



**WHO  
ARE  
YOU,  
JESUS?**

**You're Always Welcome Here at  
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**September 12, 2021**

\*Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING MUSIC**

#52 There is a Name I Love to Hear

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *This morning Jesus asks us questions which will turn us speechless;*

Many: **Jesus tells us things about himself we will imagine we need to correct;**

One: *Jesus offer us speech which flows like cool water through parched spirits;*

Many: **and words with which to proclaim the path that leads us to life,**

All: **Knowing that no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey we are welcome here.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Holy Wisdom of God you call to us from the depths of our hearts, where we long for connection with you and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods, where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories, where you create, challenge, comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community where you are at the center. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

#304 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 8,  
SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE**

Page 624 New Century Hymnal  
#13 O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BIBLICAL TESTIMONY:** Mark 8:27-37

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."<sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."<sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.<sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?<sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?"

**CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY:** excerpts from Rudyard Kipling's poem "If", adapted.

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all others doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream---and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think---and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same.  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;  
If...

(see insert)

**SERMON** Naming Others

**\*HYMN** # 44 Beautiful Jesus

**OFFERTORY / \*DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts to create greater access, insights, and wisdom for people within and outside of these walls.  
Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:**

**Deloris Ashburn Clara Ritter**

**CONCERNS**

Divided America	Hatred in America	
Bill Rittscher, Ken's brother		Harlene Redinbaugh
Clara Ritter	Gene Fields	Jesse Johnson
Dustin Meyer	Eric Heithoff	McCoy Backer
Laura Rutjens	Kathy Rethwisch	Larry Bartee
Fr. Pat Nields	Deloris Mozer	Michelle Dittmer
Kandi Hart	Deloris Ashburn	Diann Larson
Dr. Phil Ernest	Dave Carstens	Carter Brown
John Johnson	Holli Perez	Theresa Sullivan Meyer

**JOYS**

**Successful Burgers and Brats Benefit**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PEACE CHURCH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW WEBSITE at [tildenpeace.org](http://tildenpeace.org) . Visit our website to get events, sermons, bulletins, donate online, and more! Thanks Alex!!!**

**We need your help to UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY. Please visit <http://tildenpeace.org/directory>. The password is "family". Please add any missing entries or suggest edits for outdated information. Anyone can do it!!**

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**Mercy Meals will be holding its "PACK AWAY HUNGER DAYS" on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3, 2021. This year the event will be in a new location, 603 Madison Avenue in Norfolk. Teams of 8-10 people will pack food for one and one-half hours. It costs \$260 for the food that the team will package and shipping costs are significant. If you can donate money or give of your time to pack meals let Janell Oelsligle know (email: [jkoelsligle@gmail.com](mailto:jkoelsligle@gmail.com); Phone: 402-992-0730). Checks should be made out to Peace UCC and put "Mercy Meals" in the memo. The deadline to reserve a table and also pay is September 10, 2021 so do not delay. Thanks.**