

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity (responsive)

One: When Jesus calls his disciples,

Many: he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and kingdom of God.

One: As we live in this in-progress kingdom,

Many: let us offer our resources as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology "Praise God from whom all Blessing Flow" No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Great God, receive the gifts of ourselves and our resources for the benefit and building of your kingdom here and now. May we be as one voice and one action to the glory of God through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Dream God's Dream" Bryan Sirchio

*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

(*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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Greetings

Welcome to the community of Church of Peace United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our faith in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

January 22, 2023 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9 AM

Gathering Music- Ringing of the Bells -Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A Reading from Isaiah 9

Call to Worship (responsive) (inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

One: Our ever-present God dwells in sanctuaries, in homes, in public spaces and in our interior lives.

Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

One: We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you, and we're grateful to find you. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

"Bring Many Names"

No. 10

* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will, and way? How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from the realm of your kingdom? How long have you waited for us to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan, and purpose.

* Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, The One who creates us in the divine image knows how tempted we may be to consider ourselves more highly than we ought or more lowly than we should. The One who knows us continually reaches toward us with the promise of grace and the hope of mercy, faithfulness, and love. Therefore, rejoice because God's forgiveness and restorative embrace through Jesus Christ is for us all!

Many: Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music

"He Is Exalted"

Twila Paris

Pastoral Prayer - a sharing of community and world prayers

Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 612

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Matthew 4:18-23

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Faithful Foolishness"

FEB 12, 2023

Support our Food Pantry by participating in our Souper Bowl food drive.

Donated items may be placed on the decorated tables in the Narthex.

Anything is appreciated, but here are some suggestions of items that go fast:

Cereal

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Mac 'n Cheese (family size box or individual cups)

Dessert Items (cake or brownie mix, frosting, cookies)

Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper

Apple Juice

Household cleaning and laundry supplies



Wisconsin Herd Game vs Windy City Bulls

Saturday, March 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Bleacher Seats: \$10****Upper Seats: \$16



**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 22, 2023

Church office phone: 921-8215

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Steve Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment

Website: uccchurchofpeace.com *Facebook:* *Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn

Elise Sonnenberg

Cindy Duffy

Bob Hanke

Alice Jaber

Theresa Schultz

Marilyn Peters

Sharon Hensen

Christine Weimer

Ron Rowe

Jan Whittaker

Eli

John & Sandy Sandberg

Rev. Jerry Schrankler

Ken Meyn

Janet Rymer

Pat Grose

Janet & Eugene Willis

Amy Jo

Barb Dehring

Randy Resop

Diane Candlish

Ruth Pedix

Tyler Detweiler

Evelyn Stepp

Elaine Miller

Nicole Schendel

Tom Schultz

Kathy Meyn

Gia Del Ponte

Bill Manka

Abby

Joe Ule

Brenna Slavik

Bev

Katri & Jakob

Edna Karl

Donna Birkholz

Lisa Peterson

Ray Beilke

Shirley Hanke

Jason & Jennifer

Carol Van Norman

Cassie Poirier

p.s. Glorious God, enable us to be foolish, faithful Christians in a world that needs your love!

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$14,344.00;

Designated Funds: \$0; Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$2,073.00;

E-giving:\$2,119.00;

Special Gifts: To the BTS Fund in memory of Bill Whittaker given by Family & Friends.

To the BTS Fund in memory of Margaret Langolf given by Bobbi Thomma.

Building to Serve: \$9,550.00;

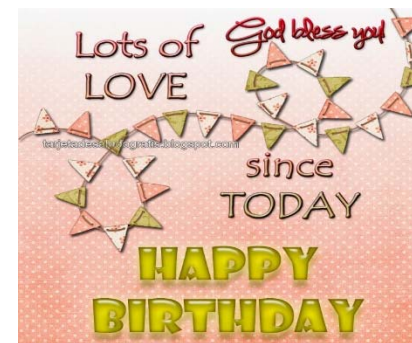
Sunday Jan. 8th:101. Last year:10.

THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Jan. 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Church Council Annual Meeting following worship	Loaves & Fishes 1:30pm Bible Study	Messenger Articles Due!	Loaves & Fishes 7:30 pm Confirmation	TOPS 5:30-7:00		
29	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3	4
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes		6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting Loaves & Fishes 7:30 pm Confirmation	TOPS 5:30-7:00		



**Today, Sunday, January 22,
2023.**



Jan. 22 – Kenneth Schmitz

Jan. 27 – Dixie Borchert,
Dick Feuerhammer

Jan. 21 – Heidi Toerpe



Chicken Wild Rice
1 qt. \$8.00 2 qt. \$15.00
Peanut Butter Cookies
½ doz. \$2.50
1 doz. \$4.75
Sign up by Jan. 29th.
Pick Feb. 5th After Worship
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin
board in the narthex.

Corned Beef & Cabbage
1 qt. \$8.00 2 qt. \$15.00
Choc. Chip Cookies
½ doz. \$2.50
1 doz. \$4.75
Sign up by Feb. 26th.
Pick Mar. 5th After Worship
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin
board in the narthex.

Dear Members, A Bazaar meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 7th, at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss the possibility of combining the Bazaar and the Rummage Sale, or leaving them as separate events. People from both events, please come with your ideas. Thank you!
Nancy Pahnke , Chairman.