

Peace United Church of Christ
October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



World Communion Sunday

1530 Grand Avenue, Schofield, WI
Website: **www.peacechurchucc.com**



We are an Open and Affirming Church

We worship together in a hybrid format: in-person worship and via live stream on YouTube. Whichever way you join us for worship, it is our hope that you will feel God's presence through the spoken word, the silence of prayer, and the blessing of music during this time. May we know closeness through the Spirit, knowing we are one in God.

You can reach the live stream worship through our website, click here: www.peacechurchucc.com. Click on the button for YouTube. It is on the right side, under a red heading that says, "Stay Connected." You can also watch the service at a later date. Please use this bulletin to enhance your worship experience. Although we may not yet all be physically present at this time, we are still gathered spiritually and socially. As the song says, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the PEOPLE!"

If you are in need of prayer, or a call to catch up with our fellow members & pastor, please contact the church office at 715-359-2136 right away. We have volunteers who are eager to keep in touch. Wherever you worship, we hope you feel the PRESENCE of our church family and the Holy Spirit.

Please continue your faithful support of Peace UCC. You can give online at <http://www.peacechurchucc.com/> or mail it in.

*** When you see an * in the bulletin, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

WELCOME TO PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 4, 2026

We Gather Before God

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: *"See Us Lord, About Your Altar"*

DRAKES BROUGHTON

Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you: the spirit.

Welcome (Each to Each)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Call to Worship-responsive (remain seated)

One: It is you, God, who have created us and set us free from all that oppresses.

All: We sing your praise!

One: It is you, gentle Christ, who have transformed our lives with God's love.

All: We declare our thanks!

One: It is you, Holy Spirit, who give us a new way to live.

All: We give to you our whole being.

May we worship you in all we do!

***Opening Hymn:** *"Yigdal Elohim Chai"*

Black Hymnal #24

***Opening Prayer (In unison)**

God of love, we give thanks that we are not alone; we are all members of the Body of Christ, members of one another, united with your beloved people around the world. You extend your compassion to all people. Give us hearts of gratitude for our oneness in Christ; give us delight in the variety of people who are one with us; and give us compassion for all, especially those who are different from us. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Response of Praise**

Black Hymnal #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three in One: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.
Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:1-4

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 21:33-46

Moment with Our Children

Sermon: *"The Garden of Justice and Peace"*

Rev. David Barber

Hymn of Response: *"I Come with Joy"

#349 Black Hymnal

We Celebrate Life in Community and World

Prayers of the People

“...God in your wisdom,”

Response by Many: “Hear our prayer.”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Mission Moment *Neighbors in Need* Lynn Barber

Stewardship Moment JoAnn Mancil

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory: *“Bread of Life”* Fisher

***Offering Response:** Black Hymnal #778

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

***Offertory Prayer (In unison)**

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. We give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Uphold us by your Spirit in your Covenant of Grace, that we may be your faithful

people, formed by your Word and given in steadfast love for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

This table is for all people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Welcome to the Table *"As the Grain Was Scattered"*
(vs. 1, sing twice, no chorus)

Sing! Prayer and Praise #65 (handout)

Communion Litany and Prayer-responsive

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy... With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

Prayer-responsive

One: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in

Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit lives forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

EVERYONE is welcome to share in this sacrament of grace. There are no restrictions on the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers, individually wrapped, are available in a container upon entry. Wine (dark color) has been placed in the center circles of the tray, and grape juice (light color) along the outer edge. Please hold each element until all are served.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**
#400 Black Hymnal

***Benediction:**

***Song of Going Out**

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

*** Postlude: "We Remember"**

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Our services are available through Wausau Area Access Media Channel 980:

Sun. 2 pm (last week’s sermon); Tues. 7am;

Wed. 4 pm; and Fri. 9 pm

Helping in Today’s Service:

Preacher:	Rev. David Barber
Music Director:	Ben Knoedler
Liturgist:	Pastor Kris Vraney
Reader:	Michael Loomis
Ushers:	Jo Post-Raflik, JoAnn & Russ Mancil
PP Creator:	Pastor Kris Vraney
Technical Director:	Michael Loomis
PP Operator:	Paula Loomis
Coffee Hour:	Borchardt Family



Today’s Announcements

A memorial service for our dear friend Arlene Winter will be held next Saturday, October 10 here at Peace. Visitation will be held from 9-11 am with the service at

11 and a meal to follow. For a complete obituary, go to www.brainardfuneral.com/obituaries.