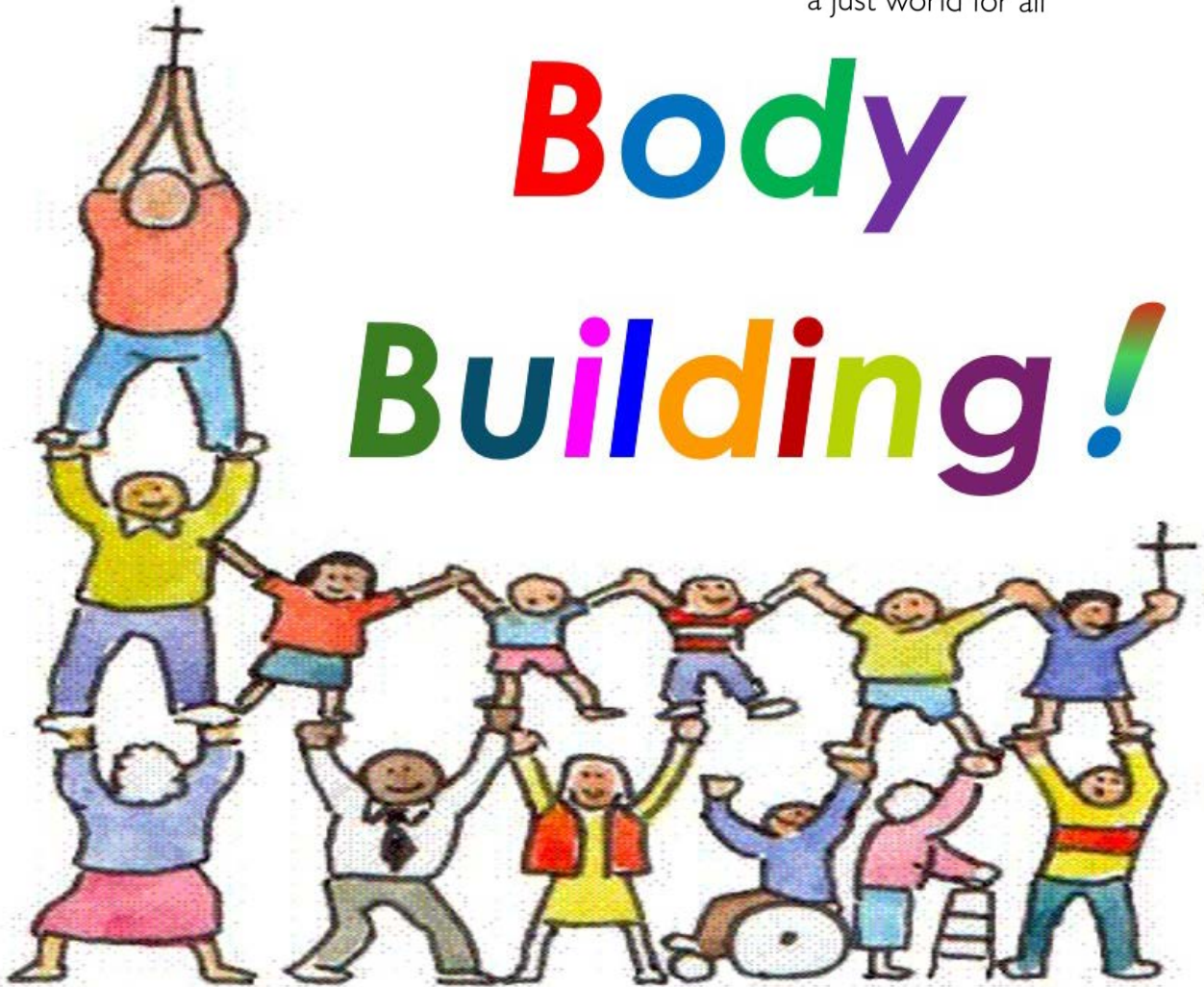


Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



Body Building!

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 4, 2024, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am

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 78

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 51)

One: God is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

Many: Teacher God, you desire truth to reign in our hearts. Teach us your righteousness so that our hearts may be filled with your reality.

One: We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

Many: Savior God, you desire trust to reign in our hearts, so we ask, teach us your ways so that our hearts may be filled with true faith.

One: Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

Many: Savior God, you desire love to reign in our hearts. Teach us the love of Jesus Christ so that our hearts may be filled with true peace.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, we give thanks for your presence among us. In the chaos of our lives, you provide calm, healing, and sanctuary. Inspire us to be transformed as you immerse us in your everlasting love and presence. Your Spirit fills the atmosphere as we gather in your name from pew to park and from sanctuary to sofa. Open us to your word and ignite our imagination in your kingdom on earth in Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 586

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Righteous Savior, we confess our involvement with the systems of this world that hurt and harm your people and your creation. We confess our involvement with the status quo, our slow response when urgency is required, and the claim that nothing ever changes. We confess our comfort holds more influence over us than your command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us Jesus and release us from the bonds of guilt so that we can be free to receive your power and new life. Make us your agents of transformation in the world.

*Words of Grace

Sisters and Brothers, Jesus has given us power and freedom to live as full citizens in the kingdom of God. Accept the grace of God to do your best for today trusting that the Spirit will guide you to your best for tomorrow. Claim your redemption and the new life gifted to you in Christ.

**Many: Thank you for the new life we have in Jesus. Praise be to God!
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

Scripture

John 6:24-35

Ephesians 4:1-16

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Body Building!"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation (responsive)

One: The gifts of God bless us, and the invitation of God is to share those blessings with generosity, gratitude, trust, and love.

Many: Let us give of our time, talent, and treasure from the abundance of God's provision to us. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 585

*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 Dedication and Thanksgiving (in unison)

Generous God, thank you for these gifts and the privilege of giving. Increase our collective resources so that we might serve your kingdom and bring honor to your name. Build up our body so we may continue the work that is never done in the name of Jesus Christ. 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)

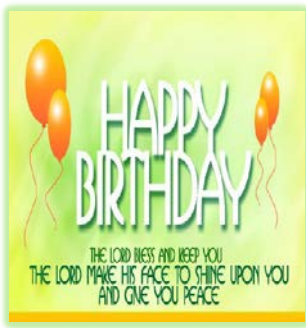
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