

# Church of Peace



## 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.

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

9:00am

Gathering Music – Ringing of the Bells – Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 118

Call to Worship

One: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

**Many: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.**

One: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.

**Many: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!**

One: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

**Many: Hosanna, come and save us!**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey as we raise our palm branches in rejoicing and shouting with your people of every age, “Hosanna in the highest!” Come and save us this day, O Jesus. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

*“All Glory Laud, and Honor”*

No. 192

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

**God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way. We confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy.**

Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, embrace this word with courage. Leave your fear behind, for it does not have the last word because God offers us the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that you are forgiven and embraced in God's tender arms of love.

**Many: Praise be to God! Amen.**

# We Celebrate Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem and Our Lives

## Laying of the Palms & Procession

### \*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music      *"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"*      by Idle/Larson

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:      *"As the Deer"*      CP 108

## We Engage God's Word

Scriptures      Isaiah 50:4-9a      John 12:12-16

### Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon      *"What Should We Know?"*

## We Respond to God's Word

### Invitation to Generosity

One: The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people.

**Many: Today, we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. So, let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips. Amen.**

### Offertory

\*Doxology      *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*      No. 46

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.**

*We Are Sent into the World*

\*Closing Hymn      *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* NC213      (on screen)

\*The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

\*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

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

+++++

Rev. Stephen Stepp  
Patricia Siekierke  
Rob Giese  
Victor Abitz  
Matt Moore



Minister  
Organist  
AV Tech  
Custodian  
Liturgist

Reproduced with permission under license Images used during worship are in accordance with US Code Section 110 (3).  
CCLI License: 20808843; Streaming License: 20808836

Come and join in wonderful food and fellowship for our  
**Annual Church of Peace Swiss Steak Dinner**  
on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 4-7 pm.  
Tickets are \$12. Dine in or Carry Out.

We will also have our **Jewelry Boutique and Bake Sale**  
open from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet for workers is on the bulletin board in lobby. Please consider  
volunteering your time and talents to this Mission of the Church. Many hands  
make for light work and lots of fun.

So please plan to join us on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am to bake our  
dessert and Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> to prepare food and serve dinner. Proceeds  
will go to benefit our Church community.



## Hold on to your gently used treasures and mark your calendars!

Yes, Church of Peace is having a  
**Spring Rummage Sale!**

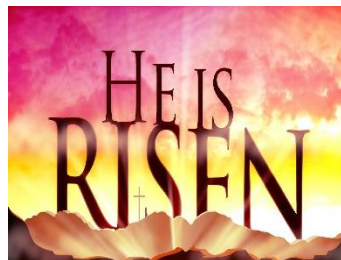
Set up: May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Sale: May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Stay tuned for further information...

## Easter Breakfast

will be served on Sunday morning between the two  
services. A delicious breakfast for your enjoyment will  
be served at 7:30ish in the Fellowship Hall, compliments  
of Ladies of Peace. Whether you come early or stay late  
stop by for a hot cup of joe and joyous conversation as  
we gather to worship God on this glorious day.



### Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thur., Mar. 28	@ Pilgrim	7:00 pm
Good Friday, Mar. 29	@ Church of Peace	7:00 pm
Palm Sunday, March 24	@ Church of Peace	9:00 am
Easter Sunrise Service	March 31	6:30 am
**Easter Breakfast	@ Church of Peace	7:30ish
Easter Worship Service	@ Church of Peace	9:00 am

### WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST March 24, 2024

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](http://uccchurchofpeace.com) Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn  
Elise Sonnenberg  
Evelyn Stepp  
Doris Kastorff  
Janelle Anderson  
Robert Snyder  
Marilyn Peters  
Helen Oelke  
Christine Weimer  
Baby Archer  
Nicole Schendel  
Bob and Shirley Hanke  
Susan Snider  
Heather Reader-Schubert  
Siera Williams and baby Morgan  
Connie Troskey

Janet Rymer  
Del Weigel  
Janet & Eugene Willis  
Ernest Oelke  
Les Abitz  
Wayne Katerski  
Sharon Hensen  
Ruth Pedix  
Amy Mitchell  
Dixie Borchert  
Jason & Jennifer  
Marvin Oelke  
Carol Carlson  
Deb Baker  
Jim & Kathy Stephany  
Margaret Houk

Bill Manka  
Dave Borchert  
Diana Candlish  
Ralph  
Maurice  
Bailey Gehrt  
Edna Karl  
Donna Birkholz  
Evelyn Yantz  
Elaine Miller  
Nancy Schaefer  
Debra Rammer  
Lee & Lita Treleven  
Greg Baker  
John

p.s. Glorious God, may we enter the good and bad places of our lives with faith in Jesus Christ!

### CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$;2,644.00

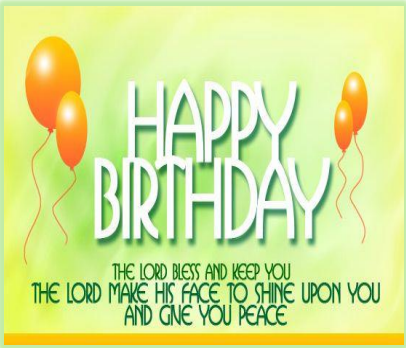
Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$127.00;

E-giving: \$1,707.00; Investing in the Future: \$1,295.00;

Attendance – Sunday, March 17: 64 Last year:102



Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am Worship Service Palm Sunday Coffee Hour Host: Stewardship Sunday School	Loaves & Fishes		Loaves & Fishes	Maundy Thursday service Pilgrim FDL Pastor Rob	Good Friday Service COP FDL "Witness"	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:30ish Breakfast Host: Ladies of Peace 9:00 Easter Service	Loaves & Fishes	Ladies of Peace 11:30 am	Loaves & Fishes			Food Pac 9am-11am 12pm-2pm 3pm-5pm Fairground Rec Bldg.
			River Park 8:30am			



March 24<sup>th</sup>- Tyler Beilke, Diane Reiter, Eldon Kohnke  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> – Madison Rymer  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> – Marlee Kramer, Cheryl Lorenzen  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> Carol Brandl, Bryan Nelson  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> – Katie Oestreich, Morgan Ryan, Bren Whittaker  
 March 30<sup>th</sup> – Larry Hanson, John Kohnke, Traci Whittaker



Golden Fellowship  
 Join us on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @  
 11:00 am. for a “Game Day.”  
 Bring your own lunch and  
 beverage. We will have a  
 dessert/treat.

### Card Shower for our Members

90+ years young.

April Birthdays:

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Carol Kryzyanowski 595 E. Division St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

April 12<sup>th</sup>: Lyle Roberts 362 W. Scott St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

April 19<sup>th</sup>: LeMay Pfeiffer 671 S. Main St. Apt. 1 Fond du Lac WI 54935


April 20<sup>th</sup>: Elaine Miller W4668 Chicago Dr. Red granite, WI 54970

April 25<sup>th</sup>: Evelyn Yantz 517 Luco Rd. Apt. 104 Fond du Lac, WI 54935

### PLANT SALE

The Worship Enhancement Team  
 will be having a plant sale again this year.  
 Watch for details and order form in April.  
*It's time to THINK SPRING!*





### Feed My Starving Children

### Fond du Lac Mobile Pack 2024

This year’s event will be held on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (set-up) and Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> (packing). Please be praying that God would move the hearts of His people to be generous in giving and serving. Our goals this year are to pack 132,192 meals, raise \$38,800, and employ 600 volunteers. Help us as we partner with Feed My Starving Children to turn “Hunger into Hope” for destitute children around the world.

Important dates to remember:

Mar. 5 - Sign-up to volunteer online goes live [give.fmssc.org/fdl](https://give.fmssc.org/fdl)

Apr. 5 - Set-up

Apr. 6 - MobilePack event at the Fairgrounds Rec Building

Questions? Contact Starla Rebedew @ 920-539-3256 or email at [srebedew@gmail.com](mailto:srebedew@gmail.com)