

OFFERING INVITATION: (unison)

O God, may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing to the world you so love. As we seek to be faithful stewards of your good gifts, may you give us wisdom, guard our paths and not let our feet slip.

AMEN

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:

“Heal Our Land” Tom and Robin Brooks

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

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

***BENEDICTION: (inspired by the Epistle)**

L: Beloved by God, we are called through the gospel to stand firm and hold fast to the good news.

P: May our Lord Jesus together with the Holy Spirit, our comforter, and God our Father, comfort and strengthen us in word and deed.

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” #4

***POSTLUDE: “Sing Unto the Lord”** Becky Fender

HOLD ON TO RESURRECTION FAITH

November 9th, 2025 22ND Sunday after Pentecost

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

By John B. Dykes arranged by Carol Tornquist

BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

HONORING VETERANS’ DAY: A Reading

A MUSICAL SALUTE FOR VETERANS’ DAY:

music provided by Diane Finley

***PASSING OF THE PEACE: (please be seated)**

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND GRACE:

L: Gracious God, **P: we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, fear and anger, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine and hope for another way. Our hopes crumble, our hearts are faint. In our worship today, may you breathe new life into us as we face the challenges of our lives. May you restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. We give thanks that you hear our confession and forgive us, giving us strength to change our ways. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (inspired by Psalm 98)

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, make a joyful noise all the earth!

P: Sing and praise the Lord, making joyful noise with instruments and voices.

L: Let all of God's creation roar, clap hands for joy and may all the hills sing before the King, the Lord.

CHANCEL CHOIR SONG:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

GOD'S WORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD: Pastor Paula

OLD TESTAMENT: Job 19:23-27 Lucy Sharp

EPISTLE: II. Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Lucy Sharp

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38 Pastor Paula

GOSPEL PRAYER: (unison)

Beloved God, you are married to us in this life, and married to us in the next. We give you our hearts as they are now and as they shall become, that you may raise us up to new life in Christ. AMEN.

MESSAGE: "Paul and Jesus Drop the Mic"

MESSAGE SONG: "Be Now My Vision" #451

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD:

L: Loving God, we breathe in your goodness. (silent meditation) In the quiet of this moment, we rest in your presence and our hearts turn to you in gratitude.

P: In this space of time together, we know both joy and distress, pain and contentment, burden and ease. We know that your grace is wide enough to fully cover our needs, dreams and experiences. And so, we give you thanks.

L: We lift up the ones who are laid low in grief, those who are suffering under oppression and violence. May their cries for help be heard and may they be rescued.

P: May you show us how we can do our part to bring about the justice and righteousness of your kingdom.

L: We lift up the ones whose hearts are full of joy today. We give you thanks for signs of your goodness and grace in the midst of a world that too often embraces darkness.

P: We pray for your church here and your Church around the world. May we see Jesus in the face of other people and cherish the diversity and variety of gifts each person has to offer.

L: We lift up these prayers and prayers for those in our midst who are named now. (prayer list and other requests) Finally, we lift up all these prayers, knowing that you listen to us with love and care. And now we join together in the prayer our Savior taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (unison)

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 forever and ever. **AMEN.**

WELCOME

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WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>Today-November 9th</u>	<u>November 16th</u>
Worship: Pastor Paula	Pastor Paula
Reader: Lucy Sharp	Sue Stott
Fellowship: Grays	Mary Webber
Organist: Laura Moser	Laura Moser
Ushers: Grays	Kim Frentress
Opening/Closing: Grays	Volunteer needed

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Wayne & Kim Frentress, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Ruth Grau, Penny Jacobson, Dee Koehn, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Father James, Fred, Roger; Sam; Brian Rentschler family; Brian Winkler

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY: 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Office open
5:30 p.m. Council mtg.
5:30-7 P.M. Weekly Grief Support mtg at St. Joseph's Catholic church

TUESDAY: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Office open
11 a.m.-Clergy Text Study

WEDNESDAY: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Church office open
1 p.m. BULLETIN DEADLINE
5:30-6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY: 9 a.m.-noon Pastor Paula in office

FRIDAY: Office closed Pastor's Day off

SATURDAY: Worship Preparation

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED: We are updating our e-mail information. Please call or e-mail office!

Christmas Fantasy Community Chorus begins rehearsals in school music room 4:30 p.m. Sundays until the end of November. Sunday, December 7th at 2 p.m. is the Christmas Fantasy at the Elkader Opera House.

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED~ New QR code to scan with phones is on back table. PLEASE sign up either by using QR code or calling church office or signing on the sheet in the back of the church!