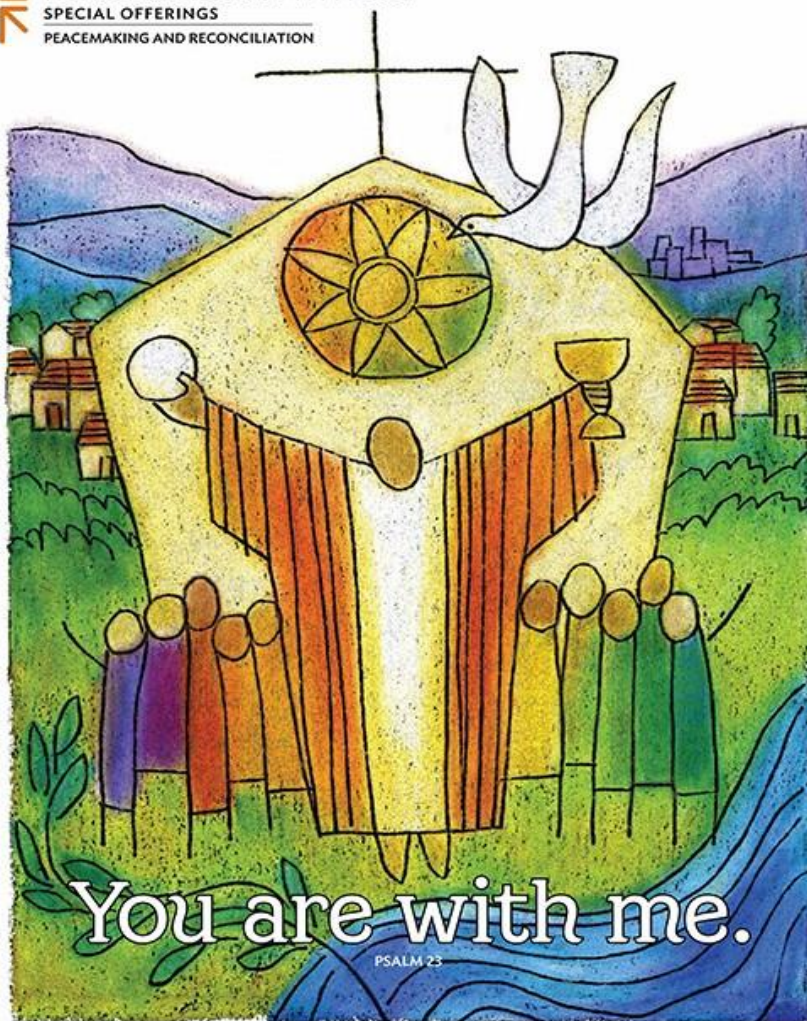




PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

October 1, 2023 ~ Ordinary Time

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***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Defiance.
As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clean up Team meets Tuesday at 5:30 pm in the craft room.

Worship Team meets Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: Whenever we worship

P: Let us worship together

L: Whenever we gather

P: Let us gather in God's name

L: Whenever we pray

P: Let us pray for each other

L: And whenever we meet

P: Let us meet as Christ's body, Christ's people, Christ's loving community.

***HYMN ~ 327**

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us.

You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death.

You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another

***HYMN ~ 582**

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS

HOMILY

RESPOND

***HYMN ~ 515**

COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD STANZAS 1 & 2

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*We will continue to receive our offering at the entrance/exits of the sanctuary.
On communion Sundays, 1/2 of the loose offering is received for the Deacons.
Today we receive the Peacemaking and Global Witness offering; 25% of which
remains with the congregation for our witness to peace.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***HYMN ~ 471**

O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: *come forward. If you wish to be served, please alert
someone and we will bring communion to you.*

***HYMN ~ 515**

COME WITH JOY..., STANZAS 3,4,5

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Bill Kerr (Norm Wasson), Nancy Black, Floyd Culver, Karen Barber, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Vern Kindinger, Alan Heinrichs (Wasson cousin).