



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.

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

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 Acts 2

Church Council Community Liturgy

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

Many: We are created for community!

One: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

Many: We are nurtured for community!

One: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into a new human relationship with us.

Many: We are supported for community!

One: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

Many: We all form the community with Jesus!

One: Now let us join together in our Prayer of Invocation

Jesus, our brother and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's goodness. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Blessed Quietness" (verses 1, 3, & 4)

No. 267

* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it's not easy to be bold in sharing how God's love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus' disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We are not expected to be perfect either, but we are sanctified in God's truth. Jesus prays for us and guides our words and actions, giving us opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music "Acquaint Now Thyself With Him" by Michael Head

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 254

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

John 15:26- 16:15

Romans 8:22-27

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"The Moving, Living Spirit of God!"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: Everything given to Jesus and us comes from God, and Jesus is the perfect human example of faithful giving. Therefore, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

Many: Let us respond to our gifts with joyous, thoughtful giving as a way of revealing the way God works in this church, in our community, and in this world. Amen.

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Spirit" No. 249

*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
Matt Moore



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist

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