

You can order altar flowers for special occasions.
If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up in the church foyer. Cost is \$25.

Special Prayer Requests

Greg Anderson, Inge Baumgartner, Dorothy Buckner, Linda Cranston,
Abby Folsom, Tom Gifford, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Nancy Kuehl, Marlene Marmann,
Ruth & Jenny Olson, Floyd Possehl, Sharon Reichart, Vi Sadewasser, Sarah Coobs Smith
(Please call the Church office to add/remove someone from special prayer request list.)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Pastor: Mark Yackel Juleen

Organist: Laura Moser

Acolyte: Millie & Jonah Burns

Ushers & Greeters: Deb D & Diane F

Reader: Steve McCorkindale

Opening/Closing: Bruce Landis

Fellowship (Herbster Hall): Steve & Ann McCorkindale

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 19: 9:00am—Worship, Fellowship

Wednesday, March 22: 5:30pm—Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm—Choir Practice

Birthdays:

3/20—Inge Baumgartner 3/21—Sue Gnagy & Lucy Sharp 3/24—Dorothy Buckner & Janis Lerch

3/25—Bonnie Syverson,
Alyce Hunt, Mary Webber, &
Ken Dettbarn Jr.



Sign up for Worship Assistant Tasks in the back of the sanctuary or sign up online at:
<https://signup.com/go/GvtgeeP>

Easter Lily Order Envelopes are enclosed in the bulletin. Return orders to the offering plate or drop off at the office. All orders due by Sunday, March 26th.

Next Week's Responsibilities:

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Pastor: Craig Strutt

Organist: Laura Moser

Acolyte: Reese & Rylie Kuhse

Ushers & Greeters: Gwen Dettbarn

Reader: *Volunteer Needed*

Opening/Closing: Nancy McClure

Fellowship (Herbster Hall): Kenny & Penni Leonard

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Come Peaceably

Welcome



*Welcome to worship at Peace United Church of Christ.
Visitors and guests are invited to pick up a welcome packet
at the entrance to the sanctuary.
Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are
available upon request from an usher.*



*Peace United Church of Christ is
a multigenerational community of faith.
We welcome people of all ages, races, and life situations
to join us in our calling to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.*

* Please stand as able Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

God Welcomes Us Home

Prelude— “Here I Stand” The Iona Community

Bell Choir Prelude “It is Well” Philip Bliss

Ringing of the Bells

• *Call to Worship*

One: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

Many: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

One: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

Many: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

One: God’s call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

One: In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart.

Many: Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn* “Amazing Grace” #547

* *Invocation*

Anointed One, Your love comes peaceably into our lives if we will but let it. We are so fixated on the gold standard, the familiar, and the safe choice that we often lose sight of what You are raising up right in our very midst. Enliven us with Your Spirit this day so that we might get a glimpse of Your peace. Take what we might imagine as too small for Your kingdom and use it to open the world to Your overflowing abundance and provision for all that you have created. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

* *Sharing Christ’s Peace*

Bell Choir Special “Gethsemane” Afdahl

Welcome and Announcements (please use Microphone)

God Speaks in Us and Through Us

First Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 Sue Stott

Children’s Message

* *Gospel Reading* John 9:1-41 Pastor Mark Yackel-Juleen

* *Doxology #780*

*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.*

Message “Believing is Seeing” Pastor Mark Yackel-Juleen

* *Sermon Hymn* “God is My Shepherd” # 479

* *UCC Statement of Faith*

#885

Invitation to Generosity

One: It is not the outward appearance or size of the gifts we have to share that matters to God. It is the loving generosity of our hearts that is closest to the heart of God. We are invited to give this day out of the abundance of our lives, from our heart, knowing that no matter the size of the gift that God knows our hearts.

Offertory “A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost” Irish Folk Melody

* *Song of Commitment* “Bless Thou the Gifts”

*Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in thy hand.*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Generous God, You remind us that You “anoint our heads with oil” and that our “cup overflows” with Your abundance. We do not take for granted all that You provide. Take these gifts and use them for the healing and tender care of Your hurting world. May Your cup of love overflow and abide with the hurting and heartbroken, forgotten and despised, so that we may all be made whole. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns (please use Microphone)

Prayers of God’s People—Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

* *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.**

God Blesses and Sends Us

* *Sending Hymn* “Jesus the Christ Says” #48

* *Benediction*

Kindred, set out from this place not to anoint power, prestige, and the outer appearances of grandiosity. Rather, set out from this place to anoint healing, renewal, and raise up those unexpected places and people that God has set apart for the transformation of the world. Open yourselves to the surprising and unexpected movements of the Holy Spirit, for around the corner of every assumption we carry and every community we live in, is a small shepherd among us waiting to lead with God’s help. Go forth in peace to lead, to love, and be renewed by God. Amen and Amen!

* *Postlude* “Postlude in A Minor” E. Heyer

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