

Church of Peace



"Faith Must Love!"

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.

February 2nd, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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 71

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 71)

One: In God, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

Many: In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.

One: In Jesus Christ, we draw strength; let us never leave his side. Our path continually follows you.

Many: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.

One: In the Holy Spirit, we receive direction; let us never reject the Spirit. Our focus is continually guided by you.

Many: Rescue us, from our own desires and from the grasp of worldly temptations, for you, God, are our hope and trust.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling:

#517

* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and as active citizens of your kingdom. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God's love never ends and when you accept that love, you reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God. Therefore, receive the grace of God to live a life that ever forgives, transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love.

Many: We accept the call to be transformed so we may accept our forgiveness and share it with others. 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

Scriptures Jeremiah 1:4-12 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Faith Must Love!"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

One: The generous life responds to the goodness of God and the needs of the world.

Many: There is no need that our collective human resources cannot meet because of the abundance of creation.

One: May we celebrate and honor the creation by giving without fear or suspicion.

Many: May our giving be an act of faith and trust in God and in one another. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "When Love is Found" #499

*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 & Thanksgiving

Glorious God, may the gifts we have given reflect your abundance and generosity. Recharge us as we leave this table so that we will use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. May we be a seed that will grow, spread, and color the world with faith, hope, and love in Jesus. Amen

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians" #494

*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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Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
Disciples



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

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