

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

L: It is time to share our gifts, to share God's abundance with others.

P: We give, asking that our gifts be used to spread God's love and grace in this community and beyond.

OFFERING IS TAKEN

OFFERTORY: "Prayer Time" by Paul Taylor

***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: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you, for us.

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us as we go forth. AMEN!

***SENDING SONG:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #43

***POSTLUDE:** "O Day of Radiant Gladness" anonymous

SHAPED BY PRAYER

July 27th, 2025 **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Peace United Church of Christ **Elkader, Iowa**

PRELUDE: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" with
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Stuart Townsend—arranged by Carol Tornquist

BELL, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS

***please stand if able**

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: from THE MESSAGE translation

L: Philippians 4:4-7:

Celebrate God all day, every day, I mean *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you are on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayer, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

L: I. Thessalonians 5:16-18:

P: Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants we who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

L: Ephesians 6:18:

P: Pray hard and long in the Spirit at all times. Pray for our brothers and sisters, pray for all in the world. Keep our eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG OF PRAYER:

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" #505

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Ask, and it will be given to you.

P: Loving God, we ask for life, peace, grace.

L: Seek and you will find.

P: Jesus we are searching, seeking for your way; searching, seeking for life; searching, seeking for your grace.

L: Knock, and the door will be opened.

P: Holy Spirit, we come knocking at the door of this moment. May you open to us as we open our hearts to you. In our worship, we ask that you grant us your grace and love. AMEN!

THE GRACE FOUND IN GOD'S WORD

THEME AND INTRODUCTION: Pastor Paula

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 18:20-32 Steve McCorkindale

EPISTLE: Colossians 2:6-19 Steve McCorkindale

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13 Pastor Paula

MESSAGE: "Living the P.U.S.H. and A.S.A. P. Life"

SONG OF HOPE IN PRAYER:

"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed" #537

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

L: Let us begin our time of prayer together. Let us pray for the world, its people and leaders. (silent prayer)

L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: hear our prayers.**

L: Let us pray for those in need; those who are in prison, those who are oppressed; those who are persecuted, those who are discriminated against, those who grieve, those who suffer from illness, injury and other health issues. (silent prayer)

L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: hear our prayers.**

L: Let us pray for those in our midst whose need of prayer is known to us. (reading of prayer list—then silent prayer)

L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: hear our prayers.**

L: Let us pray for those who work to keep us safe, who respond in emergencies, who are caregivers. (silent prayer)

L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: hear our prayers.**

L: Let us pray for those who are struggling in the midst of humanitarian disasters caused by wars and other acts of violence, those living through acts of nature. (silent prayer)

L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: hear our prayers.**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom as we pray together the prayer your Son, our Lord and Savior, has taught us to pray: **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.

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Worship Leaders

Today- July 27th

Worship: Pastor Paula
Reader: Steve McCorkindale
Fellowship: Cookie Cupboard
Organist: Laura Moser
Ushers: Dean, Joanne Gray
Opening/ Gary Kuehl
Closing

Next Sunday, Aug. 3rd

Pastor Paula

Laura Moser

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Wayne and Kim Frentress; Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Ruth Grau, Penny Jacobson; Dee Koehn, Jerry Koons Joyce M., Pat M., Ruth Olson, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Father James; Tammy; Jane I; Fred; family of Alice Reimer

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday: Office hours 9 a.m.-noon
Tuesday: Office hours: 8-10:45 a.m. Text Study-11 a.m.
Wednesday: Office hours: 9-noon
Thursday: Office hours: 9-noon
BULLETIN DEADLINE—8 A.M.
Friday: Pastor's Day off
Saturday: Worship Preparation

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS BACK TO SCHOOL DROP OFF EVENT

July 1st-August 4th

Office hours: 9 a.m-12; 1-4 p.m. M-F

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