

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (unison)

Steady God, life whirls around us but when we turn to you, you are calm and generous. You feed us with your word through silence, prayer, song, scripture and message. Calm us today to hear you and be fed by you. **AMEN.**

THE FEEDING OF THE WORD

INTRODUCTION:

Pastor Paula

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS:

2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ann McCorkindale

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Laura Moser

"Your Love Never Fails" Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

Pastor Paula

GOSPEL SONG: "Break Now the Bread of Life" #321

MESSAGE

"Leftovers—what happens to them?"

CALL TO PRAYER:

L: Jesus, you take the little loaves of our faith and multiply them with grace.

P: You walk across the rough seas of our fears to be present with us.

L: You welcome our prayers.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

L: Wonderful, generous God, today we come to you in prayer, your gifts overwhelm us.

P: Your sun lights the way for our life journeys, your stars brighten the darkness.

L: Your living water quenches our thirst, your broken bread opens the door to eternal life.

P: Your healing touch binds up our wounds, your forgiveness washes clean our sins, your strength helps us find the courage to repent, to change.

L: Wonderful, generous God, may you bring comfort to those who agonize over broken relationships, who mourn the

death of what and who used to be, who face changes in life.

P: May you touch the bodies and minds of those who need healing—liberate those trapped in addictions and unhealthy habits, attitudes and actions—may you bring surprising joy and comfort to those who are feeling discouraged.

L: Wonderful, generous God, we lift prayers for those in our midst. (Reading of prayer list) May you bless each of them, draw close to them and to us.

P: Wonderful, generous God, may you make this church where seeds of faith grow, joys and sorrows shared, songs sung, dreams are born, ripples of loves spread. And now, in the name of Jesus our Lord who teaches us to pray at all times in all circumstances.....
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: May we follow the example of the young boy in our Gospel lesson and give generously, freely. The offering will be taken at this time.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus:" Thomas John Williams
***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:**

P: Hungry for God, we have gathered here today. Where will we find what will nourish us? We have but 5 loaves and 2 fish.

L: Jesus takes our gifts and multiplies them, helps us to grow.

P: We struggle against the winds and waves of our lives.

L: Jesus calms us and brings us to a place of peace because of his grace and mercy, care and compassion.

P: Amen! We can go forth, fed to feed others!

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#425

***POSTLUDE:**

"Postlude on a Theme by Mendelssohn"

by Ellen Jane Lorenz



CONTINUING MIRACLES

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader. Iowa 52043

PRELUDE:

"Serenity"

Tom Birchwood

CANDLELIGHTING AND BELL RINGING,

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS

SPOKEN PRELUDE:(unison) inspired by today's scriptures
God, Creator of all, we rejoice that you are a God of abundance. In faith, we pledge to live lives of abundant generosity.

Jesus, we rejoice that you are the bread of life that you accompany us through our deepest struggles. In faith, we trust you for you have died and been raised from the dead. You help us through the seasons of life, blessing us with your presence.

Holy Spirit, in faith, we give ourselves to your care and guidance. In all things, may we do your will and share your love. In the name of Christ, AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" #4

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: In our need and hunger, God,

P: you feed us abundantly.

L: In our fears and struggles,

P: you bring us through the storms.

L: God of grace, you bring us to a place of peace.

P: We thank and worship you. We open our hearts to each other by greeting each other with the sign of peace. (please pass the peace and then sit)