

Peace United Church of Christ

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



1530 Grand Avenue, Schofield, WI
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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

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We Gather Before God

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: *"Seed, Scattered and Sown"* Feiten

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: Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love

All: God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

One: Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope

All: God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

One: Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace

All: God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

One: Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

All: Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.

***Opening Hymn:** *"I Danced in the Morning"*

Glory to God Hymnal #157 (handout)

vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

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***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:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Moment with Our Children

Sermon

Rev. Vicki Wunsch

***Hymn of Response** *"Called as Partners in Christ's
Service"* Black Hymnal #495, vs. 1-2

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

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory "*I Am the Bread of Life*"

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***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. In gratitude we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. By your life-giving Word and your loving presence, lead us into the world to new places, trusting you in the unknown. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 "*Here in This Place*" (handout)

Glory to God Hymnal #401, vs. 2-3

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 “These Treasured Children”** (handout)
Glory to God Hymnal #487, vs. 1, 4, 5

***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 “Pan de Vida”**

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Helping in Today’s Service:

Preacher:	Rev. Vicki Wunsch
Music Director:	Ben Knoedler
Liturgist:	Pastor Kris Vraney
Ushers:	Jo Post-Raflik and volunteers
PP Creator:	Pastor Kris Vraney
Technical Director:	Michael Loomis
Clicker:	Paula Loomis
Coffee Hour:	Marge Neitzke’s Team

Pie and Ice Cream Social

Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help with our Pie and Ice Cream Social coming up on Wednesday July 22nd from 4:30-6:30 pm. Bakers, servers, set-up and take-down workers and general help is needed to help make this event a success! If you have questions or need more information, talk to Jean Back.



New Opportunity at Peace Church



Please join us on Sunday, July 12th at 6 pm for our inaugural “SECOND SUNDAYS AT SIX – DESSERT & DISCUSSION” meeting. Rev. Dave Barber will lead us in an informal discussion of “Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light” followed by dessert. If the weather allows, we will meet outside on the church lawn, otherwise upstairs. Bring a lawn chair, just in case. Hope to see you there!