

BEING A PROPHET LIKE JESUS AND GOING FORTH
***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND BENEDICTION:**
(unison)

Gracious God, You have come to us in humble bread and drink. You feed us with unexpected grace. Now, as we gather for our annual meeting, we have been fed to serve among those who are overlooked and rejected, to meet You among those who are not loved, to receive Your grace among those who are outcast. In the name of Christ, led by Your Spirit, we go forth to bring good news to all. AMEN.

SONG: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #292

POSTLUDE: "The Love of God"
Frederick Martin Lehman

BEING A PROPHET LIKE JESUS

Sunday, February 2nd 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Peace United Church of Christ

Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Rowland H. Pritchard---arranged by Carol Tornquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEING A PROPHET OF PEACE LIKE JESUS

(passing of the peace, then please sit)

BEING A PROPHET OF PRAYER LIKE JESUS

People and pastor will be using sign language for key words. After each petition, the pastor will sign first and then the people will join in.

L: Let us pray: in a cynical world of despair, O God, **P: may You give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim Your hope.**

(raise right hand higher than left with hands facing each other-then bend the fingers)

L: In a violent and angry world, O God, **P: may You give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim Your peace.**

(left hand grabs right hand, right hand grabs left hand, then spread both hands, palms down and fingers spread apart)

L: In a world that is dismissive, disinterested, full of dislike of individuals and groups, O God, **P: may You give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim Your compassion.**

(right hand on chest, then turn hand palm out)

L: In a lonely and often inhospitable world, O God, **P: may You give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim Your love.**

(both hands across chest)

L: In a grieving and weeping world, O God, **P: may You give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim Your joy.***(place right hand on chest, make waving motion)*

L: May we be so captivated, O God, by Your hope, Your

peace, Your compassion, Your joy that we cannot help but live like you. We give You thanks and praise in our worship today. **P: AMEN!**

SONG: "God Speak to Me that I May Speak" #531

BEING A PROPHET OF THE WORD LIKE JESUS

BEING A PROPHET LIKE JEREMIAH: Jeremiah 4:1-10

BEING A PROPHET LIKE PAUL: I. Corinthians 13

(Responsive reading)

L: If I speak in tongues of humans and angels, if I have prophetic powers and all knowledge, if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, if I give away all my possessions and hand over my body so that I may boast, I am nothing.

P: Love is patient, kind, not envious, jealous, arrogant or rude; does not insist on its own way nor is it irritable.

L: Love does not keep record of wrongs nor does love rejoice in doing wrong but rejoices in the truth.

P: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

L: But as for prophecies, they will come to an end.

P: As for tongues, they will cease.

L: As for knowledge, it will come to an end.

P: For we know only partly and we prophesy only partly, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

L: When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, reasoned like a child.

P: When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

L: For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face.

P: Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

L: And now faith, hope and love remain, these three;

P: And the greatest of these is LOVE.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

MESSAGE: Part Two: The Homecoming: Then and Now

BEING A PRAYING PROPHET LIKE JESUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 forever and ever. AMEN.

(OFFERING CAN BE LEFT IN PLATES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)

HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON: (unison)

God of love, we confess those times when we have not loved patiently, kindly; when we have been envious, rude, boastful, insisted on our own way. Our love is imperfect. May you forgive our sins, heal our hearts and renew us in Your perfect love.

L: By God's grace through Jesus Christ, God has forgiven our sins entirely and set us free to love deeply by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

INVITATION:

L: Blessed are all who come in Your name, O Risen Prophet and Savior, Jesus Christ. You love beyond boundaries, include the rejected, bless the broken, invite all to your table of grace. You have risen from the dead and invite us to your table that you share with all people of every tribe and tradition. And now let our feast be blessed by song.

COMMUNION SONG:

Chancel Choir

"Remember Me" Music--A. Adams, Words--S. Andrews

SERVING THE MEAL

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Worship Leaders

Today-Feb. 2nd

Worship: Pastor Paula
Reader: Kristina Bente
Fellowship: Potluck
Organist: Laura Moser
Ushers: Reimers

**Opening/
Closing** Bruce Landis

Next Sunday, Feb 9th

Pastor Paula
Sue Stott
Mary Webber
Laura Moser
Mary H, Betty M.,
Jane W.
Sue Stott

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Dr. Cranston, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Wayne Frentress., Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, family of Gerry Kramer, Gary and Nancy Kuehl, Marilyn Nielsen, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Payton Renschler, Father James, Mary W's brother, Mike; Kris, Kim's friend; Survivors and first responders of the CA. wildfires; refugees across the world, the least ones across the world

**United Church of Christ Disaster Relief for the CA. wildfires: United Church of Christ Box 71957
Cleveland, OH. 44194**

Make check to United Church of Christ: put CA. Wildfires 2025 on line item

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-noon-----Monday, Wednesday. Thursday

8 a.m.-10:45 a.m.--Tuesday

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TODAY: ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Tuesday: Clergy Text Study at 11 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Thursday: 9 a.m. Sunday BULLETIN Deadline

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: Worship prep

OFFERING BOXES are on table at back of church.

8:55 a.m.—livestream of worship begins

9:55 a.m.—separate livestream of annual meeting.

TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM OF THE ANNUAL MTG.:

How to live stream: close out the worship service. Reopen your live stream to the annual worship. Two separate live streams will facilitate viewing at a later date. For those watching by live stream, you can ask a question, make a comment or vote, by e-mailing peaceucc@alpinecom.net The church's laptop will be in the church itself and monitored so that those viewing the livestream can participate with those present in real time.

THOSE WHO OPEN/CLOSE THE CHURCH— When closing the church, turn on the elevator, move the platform up or down a few inches and turn the elevator off.