

A dark silhouette of a person's head and hand pointing upwards, with text overlaid. The person's hand is pointing upwards, and the text is written vertically along the hand. The background is white.

RISK AND RESTORATION

**WELCOME TO
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
November 7, 2021**

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

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING MUSIC** #28 For the Beauty of the Earth

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Our ancestors came from different lands and different peoples*

Many: **Some of us traveled across the ice, others came later in boats,
still others of us waded rivers or arrived in planes. Some came
against their will.**

One: *Here, on this land, a dream was born.*

Many: **A land of freedom from all oppression,
A land of hope for our children,
A land of people in community under God.**

One: *We have turned to lands and peoples who gave us birth:*

Many: **Send us the voiceless. Send us the fearful.
Send us the oppressed. God, help us to do your work until
your dreams for this land come true...**

***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** #18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 34, Page 644 New Century Hymnal

SUNG RESPONSE #13 O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Deuteronomy 8:7-10

7For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: an excerpt from "The Land" by Walter Brueggemann

Israel's faith is essentially a journeying in and out of land, and its faith can be organized around these focuses. This subject is worth our attention because contemporary problems are quite parallel. We know in our time about the hunger for rootage and the yearning for turf. We know about the destructive power of coveting and the anxiety of displacement. And we know from time to time about gifts given and promises kept. In ancient Israel and now, persons and communities have been consumed by problems, most of which are about land. And so we may ask about the power of the promise which is also mostly about land – a promise both glorious and problematic.

SERMON Gift and Challenge

OFFERING, 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.

*HYMN #330 Let Us Break Bread Together

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE STORY REMEMBERED

THE BANQUET SHARED

(see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Great God, for bringing us from east and west, north and south to this table of plenty. We thank you for the fruit of the vine and grain of the fields that feed us today. May we be nourished to make here, on this land, a place of welcome and refuge for all your children. Amen.

*HYMN #80 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

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 Pam Ashburn

Family and Friends of Gerald McNally

Kelli Koepke and Family

Diann Larson

Ciera Nygren

Bill Rittscher

Clara Ritter

Gene Fields

Jesse Johnson

Dustin Meyer

Eric Heithoff

McCoy Backer

Laura Rutjens

Larry Bartee

Fr. Pat Nields

Deloris Mozer

Michelle Dittmer

Kandi Hart

Deloris Ashburn

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 10:00.

CONFIRMATION will meet following worship today.

BENEFIT FOR GRAHAM SAYERS AND HIS PARENTS, Jay and Lisa (Henseleit) of Tilden, today, November 7th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Tilden, NE. Graham is only 5 months old and is being treated for neuroblastoma (cancer) in Omaha. It will be a Pancake Breakfast with free will donation. There will also be a silent action. Please plan to attend and support this young family. Donations can also be made at Cornerstone Bank, Tilden or via Venmo @lisa_sayers.

An ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 7 PM at the Tilden Library.

PASTOR MELANIE'S OFFICE HOURS are now Sundays 1:30-3:30. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402)500-3412 or revdocmel@gmail.com

PEACE CHURCH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW WEBSITE at tildenpeace.org .

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!!

The Living Waters Association invites you to attend the ANNUAL FALL GATHERING on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. The meeting will incorporate worship with the business of the Association. Due to the continued need for safe gatherings it will be held virtually via ZOOM and a link will be sent at a later date. Associate Conference Minister Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones will be preaching for worship.

Fifty years ago, Jean Warrick started a Junior High Choral Clinic that was held for area Junior High students to come together and make great music together. Fifty years later, the clinic is still being held at Elkhorn Valley. We will honor our very own Jean Warrick and our guest clinicians will be her students and EV graduates, Fred Ritter, Dale Ritter and Pat Miller. The concert will be Friday, November 12 at 5:30 PM.