



STRONG and Tender

**YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE AT  
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**March 13, 2022**

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

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING MUSIC**

#471 What a Covenant

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Sheltering God: when we are afraid bring us into your heart;*

Many: **When we lose our way, grace us with your presence.**

One: *Mothering God: gather up our doubts and transform them into confidence;*

Many: **surround our fears and transform them into faithfulness.**

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

Our Mothering Hen who art brooding over us, hallowed be thy sheltering wings. Forgive our unwillingness to come into your embrace and gather us in, reluctance and all. Free us from fear of foxes and the sharp bite of anything that separates us from you. Open our eyes to the plenty around us. Open our hearts that our plenty be shared. Lead us not into contention but into the dance of connection, for thine is the grace that wakes us each new day and thine is the mercy that puts our souls at ease and thine is the love that sets our hearts alight. Forever and ever, Amen.

-A prayer by Tammerie Day

**\*HYMN**

#400 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 27,

page 637 New Century Hymnal

**SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE**

#459 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

#### **BIBLICAL TESTIMONY:** Luke 13:31-35

*31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. '34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

#### **CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY:** (When Death Comes by Mary Oliver)

*When death comes*

*like the hungry bear in autumn;*

*when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse  
to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;*

*when death comes*

*like the measles-pox;*

*when death comes*

*like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,*

*I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:*

*what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?*

*And therefore I look upon everything*

*as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,*

*and I look upon time as no more than an idea,*

*and I consider eternity as another possibility...*

*When it's over, I want to say: all my life*

*I was a bride married to amazement.*

*I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.*

*When it is over, I don't want to wonder*

*if I have made of my life something particular, and real.*

*I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,*

*or full of argument.*

*I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.*

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**NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:**

Deloris Ashburn          Clara Ritter          Diann Larson

**CONCERNS**

Pierce family who lost 3 children in house fire.  
War in Ukraine  
"Hate-full" and Divided America  
Members of Tilden Church of Christ

<b>Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers</b>		
Keith Redinbaugh	Diann Larson	Ciera Nygren
Bill Rittscher	Clara Ritter	Gene Fields
Jesse Johnson	Dustin Meyer	Eric Heithoff
McCoy Backer	Laura Rutjens	Fr. Pat Nields
Deloris Mozer	Michelle Dittmer	Kandi Hart
Deloris Ashburn	Dave Carstens	Carter Brown
John Johnson	Holli Perez	Theresa Sullivan Meyer