

RESTORING, REFORMING, RECONCILING
REFORMATION SUNDAY
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader. Iowa 52043

PRELUDE: "For All the Blessings of the Year"

David H. Hagarty

CANDLELIGHTING, BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

L: Let us come before God on this day, 507 years after the Reformation, facing with honesty what happened and whom we are today with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

THE 507 YEAR OLD REFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION STORY

TRANSFORMATION INTO NEW LIFE:

L: Merciful God, we come before you today, knowing that there are so many needs in our community and our world. Too often, those in need are ignored due to the blindness of prejudice, busyness and apathy which interfere with caring for others and respecting their rights. **(Silence)**

L: O Jesus,

P: your grace includes everyone. Through your presence within us, we are called to reconcile with each other and you. So, may we rejoice that you reform us as a caring community, renew us to be compassionate individuals. Through the guidance of your Holy Spirit, we can be the builders of hope and healing. AMEN.

L: May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us eternal, abundant life. As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of Christ is with us all.

(passing of the peace of Christ)

***THE REFORMATION HYMN:**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #439

(please be seated)

**GOD'S REFORMING, RECONCILING,
RENEWING, RESTORING WORD**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD:

L: Across time and place, people of faith gather to praise God's holy name on this special day.

P: We gather, seeking to understand and whom we are. So we praise God's holy name.

L: Across time and place, God teaches us to be seekers, to be curious about life.

P: It is through God's Word that we seek to understand and grow. So we praise God's holy name.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD:

Pastor Paula

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Steve McCorkindale

EPISTLE: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Steve McCorkindale

GOSPEL SONG: "Help Us Accept Each Other" #388

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52 Pastor Paula

MEDITATION ON BARTIMAEUS

L: Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the roadside. He began to shout and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet.

What or who has silenced you?

L: Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

Imagine that Jesus is calling you, Jesus wants you, needs you, loves you.

L: The people called to the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart, get up. Jesus is calling you."

Say these words quietly to yourself, "Take heart, Jesus is calling to me."

L: Throwing off his cloak, the blind beggar went to Jesus.

Cast aside your safety and go to Jesus.

L: Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" And Bartimaeus answers "Let me see again."

What would you want Jesus to do for you?

L: Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Immediately, the sight of Bartimaeus is restored and he follows Jesus.

What new way will you follow?

L: Let us pray: "Jesus, beloved Son of God,, have mercy on me.

P: "Jesus, beloved Son of God, have mercy on me."

MESSAGE: "What do you want me to do for you, Jesus?"

SONG: "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers" #397

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 INVITATION:

L: Let us give our gifts as a sign of our faithfulness.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Henry Percy 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:**

L: Let us go now in peace,

P: loving the Lord, loving our neighbors near and far as ourselves. **AMEN!**

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #42

***POSTLUDE:**

“Singing Songs of Expectation” Thomas John Williams

WELCOME

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Worship Leaders

Today-October 27th

Next Sunday, Nov. 3rd

Worship:	Pastor Paula	Pastor Paula
Reader:	Steve McCorkindale	Jane Metcalf
Fellowship:	Cookie Cupboard	Cookie Cupboard
Organist:	Laura Moser	Laura Moser
Ushers:	Diane F, Deb D.	Arlene Reimer
Opening/ Closing	Pastor Paula	Bruce Landis

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 Doepcke, Wayne Frentress, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Gerry Kramer, Gary & Nancy Kuehl, Louise, Marlene Marmann, the Randy McMillin family, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Pat, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, 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
8-11 a.m.-----Tuesday**

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TODAY: SET UP FOR SILENT AUCTION

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

Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Ecumenical Ministerium Mtg.
Peace

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: Worship Preparation

NEXT SUNDAY: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!!

FALL BACK ONE HOUR! ALSO NEXT SUNDAY, ALL SAINTS DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED!

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HURRICANES RELIEF THROUGH THE UCC:

Make check to UCC: on memo line-Hurricanes 2024

Send to:

UCC Box 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH—Ecumenical Thanksgiving service here at 3 p.m.

NEWS FLASH

Last year, Rev. Roberto Ochoa from the national UCC office visited Peace as the director overseeing the work of small, rural churches, etc. The Conference Minister Search Committee has recommended him as the candidate to be the next Conference Minister for the Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska Conferences.