness” George R. Woodward

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**Worship Leaders**

**Today-Sept. 29th**

**Worship:** Pastor Paula

**Reader:** Laura Moser

**Fellowship:** Gnagys

**Organist:** Laura Moser

**Ushers:** Grays

**Opening/  
Closing** Grays

**Next Sunday, Oct.6th**

Pastor Paula

Arlene Reimer

Cookie Cupboard

Laura Moser

Arlene Reimer

Gary Kuehl

***PRAYER LIST:***

Bob, Cheryl, Dr. Cranston, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Dave & Diane B-H, Terry Baumgartner, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns' family, Cheryl, Deb Dennler, Steve Doepke, Wayne Frentress, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Gerry Kramer, Gary & Nancy Kuehl, Louise, Marlene

Marmann, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Pat, Lucena Phelps, Sharon Reichert, Peyton Rentschler, Harry Robbins, Joan Strauss, Teena, Father James (Pastor Paula's oblate director),

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**9 a.m.-noon—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**8-11 a.m.----- Tuesday**

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

**TODAY:**

**FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETS AFTER WORSHIP**

**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir; 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
5 p.m. Deadline for Bulletin

**Friday:** Pastor's Day Off

**Saturday:** Worship Preparation

***OPENING FOR CHURCH SECRETARY: Peace UCC is currently seeking a part time church secretary. In the TIDINGS, a job description is included.***

**INFORMATION ON TABLE IN REAR OF SANCTUARY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM ALONG WITH SIGN-UPS FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND FUNERAL USHERS.**

***CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS to our temporary secretary, Brittany Barkus! Brittany has accepted a call to a 2 point parish in Upper Michigan. Her ordination will be Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. St. John's Lutheran in Arlington. Soup Supper will follow the service! All are welcome!***