

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024



Welcome to Peace!

Here's some helpful information to guide your time here today.

Enjoy.

We are blessed that you're here with us today. You could have been anywhere today, doing many different things, but you're here worshiping with us and we are so happy! As our guest, we want you to feel at ease. Through worship, song, and message we want you to experience a different kind of peace.

Connect.

Would you do us the honor of letting us know you were here today? This allows us to give thanks for you and know how we can perhaps serve you in the future. We'd also love to be able to give a small token of our thanks. Please fill out the connect card in this service folder or scan this QR code on your phone or follow the link and fill out as much or as little information as you'd like.



Connection Card

Next Steps.

Going to a new church is a big deal. We're so glad you took that step today. Please take a welcome gift from the table in the entry area. Here are some possible next steps for your journey here at Peace

- Come back an connect with God's Word next week
- Set up a time to chat with Pastor Thiel. 651.276.5286 or revjthiel@gmail.com
- Check out "Starting Point," a way to discover more about Peace and Jesus.



We Gather to Confess Our Sin and Be Reassured of God's Forgiveness

For this is what the high and exalted One says—
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
"I live in a high and holy place,
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15

♪ Song Leader:

We have come into God's presence; Maker of the heavens and earth. He created us to love him; To serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and errored, Thus deserving wrath and anger

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

All Sing:

Lord to you I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray; I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way. Led by you to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at your terrors.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

All Sing:

Lord on you I cast my burden Sink it in the depths below! Let me know your gracious pardon; Wash me, make me white as snow. Let your Spirit leave me never; Make me only yours forever.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ All Sing:

For your Son has suffered for me, giv'n himself to rescue me, died to save me and restore me, reconciled and set me free.

Jesus' cross alone can vanquish these dark fears and soothe this anguish.

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: 1John 4:7-11, 19-21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

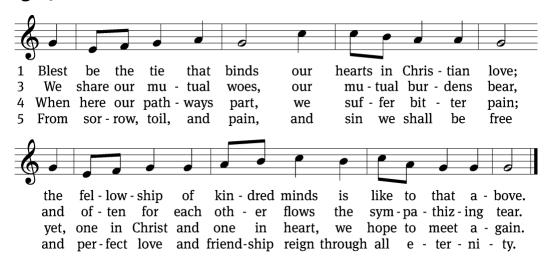
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for an Easter message just for them!

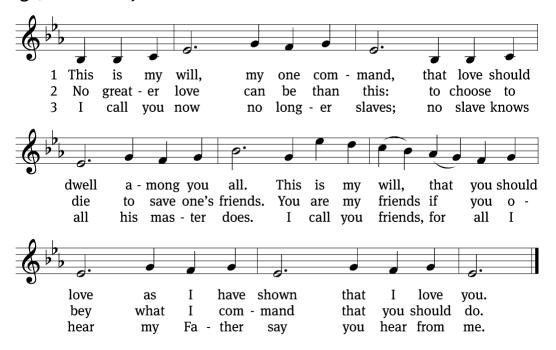
Song: 730 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Message: Practicing a "Just as" kind of love

Based on John 15:9-17

Song: 728 This Is My Will



Offering

Our Peace family joyfully gives an offering to the one who has given us all. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to give a gift, but please do not feel obligated. We are happy you shared in our joy today!



Give a Gift

Let's Connect

During this time of meditation, would you please fill out a connection card? You may fill out as much as you're comfortable with. It is a blessing to be able to serve you on a more personal level. Thank you!



Connection Card

Reception of New Member: Benjamin Strickler

Prayer

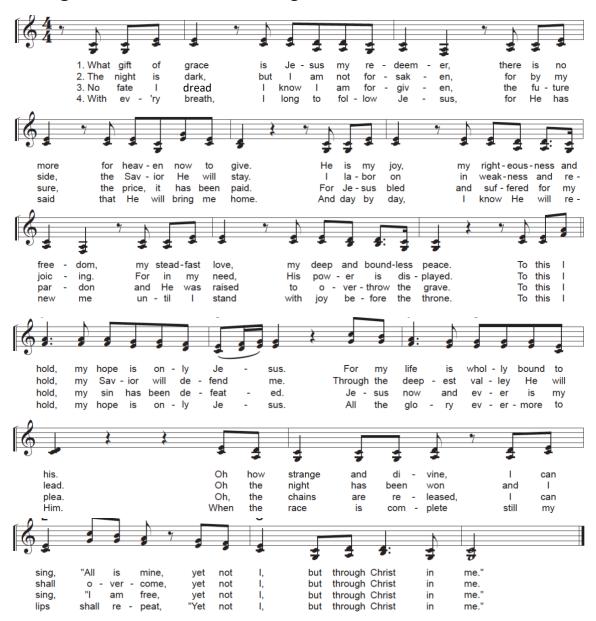
The Lord's Prayer

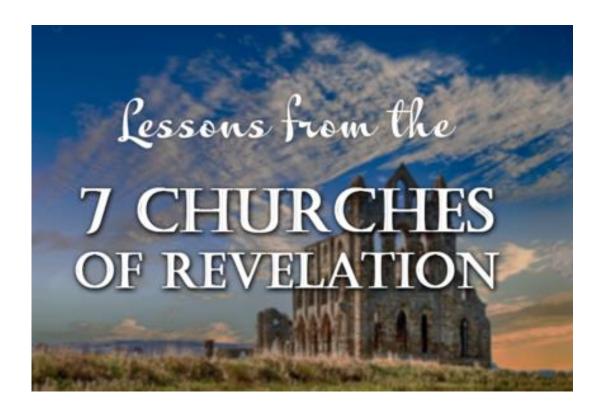
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Praise: Yet, Not I, but through Christ in Me





New Bible Study Begins May 12th

In the last book of the Bible, Jesus speaks directly to seven different churches here on earth. He has strong words of commendation, but also warning. His words are timeless. They have direct application to a church in Boulder, CO in 2024. This will be a five-week series. Come and experience what Jesus has to say to us as we go forward in ministry together.





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