

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation (responsive)

One: Philippians 1:2 encourages us to...

Many: "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel."

One: May we live generous lives that reflect the fullness of Jesus Christ.

Many: Let us live and give in the unity of the Holy Spirit with faith in our God and each other. Amen.

Offertory

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

* Our Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Magnificent God, receive our gifts for the glory of your name and for the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kingdom in Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "My Tribute" No. 39
(2 times)

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

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

Today's bulletin is presented in memory of the 65th birthday of Kim Bell given by Amy Mitchell & family.

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| Rev. Stephen Stepp | Minister |
| Patricia Siekierke | Organist |
| Victor Abitz | Custodian |
| Ray Bielke/Rob Giese | AV Tech |
| Heather Schubert-Reader & Elizabeth Schubert | Liturgist |



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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.

September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 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 Jonah 3

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

One: Bless the name of our God the Creator forever and ever!

Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

One: Bless the name of our God the Savior, Jesus Christ forever and ever!

Many: This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next generation of the Holy One's magnificent and mighty acts.

One: Bless the name of our God, the Holy Sustainer forever and ever!

Many: We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness, and holy love of our God. Praise the Holy One!

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, over mountains, and across the plains. Today, we seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

* Opening Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* No. 4

* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of Grace, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity and ensure us that we have enough for our journey. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as people who may bring our particular gifts into our common life in community.

* Words of Grace

Pastor: My Beloved, God loves you all along your journey of life and works with all of us so that we may share in a common life where all may flourish and live in harmony as God intended and designed. And when we fail, my Sisters and Brothers, know that we are forgiven and enabled to begin the new life in Jesus Christ.

Many: We are forgiven...Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music

"Trust in the Lord"

Peter B. Allen

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

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 72

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Jonah 4:6-11

Matthew 20:1-16

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Was it Really About a Whale?"

CHURCH BAZAAR

The Church Bazaar is fast approaching. October 7, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Things are changing this year. We are having a new and improved bazaar. This is not your grandma's church bazaar.

Our raffle is new this year. We are not having a silent auction. The prizes this year are:

1st prize - \$500 Walmart Gift Card

2nd prize - \$250 Kwik Trip Gas Card

3rd prize - \$100 Schmitty's Bar and Grill Gift Card

We are also going to have a separate raffle for a gently used (two or three times) propane generator.

Ticket prices are \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

We are asking each church member to please sell at least five tickets or more. If you can't sell them, at least buy five tickets. This raffle should go over big. You can pick up additional tickets at the church office during office hours.

We are still doing the basket raffles. That goes over great. If you want to donate something to put into a basket or put a basket together by yourself we would greatly appreciate it. Maybe a non-used regift. This might be the place to donate it, or you could purchase something to put in a basket. We will put the baskets together. Gift cards are always welcome. These items should be brought to church by September 17th.

These are the booths we are having this year: Yesterdays' Treasures (no clothing, clothing can be brought in for the fall rummage sale), Candy, Caramel Apples, Market Place, Plants, Kids Painting Booth, Popcorn, Handbags (brought in by September 17th), designer clothes, bakery, books, jewelry.

We need help the week of the Bazaar for set up and take down.

In the kitchen and dining room we need waitresses, cashiers and people serving food.

Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to donate \$10,000.00 toward the principal of our church loan. Let's see if we can shoot for \$12,000.00 this year.

These are things we need you to bring to church right now. Real inside flowers and flower pots, baskets that are medium to large size, coffee mugs, clear 5 x 7 and 8 x 10 clear acrylic picture frames, a lot of roma tomatoes. Closer to the event, we need apples, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, gourds and other produce. Thank you in advance. Any questions Contact: Nancy Pahnke at (920)269-4885

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST September 24, 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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Janet Rymer	Bill Manka
Elise Sonnenberg	Del Weigel	Dave Borchert
Cindy Duffy	Janet & Eugene Willis	Joe Ule
Bob Hanke	Amy Jo	Doris Kastorff
Janelle Anderson	Barb Dehring	Dorothy Gyr
Theresa Schultz	James Kraemer	Wayne Katerski
Marilyn Peters	Diane Candlish	Edna Karl
Helen Oelke	Ruth Pedix	Donna Birkholz
Christine Weimer	Tyler Detweiler	Ron Rowe
Evelyn Stepp	Tom Whittaker	Jan Whittaker
Elaine Miller	Shirley Hanke	Ernest Oelke
Nicole Schendel	Jason & Jennifer	Nancy Schaefer
Donna Blaine	Shirley Bell-Elsinger	Marvin Oelke
Susan Snider	Carol Carlson	Ron Wilson
Heather Reader-Schubert	Deb Baker	Greg Baker
Siera Williams and baby Morgan	Mary Steffen	Evelyn Yantz

p.s. Merciful God, enable us to accept the truth...ALL THINGS COME FROM YOU ALONE!

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$2,172.00;

Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$134.00; Memorial Fund: \$25.00;

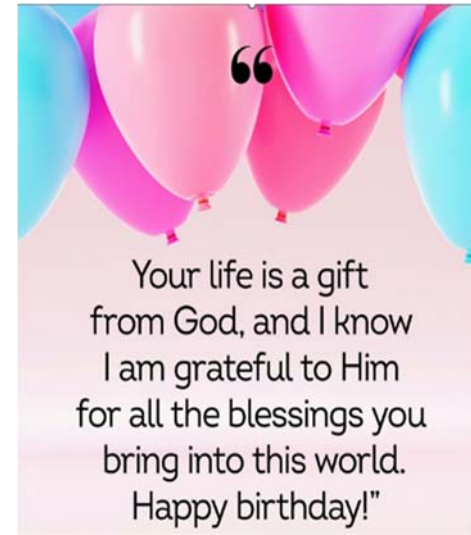
E-giving: \$2,089.00; Building to Serve: \$750.00;

Attendance on Sunday September 17th: 69. Last year: 94.

**Special gifts: To the Memorial Fund in memory of John Sandberg given by
Jeanette Hinn & Sue Seresee.**

THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Sept. 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Pastor Steve & Jean	Loaves & Fishes	<i>Messenger Articles Due</i>	Loaves & Fishes			
Oct. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Martha Society	Loaves & Fishes	<i>11:30 am Ladies of Peace</i>	Loaves & Fishes			9-3 Church Bazaar



September 24 – Megan Schendel
September 25 – Kenneth Parish,
 Liam Petersen, Kennedy Petersen,
 Katelyn Schubert
September 26 – Stephen Yanke
September 27 – Kaytlyn Carter,
 Jerome Treptow
September 29 – Deb Zwicky
September 30 – Isabel Post,
 Mary Strauss, Alex Wood



Why do we walk in the HUNGER CROP WALK ?
 Because we want to help the people of The World of The United States of America of Wisconsin, of Fond du Lac and the people of Church of Peace have a meal each day in their stomach or their soul so that their hearts may be open to the glory of God!



October 7
 9-3