

**Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn Nebraska**

May 16, 2021

*Rebuilding the Church: Reignite, Reconnect, Reengage, Remember*

Prelude

*Pete Hall*

Ringing of the Bell

*Bill Dermeyer*

Welcome and Announcements

*Rev. Bonnie Wilkins*

Call to Worship

*Ken Bunnell*

ONE: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**ALL: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

ONE: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**ALL: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

ONE: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

ALL: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.

Song

*Gather Us In*

*Jason Fuller*

Scripture

*Psalms 106:1-3; 8; 47-48 (NRSV)*

*Ken Bunnell*

This is the Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

*Ken Bunnell*

ONE: We are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in God's name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell off someone, that we forget the words of reconciliation taught us by Jesus' life. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

**ALL: Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*(Moment of Silent Confession)*

Words of Forgiveness

*Rev. Wilkins*

ONE: Amen. God's Beloved, do not be surprised how our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life. This is the good news which is for us, and for

everyone we will meet in the days to come. Thanks be to God we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Response                      *Glory Be To the Father*                      *Jason Fuller*

Scripture                      *1 Peter 4:10-11 & Galatians 6:10*                      *Rev. Wilkins*  
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Sermon                      *Serve: Re-engage In Serving and Sharing*                      *Rev. Wilkins*

Prayer Requests and Prayer                      *Rev. Wilkins*

Offering                      *Ken Bunnell*

ONE: We invite you to make your offering online or by mailing in your check to our P.O. Box address. God will pour out his grace upon us without reservation; **ALL: and help us to be gracious and generous with our gifts and resources, so others might know God's hope, Christ's healing, and the Spirit's presence in their lives.**

Lord's Prayer                      *Ken Bunnell*

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Song                      *Go Light Your World*                      *Jason Fuller*

Charge and Blessing                      *Rev. Wilkins*

**ALL: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.                      (*Blessing*)**

Postlude                      *Pete Hall*