

***POSTLUDE**



WE ARE CALLED

October 26th, 2025 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE:

BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

**WELCOME to Paula Lofstrom and David West of
International Health Partners-Tanzania**

INTRODUCTION OF PAULA AND DAVID

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:** (please be seated)

OPENING BLESSING:

L: Kwa Jina la Baba na la Mwana na la Roho Mtakatifu.
AMIN.

(In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: How beautiful are the feet who bring good news!

P: Yanapendeza Mungu! (they please God)

L: How beautiful are the hearts lifted up to God!

P: Yanapendeza Mungu!

L: How beautiful are the hands who lift others up, who bring care and show compassion!

P: Yanapendeza Mungu!

L: How beautiful are the lips who offer God praise!

P: Yanapendeza Mungu!

L: How beautiful are the arms who bring comfort to the hurting and sick!

P: Yanapendeza Mungu!

PRAYER: (unison) (translated from Kiswahili)

**O God, you declare your mighty power in every land
and in every language. May you grant all who follow
you, love and obey you, the fullness of your grace.
Then all may share your heavenly glory through your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**

SONG: "In Christ, There Is No East or West" #395

CONFESSION AND GRACE:

L: Let us open our hearts and confess our sins for our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

P: Holy Lord, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess that we skirt the hard edges of your Word and lean into our own certainty. Often we sidestep challenges and ignore messengers. We resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling, calling, calling us. Have mercy on us! Soften our pride. AMEN.

L: Hear the Good News! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Let us know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

THE WORD OF GOD

MEDITATION on today's Epistle and Gospel:

2. Timothy 4:6-8 and Luke 18:9-14 Pastor Paula

MESSAGE: "We Are Called" Paula Lofstrom

MESSAGE SONG:

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #495

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (translated into English)

Lord, our Father in heaven abiding. May your name always be hallowed by us. Your will is righteous and ever consistent in heaven and also on earth. Give us this day what we really have need of. Please forgive us the sins we have committed. Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor as you have forgiven ours. Far from temptation we ask you to lead us. Save us also from all that is evil. Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory at this time and world without end. AMEN

OFFERING INVITATION: (unison)

God of all nations, may you receive this offering and bless it to your eternal purpose. You have blessed us with your salvation, your holy Spirit and blessed all the world with the gift of your Son. With grateful hearts, we offer up a portion of our blessings so we can join with your world-wide church in sharing your generous grace. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

***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:L: Kwende la Jina la Baba na Mwana na Roho Mtakatifu. Amin. (Go in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen)**

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" #539

WELCOME

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Today-October 26th**Worship:** Pastor Paula**Reader:** Laura Moser**Fellowship:** Potluck**Organist:** Laura Moser**Ushers:** Reimers**Opening/Closing:** Gary Kuehl**November 2nd**

Pastor Paula

Arlene Reimer

Cookie Cupboard

Laura Moser

Reimers

Bruce Landis

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 Wilke, family of Duane Klink

TODAY'S WORSHIP INCORPORATES ELEMENTS OF TANZANIAN WORSHIP (LUTHERAN STYLE) AND OUR UCC CUSTOMS.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY: 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Office open
5:30-7 P.M. Weekly Grief Support mtg
at St. Joseph's Catholic church in town

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. NO CONFIRMATION

6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY: Starting at 10 a.m., Pastor Paula will be moving to new apt. so I will not be in the office. Help is welcome in the move. Until afternoon of November 3rd, my landline phone # cannot be reached. Please use cell phone—no texting! I have access to e-mail at the church!

FRIDAY: Office closed

Pastor's Day off

SATURDAY: Worship Prep

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 tonight. Sunday, December 7th at 2 p.m. is the Christmas Fantasy at the Elkader Opera House.

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED~ New QR code to scan with phones is on back table. PLEASE sign up either by using QR code or calling church office or signing on the sheet in the back of the church!