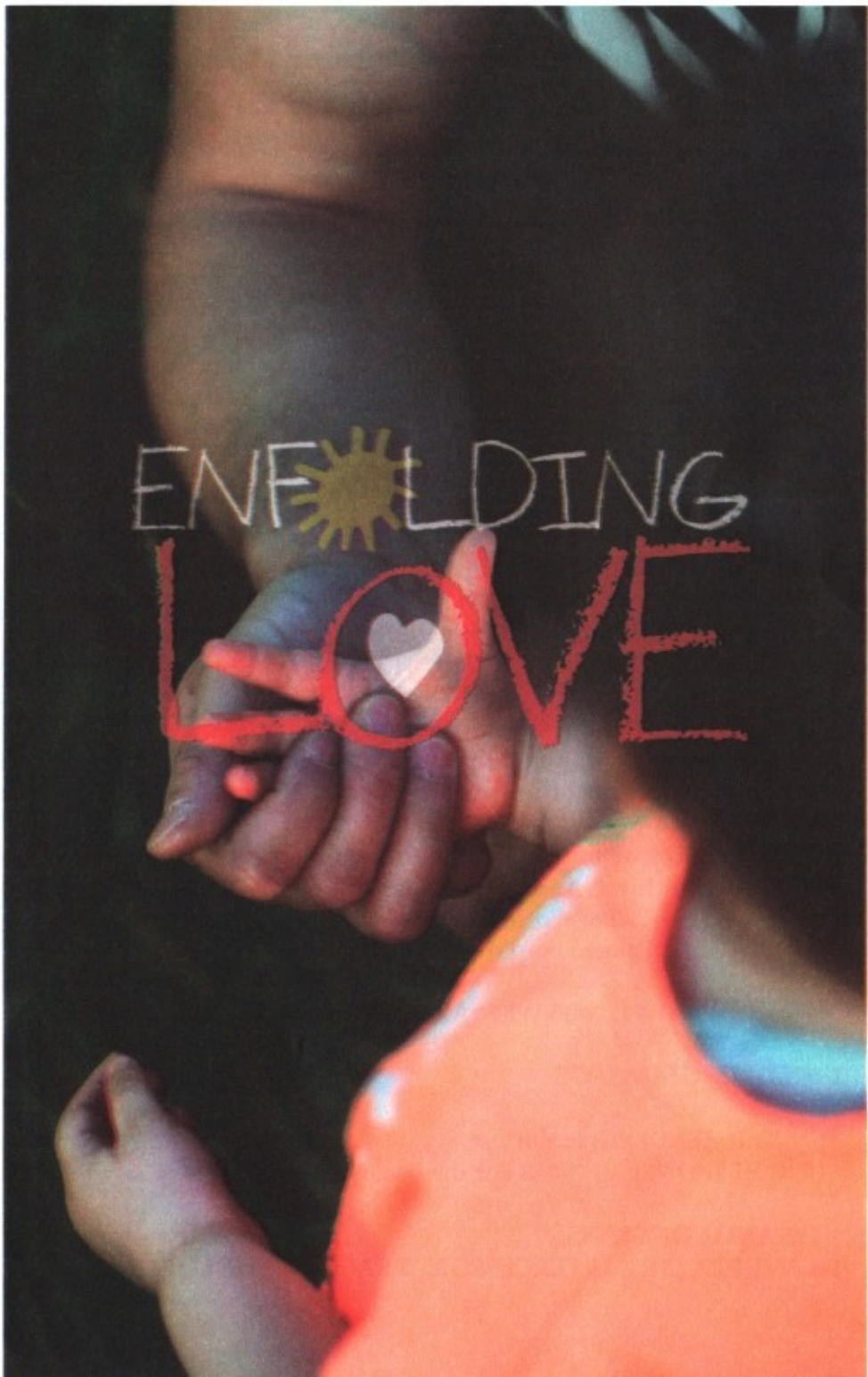


ENFOLDING

LOVE



You're Always Welcome Here at
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
World Communion Sunday October 3, 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: *And the table will be wide.*

Many: **And the welcome will be wide.**

One: *And the arms will open wide to gather us in.*

Many: **And our hearts will open wide to receive.**

One: *And we will come as children who trust there is enough.*

Many: **And our aching will be met with bread.**

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**God of Nourishment, we open our hands to the feast without shame.
We turn toward each other without fear. We will give up our appetite
for despair and we will taste and know
of delight. May we become bread for a hungry world and drink
for those who thirst. And everywhere will be the feast. Amen.**

-Call to Worship and Opening Prayer adapted from the
Painted Prayerbook by Jan Richardson

***HYMN** #86 When Morning Gilds the Skies

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 25 Page 635 New Century Hymnal

SUNG RESPONSE #28 For the Beauty of the Earth

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Luke 14:7-12

When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: From "Why I Take Communion by Monica A. Coleman

Once a month, I gather with community -- some are friends; some I barely know. We tell stories of how God brought us out of difficult times and into freedom. This is bread for our journey together. We sit at the table with people who have hurt us. We trust that God will give us the grace we need to be more than we are. We drink in these promises of God.

Once a month, I gather in community to learn friendship, fellowship and forgiveness from what Jesus did. . . and this kind of work requires a meal.

SERMON Kamp Kaleo Holly Gage

Please welcome Holly Gage to worship. Holly is the Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Holly is a lover of bedtime stories, camp cabins and songs around the fire.

OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION OF GIFTS

God, you call us to share what we have. So we ask that you bless these resources that they might reach the broken-hearted, the unemployed, the fearful ones, the guilty ones, the lonely, the anxious, the despairing, the grief-stricken until all of your children are welcomed to the table. Amen.

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*HYMN #11 Bring Many Names

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
THE STORY REMEMBERED
THE BANQUET SHARED
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Satisfying God, may this table ever feed us when we are starving for justice, when we crave a sense of belonging and community, when the journey seems too far and too long and we long for respite and relief. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

Deloris Ashburn Clara Ritter

CONCERNS

Divided America	Hatred in America	
Family and Friends of	Skip & Marilyn Wingate	
Ciera Nygren	Bill Rittscher	Harlene Redinbaugh
Clara Ritter	Gene Fields	Jesse Johnson
Dustin Meyer	Eric Heithoff	McCoy Backer
Laura Rutjens	Kathy Rethwisch	Larry Bartee
Fr. Pat Niels	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

Birth of Rivers Judy Johnson, daughter of Richard and Cassie born on
August 20, 2021
Successful Burgers and Brats Benefit

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 10:00.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet with Holly after worship today.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING will be collected today. Please use the envelope in the bulletin for this special offering.

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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