

**OFFERING INVITATION:**

L: In gratitude for all that God provides for us, with hope in the future, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work in this time and place.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart"  
Ernest Orlando Sellers

**\*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: (unison)**

**May the God of Hope stir us to awaken to divine  
dreams.**

**May the Christ of Light help us to boldly use our  
voices.**

**May the Spirit of Peace fill us with the resolve to  
transform our world.**

**With the blessing of the Triune God, may we not lose  
heart but fill it with love and grace. AMEN**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Lord, Speak to Me" #531

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Sweeter as the Years Go By"  
Leila Naylor Morris

***ALWAYS PRAY, ACT BOLDLY, LIVE JUSTLY***

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa**

**PRELUDE:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles C. Converse Richard A. Williamson

**BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

**GATHERING SONG:** Bell Choir

"The Gift of Love" Hal H. Hopson

**TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**GATHERING GUIDANCE:**

"The Gift of Love" Hal H. Hopson

**P: Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the  
gift to all inspire and have not love; my words are vain;  
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess but not be given by  
love within; the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**L: Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long  
to be made whole.**

**P: Let inward love guide every deed; by this we  
worship and are freed.**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP:**

**L: God of justice, you bring us into a place of freedom. You  
have given us your law, your gifts of wisdom and power  
according to your grace. You speak Your Word to us; may  
you raise your voice in our hearts and souls.**

**P: Speak, for the universe listens. Speak, for your  
people are listening. Speak in us, we are listening.  
Speak to us in song, in word, in message, in prayer.  
AMEN!**

### **THE WORD PLANTED IN US**

**SONG:** "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" #318

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Jeremiah 31:27-34 Kristina Bente

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:1-8 Pastor Paula

**MESSAGE:** "Have the Faith of a Bee"

**RESPONSE TO MESSAGE:** (unison—2 Tim. 3:14-4:5)

Let us continue in what we have learned and believe. These sacred writings are able to instruct us for salvation through faith in our risen Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God, useful for teaching, reproof, correction and for training in healthy living. Then may we be equipped for every good work.

So, let us proclaim the message, be persistent, convince, rebuke, encourage and be patient. May we learn not to believe in myths but listen to the truth told in the Word. Let us endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist and carry out our ministries.

**PREPARATION SONG FOR PRAYER:**

"Take My Life, God, Let It Be" #448

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You created the heavens and earth, placed us in your world to glorify you forever.

**P: We pray for rest— for healing for all who are weary from illness, grief, loneliness and loss, from unmet requests and unjust treatment.**

L: We pray for attention to your gifts of grace that we might know delight and spread that delight to all whom we meet.

**P: We pray to say no to destructive forces, to idols and ways of living that are addictive and unhealthy for our relationships.**

L: We pray for nourishment that all souls may be nourished with healthy food and focused on truth and goodness.

**P: We pray for the log in our eyes, the temptation to be overly concerned with others' behavior while ignoring our own faults and failings.**

L: We pray that you might speak to us today, that your Word live within us, that you give us the right words to speak in these troubled times for we need eyes to see and ears to see the new Word that you are still speaking today.

**P: We pray for wonder and awe, that you might bring peace to war torn lands and a renewal of life.**

L: Finally, we pray for all those needs that are named on our prayer list and needs that are unnamed. (prayer list)  
Into your hand, O Lord, we place these prayers, longing for the day when you make all things new. And now we join our voices with disciples of all the ages, praying as Jesus has taught us:

**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-October 19th</u>	<u>October 26th</u>
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<b>Worship:</b> Pastor Paula	Pastor Paula
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<b>Reader:</b> Kristina Bente	Laura Moser
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<b>Fellowship:</b> Storbecks	Potluck
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<b>Organist:</b> Laura Moser	Laura Moser
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<b>Ushers:</b> Kim Frentress?	Reimers
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<b>Opening/Closing:</b> Sue Stott	Gary Kuehl
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**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; Dalen Moser; family of Don Wilkey

**ATTENTION: Worship leaders needed! New QR code to scan with phones is on back table. PLEASE sign up either by QR code or calling church office or signing on the sheet in the back of the church!**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**MONDAY:** 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Office open  
5:30-7 P.M. Weekly Grief Support mtg

**TUESDAY:** 8 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. Pastor in office  
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—Office open with Pastor  
Paula present

**FRIDAY:** Office closed                      Pastor's Day off

**SATURDAY:** Worship Prep--TIDINGS deadline

**COMING EVENT:** Paula Lofstrom and David West, International Health Partners-Tanzania will be with us next Sunday for a presentation on their work.

*ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of John & Lois Storbeck's wedding anniversary. Blessings!*

**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 6:30 p.m. Sundays beginning Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. is the Christmas Fantasy at the Elkader Opera House.