



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.

August 11th, 2024, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am
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 (Inspired by Psalms 34 and 130:7)

One: Give praise to God at all times and bless their name.

Many: Hope in the Creator! For with the Triune God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: Let God's radiance pour out upon you and make you shine brightly in the presence of the Most High.

Many: Hope in Christ! For with the Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: People of God, experience and recognize the goodness of our God with all your senses and be glad in the safety of God.

Many: Hope in the Holy Spirit! For with the Awesome God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Everlasting God, we come before you bringing our concerns, the burdens of our heart, gratitude for your presence, and hope for the future. We gather as people in need and with abundance, in despair and with joy, in uncertainty and with confidence. We rest in the assurance that wherever we are on life's journey, you receive us with love, compassion, and acceptance. Empower us to be welcoming to one another as we gather in your name, to hear your word, and to give you praise. Amen.

*Opening Hymn " For the Beauty of the Earth " (Insert)

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Redeemer God, we confess that our words and actions fall short. We speak words that divide and alienate rather than words that heal and invite. Help us to move past bitterness, anger, and resentment. Move us toward reconciliation, gratitude, and hope. Make us new for life in community with our neighbors, friends, and enemies. Guide us in the path of life and love so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, we are the redeemed of God who are promised new life in Christ. Therefore, receive the redemptive power of the Spirit who is at work with us and through us to a world that can and will be redeemed and restored in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Many: We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special music *"You are mine"* by David Haas

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 *"For All the Saints"*

We Engage God's Word

Scripture John 15:1-5 Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon *"How Can I Love Them?"*

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation (responsive)

One: Ephesians 4:25 reminds us that we are members of one another.

Many: That is true of the church, humanity, and all creation. The gifts we receive to sustain us have been given for our common good.

One: When one member lacks, we all lack. When one flourishes, we all share in the abundance.

Many: Let us give generously to ensure all needs are met, and God is glorified. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (in unison)

Holy God, thank you for the gift of generosity. Make us bold stewards of the resources you provide so that we may increase our offerings, expand our presence, and let our ministry testify to your goodness, nurture, and care for all. In and with Jesus we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Dream God's Dream" by Bryan Sirchio (insert)

*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

All People

Worship Enhancement

Stewardship Committee



Minister

Organist

AV Tech

Custodian

Liturgist

Disciples

Set up

Set up and Picnic

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