



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

October 10, 2021

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING MUSIC** # 595 Some Glad Morning

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Great God, when we cannot see you,*

Many: **you look with compassion upon us;**

One: *when we cannot speak a word,*

Many: **you hear the sighs of our hearts;**

One: *when we are too weary to put one faltering foot in front of the other,*

Many: **you carry us in your strength;**

One: *as we seek to challenge the unfairness of our world,*

Many: **you stand beside us in your justice.**

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following you. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus into that life he offers to each of us. Amen.

***HYMN**

#24 The God of Abraham Praise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 90
SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE

Page 680-681 New Century Hymnal
#25 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

28Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: Excerpt from *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World*. by Tracy Kidder

He had described himself as "a poor people's doctor," but he didn't quite fit my preconception of such a person...Obviously, a young man with his advantages could have been doing good works as a doctor while commuting between Boston and a pleasant suburb — not between a room in what I imagined must be a grubby church rectory and the wasteland of central

(see insert)

Haiti. The way he talked, it seemed he actually enjoyed living among Haitian peasant farmers. At one point, speaking about medicine, he said, "I don't know why everybody isn't excited by it." He smiled at me, and his face turned bright, not red so much as glowing, a luminescent smile. It affected me quite strongly, like a welcome gladly given, one you didn't have to earn. But after our dinner I drifted out of touch with him, mainly, I now think, because he also disturbed me...The world is full of miserable places. One way of living comfortably is not to think about them or, when you do, to send money.

SERMON

What to Do?

***HYMN**

#454 Lord I Want to Be A Christian

OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Generous God, may our offerings sustain and support the work of this church to love and care for the least of these, those who have suffered trauma and those with no safety net. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

Deloris Ashburn Clara Ritter

CONCERNS

Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers

Family and Friends of Skip and Marilyn Wingate

Ciera Nygren

Bill Rittscher

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

Dave Carstens

Carter Brown

John Johnson

Holli Perez

Theresa Sullivan Meyer

JOYS

Birth of Henry David Dahl, son of Eric and Melisa born on

September 19, 2021

Birth of Rivers Judy Johnson, daughter of Richard and Cassie born on

August 20, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 10:00.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet today at 2:00 to 3:30.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING will be collected again today in case you missed last Sunday. Please use the envelope in the bulletin for this special offering.

BLOODMOBILE will be held October 18th from 12:30 to 6:30 at the Tilden City Auditorium.

PASTOR MELANIE's office hours are Sundays noon-2. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402) 841-1450 or revdocmel@gmail.com

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