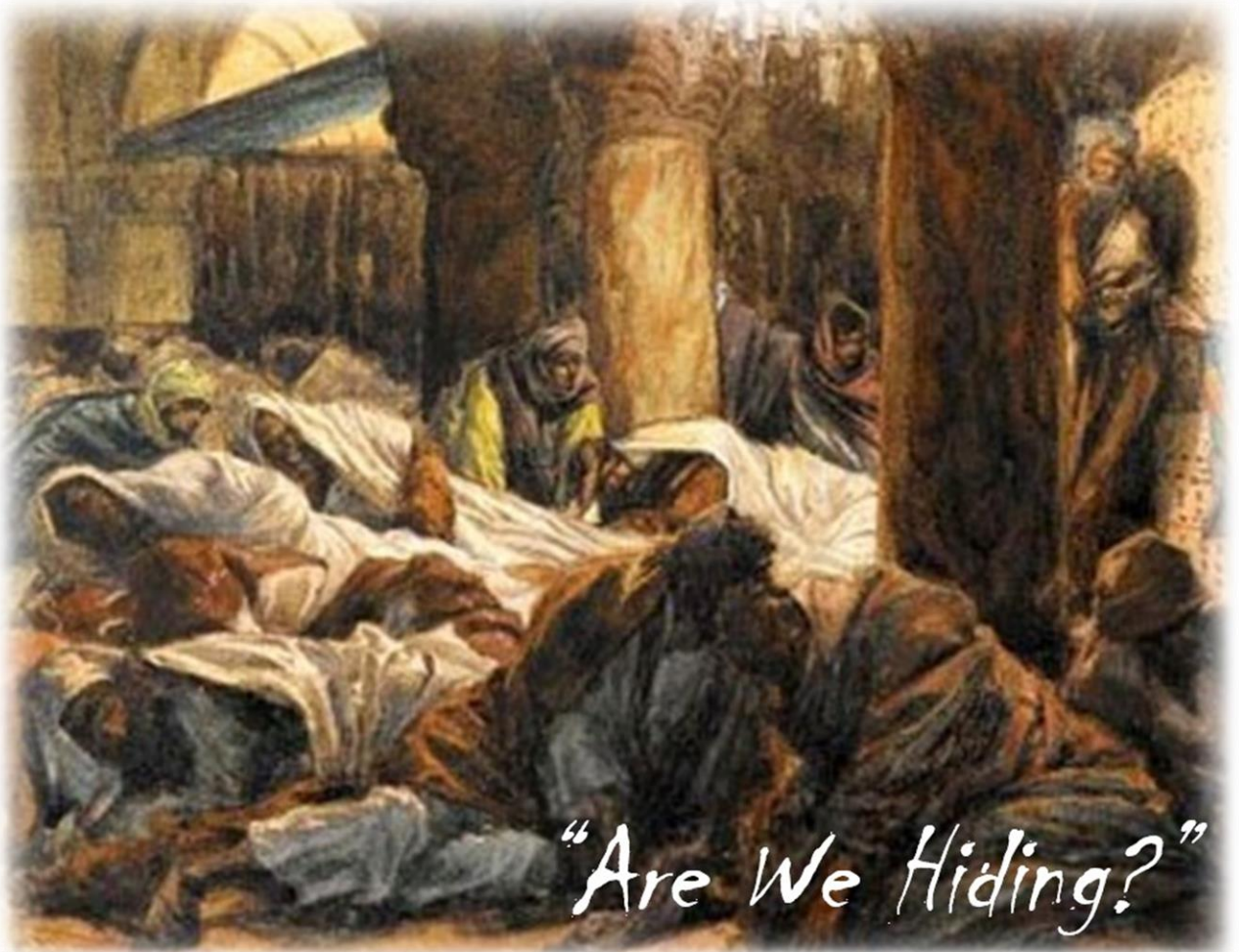


Church of Peace

 UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



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.

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

9am

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 Psalm 133

Call to Worship

One: As we join in worship this day, we might feel like the disciples, overwhelmed by grief. After all, the state of the world is so uncertain.

Many: But the resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, "Peace be with you."

One: We might feel like Thomas, looking for physical signs that the unbelievable could be true. After all, nothing like this has ever happened before.

Many: But the resurrected Jesus comes to us, saying, "Here are the marks on my body."

One: Can we really believe that Jesus is here again?

Many: Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on us. Christ's peace is with us. We don't need to be afraid.

One: The resurrected Christ calls us to worship, and we receive the peace of Christ.

Many: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation.

Resurrected Christ, you have taught us how the unbelievable can be possible. When there is so much to fear in the world, we can find peace in your presence. As we worship, breathe your Spirit on us, that we may carry it with us. Help us comfort our neighbors. Help us serve a world of need in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Ours the Journey"

No. 458

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Magnificent God, we confess that at times we are like Thomas. We are overwhelmed by the world's grief. It's hard to believe that hope is possible when hope is hard to find. But when we stop believing in hope, we also stop believing freedom can be possible. Enable us to tear down injustice and discrimination so we may help others experience the peace we have found in you. Forgive our unbelief, calm our fears, and help us be instruments of your peace.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, Jesus comes to us with grace, telling us we can believe, and because we believe, we are empowered to do the work of justice. Yes, the world is heavy and the work will never be done. But because we know Christ's peace, we will continue to share the love of God which brings hope into the world.

People: We believe in the love, grace, and peace of Jesus Christ. Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

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.

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Acts 4:32-37

John 20:19-29

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Are We Hiding?"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: Jesus has empowered us with the Holy Spirit, and we have life because of his presence with us.

Many: Let us join in God's abundance, giving what we can to offer peace to a hurting world. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the Resurrection, help us use these gifts to offer hope where there is sorrow, peace where there is chaos and love where there is fear. We can do incredible things because your Spirit lives within us. Amen.

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 480

*Communion Prayer "Together, We Are Blessed By Being Here."

Invitation to the Lord's Table Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing of God's Gifts

Please come forward for all are welcome to receive the body of Christ-the bread of life, and the cup of the new covenant.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Glorious God, from the moment Jesus was arrested, the disciples began to fear for their lives. But when Jesus greeted them saying, "Peace be with you" their eyes were open. Recharge us God, and send us out with eyes wide open to share the good news, Christ Is Risen! Praise be to God! Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart" CP 37

*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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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Patricia Siekierke

Rob Giese

Victor Abitz

Jean Stepp



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist

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Bi-Annual Church of Peace Swiss Steak Dinner

Come and join in wonderful food and fellowship
this Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 4-7 pm.

Tickets are \$12. Dine in or Carry Out. Available in the church office.

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 10th @ 9:00am to bake our
dessert and Thursday April 11th to prepare food and serve dinner. Proceeds
will go to benefit our Church community.

Earth Day Celebration “Clean Sweep”

Saturday, April 27th. @ 10:00 am

We will be cleaning up around our church block and maybe beyond,
but we need your help to really make a difference in our corner of
Fond du Lac.

Please come down at 10:00 am or anytime after to get an assigned
area to clean up. Our target time to complete is 11:30 and we are
following up with a light lunch and group photo.

So, come join in the fun and comradery as we do our own
“Clean Sweep” around our church community. Thank you!

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

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

Set up: May 5th - 9th

Sale: May 10th & 11th

Stay tuned for further information...



WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 7, 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 Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Janet Rymer	Bill Manka
Elise Sonnenberg	Del Weigel	Dave Borchert
Evelyn Stepp	Janet & Eugene Willis	Diana Candlish
Doris Kastorff	Ernest Oelke	Ralph
Janelle Anderson	Les Abitz	Maurice
Robert Snyder	Wayne Katerski	Bailey Gehrt
Marilyn Peters	Sharon Hensen	Edna Karl
Helen Oelke	Ruth Pedix	Donna Birkholz
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Evelyn Yantz
Baby Archer	Dixie Borchert	Elaine Miller
Nicole Schendel	Jason & Jennifer	Nancy Schaefer
Bob and Shirley Hanke	Marvin Oelke	Debra Rammer
Susan Snider	Carol Carlson	Lee & Lita Treleven
Heather Reader-Schubert	Deb Baker	Greg Baker
Siera Williams and baby Morgan	Jim & Kathy Stephany	John
Connie Troskey	Margaret Houk	Stephen Yanke

p.s. Ever-loving God, enable us to continue to live in the joy of Christ's resurrection and
the promise of our resurrection in him.

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$4,260.00

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$55.17; Memorial Fund: \$1,000.00

E-giving: \$1,198.00; Investing in the Future: \$65.00;

Attendance – Sunday, March 31: 172 Last year: 179

Special Gifts:

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Dorothy Gyr given by Family & Friends.

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am Worship Service Social Hour Host: Martha	Loaves & Fishes	6 pm Martha's 6:30 pm Council	Loaves & Fishes	4pm- 7pm SWISS STEAK DINNER 2pm-7pm Bakery & Jewelry		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Worship Service Social Hour Host: Church Council Youth Gfroup Parents Meeting	Loaves & Fishes 1:30 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm Stewardship	Loaves & Fishes C.O.P.	11:30 am Golden Fellowship Game Day		9am – 2pm Annual Meeting Wisconsin Conference Greenlake

April 8th- Jenna Anderson, Peyton Luebke

April 9th – Bonnie Parent

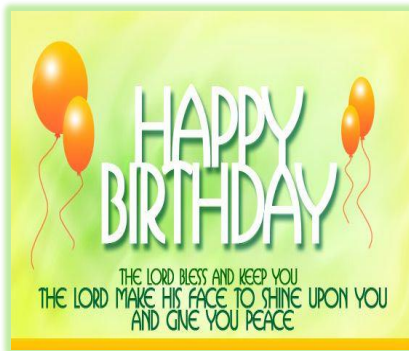
April 10th – Jeff Zwicky

April 11th – Cindy Duffy

April 12th – Emily Beck, Wayne Kaufman,
Pat Moon, Lyle Roberts,

Adalyn Rohlf, Audrina Welsch,

April 13th – Corrine Ramirez, Todd Whittaker



Golden Fellowship
Join us on Thursday, April 18th @
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 12th: Lyle Roberts 362 W. Scott St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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

April 20th: Elaine Miller W4668 Chicago Dr. Red granite, WI 54970

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

IT'S TIME!!

SPECTACULAR PLANT SALE
ORDER NOW THROUGH APRIL 21ST.
PICK UP MAY 11TH.

GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT!!
Sponsored by Worship Enhancement Team
Proceeds to “Investing in the Future”



Other Upcoming events at Church of Peace

- *Sunday, April 14 Youth Group Parents meeting.
- *Saturday, May 11 Post Office Food Drive
- *Sunday, May 19 Potluck following our worship service with informational conversation on what's going on in our church. Come and share your favorite dish to pass and your ideas on where we are and where we are going this year.