

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-giving God, may these gifts and offerings make a difference in this life of the community we love, serve, and reflect. Bless these gifts and offerings so they may extend beyond the borders and boundaries of the stones that encase us to the world that needs us. May it begin within us and flourish beyond us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 546

*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



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
Disciples

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"The Faithful End!"



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.

November 17th, 2024, Twenty-Sixth 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 16

Call to Worship (Inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

One: God raises up the poor from the dust and lifts the needy to inherit a seat of honor. For the world belongs to God.

Many: Exalt our Creator! Find strength in God who guards the faithful.

One: Wickedness will perish. Righteousness will thunder. For not by might does one prevail.

Many: Exalt our Savior! Find forgiveness in God who redeems the faithful.

One: Worship God through grief and gladness, in despair and hope, in peace and trial.

Many: Exalt our Sustainer! Find guidance in God who leads the faithful.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Eternal and Everlasting God, our time is finite and precious. Help us to be present in each moment. Give us a heart to pursue beauty, glory, and justice by the way of Christ. Move through our hearts and open our spirits to declare your praise, glory, and honor because we seek your hope, peace, joy and love in our gathering. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" 705

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Ever-forgiving God, we confess that we have compromised your good news and settled for a comfortable gospel rather than embrace the radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of your kingdom. We have been satisfied with a faith that conforms to the world rather than one that challenges the systems and ways of the world. Forgive us for focusing on our own survival and pleasure while your creation withers all around us.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, you bear the image of God. You receive power from the Spirit of God. Be encouraged that Holy Love meets you with boldness and renewal.

Many: Let God be glorified as we accept the call to be the activating agents of a new world where love reigns, hope endures, and peace abounds. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special music "Holy Ground" by Geron Davis

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 "Shall We Gather at the River" No. 701

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 13:1-8

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "The Faithful End"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The generous life nurtures hope, cultivates, peace, and generates love in tangible ways.

Many: Let us bring our resources for our common life and for communal good as a reflection of our commitment to the way of Jesus. Amen.

Poinsettia & Gifts



If you wish to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for Christmas, please return this form to the church office **no later than Sunday, November 24, 2024**. You may also sponsor a bulletin or give a cash gift. (Please note into which fund you would like your gift to go.)

Number of poinsettias at \$11.00 each: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Sponsor a Christmas Bulletin \$25.00

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Gift of Cash or Check (amount): _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Fund: _____

Please include your check/cash with this form.

Thank you for returning your order forms and money early.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 17th, 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	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Del Weigel	Deb Abitz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Diana Candlish	Greg Baker	John	Janet & Eugene Willis
Doris Kastorff	Carol Kryzjanowski	Deb Baker	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefeber	Oliver Poirier	Sara & Michael
Al Pahnke	Wayne Katerski	Bailey Gehrt	Jim & Kathy Stephany
Marilyn Peters	Sharon Hensen	Edna Karl	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Amy Jo	Theresa Schultz	Lee & Lita Treleven
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Alexis Hayes	Rev. James Martin
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Susan Snider	Mary Jean Nicholson
Debra Rammer	Nicole Schendel	Sister Julia	Nancy Schaefer
Joyce Breitenfeld	Brenda Post	Doris Rymer	Donna Blaine

p.s. Dear God, give us the truth of faith so we can live our lives free from the fear of death.

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$2,556.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$27.00; E-giving: \$10.00;

Hurricane Relief: \$500.00;

Investing in the Future: \$6,005.00.

Attendance Sunday, November 10th:

Online: 26 — In person: 90 Last year: 71



Canned pork & Beans, canned fruit, single serve and family size Mac & Cheese, 1lb ground beef or turkey, Instant mashed potatoes, Instant Rice, Peanut butter & Jelly, Canned Soup, Pasta Sauce, Bodywash, Bars of Soap, Dishwashing Liquids, Large size Diapers (4, 5 or 6) and Pull-Up diapers.

THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am Worship Service Social Hour: Martha Society	1:30 Bible Study <u>Messenger Articles Due</u> Loaves & Fishes	6:30pm Stewardship	Loaves & Fishes 6:30pm Confirmation Class	9:00 AM TOPPS 11:00am Golden Fellowship		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00am Worship Service Social Hour: Pastor Steve and Jean 10:30 make Pumpkin bars	9:00am make pumpkin bars Loaves & Fishes	Messenger Assembly	Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 pm	HAPPY THANKS GIVING		9:00 AM HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT



If you are asked to serve on one of our church committees, please consider it an honor to help our church move forward into the 21st Century. Thank you!

**Church Council Stewardship Nominating
Safe Conduct™ Policy & Procedure**

Thursday, November 21st @ 11:00
We will be making Christmas decorations for the window ledges in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help make them. No need to be crafty. All materials will be furnished, no need to bring anything. Bring your bag lunch and beverage. Dessert will be served.



November 19th – Carly Parker, Lisa Rohlf, Evelyn Schmitz

November 21st – Ruth Pedix

November 22nd – Sarah Knutson, Darin Rose, Nicholas Wondra

Worship Enhancement Team is asking for extra help with the Advent/Christmas decorating of the following downstairs areas of the church: vestibule (area between the 2 sets of doors at the carport entrance, Fellowship Hall (setting up and decorating a tree), setting up and decorating the Giving Tree and setting up and decorating the tree in front of the window in the narthex area. We have all the decorations needed. Any amount of time you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m.
Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you!!

Let us join together and give thanks to God for this past year!
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, November 27th@6:00 pm



Thanksgiving Day free meal served from our doors to anyone in our community who would like a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Please sign up if you can help continue this wonderful Community mission of our church. Please sign-up in the lobby.

Christmas 2024
The Church Council has decided to again have 2 worship services on Christmas Eve with Communion served at both.
4:00 pm with Christmas Program & 6:00 pm Traditional Service

Our MORNING WARMING SHELTER
Is open on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Please consider volunteering to set up, clean up, and provide fellowship to those in need. See Jean Stepp for more information. Thank you!