

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.

September 29th, 2024 Nineteenth 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 124

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy God, our Creator and Love.

Many: For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy Christ, our Rock and Redeemer.

Many: For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy Spirit, our Sustainer and Guide.

Many: For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter. Praise God!

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Triune God, make us one as we enter worship. May our harmony extend beyond our songs and our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a delight. May we serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 464

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair. Yet we confuse seeking the common good with controlling our neighbor. We have mixed unity with uniformity. We have endorsed social norms that divide, segregate, and exclude rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, wonderfully made humans, we are not bound by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of our past. Even our embedded biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to the kingdom and the kingdom belongs to you.

Many: Let us press forward with the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special music "The Power of your Love" by "Geoff Bullock"

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 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" (on screen)

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-42

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Faith and the Millstone!"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: James 5:16b reminds us that, "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

Many: May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares creation's abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met.

One: We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits.

Many: Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our community, and renew our resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Blessed Quietness" No. 267

*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

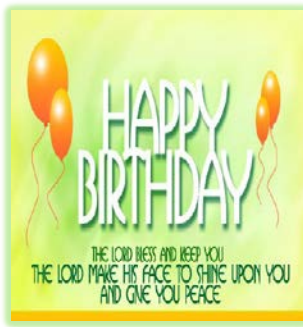
(*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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Rev. Stephen Stepp
Patricia Siekierke
Rob Giese
Victor Abitz
Renee Kiefer
All People



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Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
Disciples



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Marilyn Peters	Sharon Hensen	Edna Karl	Eli & Barb Gustafson
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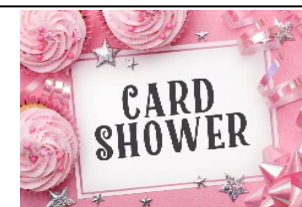
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