



## **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.

April 20, 2025

Easter Service

6:30 & 9:00 am

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer

**Prelude**

**"Were You There?"**

**(on screen)**

One: Living God of power and glory, for us, this morning began in darkness as we remember the death of Jesus Christ, but now a light has come and we know Jesus is no longer in the tomb, He has risen!

**Special Response**

**"The Lord of the Dance"**

by Sydney Carter

We Gather Around God's Word

Call to Worship

One: Wondrous God, bring forth the sun from its slumber and Jesus from the tomb. Break forth from our darkness the Holy Light, your Blessed Child, our Savior the Christ for it is our hope to greet him on this morning of mystery and hope.

**Many: Come, greet us Jesus and take away our uncertainty.**

One: Jesus is our light!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

One: Jesus is the light of the world!

**Many: Praise be to God. Halleluiah!**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Mighty God, thank you for the ways you have shared your love with us.**

**You created us in your own image. You announced your love for us as you followed our history, choosing a people to be your messengers of hope. You proclaimed your love for us when you sent Your Son to earth to be the Savior of all. You exposed your love for us each day as you now follow our history through the power of your Holy Spirit. Continue to pour out your love upon us as we strive to be apprentices of Jesus in the world.**

**Praise be to God! Halleluiah and Amen!**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

**#216**

Renewal of Baptism Vows

One: Sisters and brothers, on this day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death, let us gather at the water to celebrate our baptism because this water and our reaffirmation of the promises verifies our continued desire to reject sin and be committed to Jesus Christ. We gather at this fount where the waters of baptism flow with the Spirit, for they are a source of our unity in the Body of Christ as we accept the sign and seal of our new life in Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Triune God, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer of your very being?

**Many: I believe in the Triune God.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who died on the cross so that we could be saved by faith?

**Many: I believe in my Savior Jesus Christ.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit who dwells within you, giving you the strength and power to accept God's gift of faith?

**Many: I believe in the Holy Spirit who dwells within me.**

One: Sisters and Brothers, do you renounce all the forces of evil that exist in the world and beyond?

**Many: I do with the help of God.**

One: Sisters and Brothers, do you promise to live as Christ teaches you, giving to the mission of God your time, talents and resources to this community and beyond so that all people may have an opportunity to share in the kingdom of God?

**Many: I do with the help of God.**

One: We invite everyone to come forward in remembrance of your baptism. Dip your hand into the water, touch your forehead making the sign of the cross saying, "Christ is my Lord and Savior," and as you return to your seat, please take a moment to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

### *We Praise God for Our Resurrected Savior*

One: My Sisters and Brothers, Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

### *We Engage God's Word*

Scriptures

Isaiah 65:17-25

John 20:1-18

Multigenerational Lesson & Sermon "Arise In Christ"

### *We Respond to God's Word*

Offering Invitation

One: Jesus, our Lord and Savior, gave his very life so that we might live.

**Many: Now, we prepare our gifts to God so that others might be saved.**

One: Jesus rose from death so that we all might enjoy the fruits of his labor.

**Many: Let us bring the best that we have, the first fruits of our labor, to the glory of God. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology

#780

The Celebration of Communion

\*Communion Hymn

"In the Garden"

#227

\*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

**Grace-filled God of love and glory, we thank you for the gift of faith that you pour out upon us. Jesus Christ our resurrected Savior, has given us your promise of eternal life in him. Send us from this table, recharged and ready to continue Christ's work and your mission in this church and in the world. Amen**

We Are Sent Into the World

\*Closing Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

CP#39

\*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

Minister

Jean Stepp

Liturgist

Inge Adelmeyer

Pianist/Soloist

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

AV Tech

Victor Abitz

Custodian

All People

Disciples



**THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Worship Service With Communion  Social Hour: Ladies of Peace	1:30 PM Bible Study  Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs  9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive  10:30 AM St. Francis  Messenger Articles Due	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs  9:00 AM TOPPS  11:00 AM Golden Fellowship		10:00 AM Earth Day Clean-Up 11:30 AM Lunch
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:00 AM Worship Service  Social Hour: Church Council #1	9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up  Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs  9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	10AM Messenger Assembly  Loaves & Fishes  9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs  9:00am TOPPS  9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	

HAPPY  
*Birthdays*  
TO YOU

*April 20<sup>th</sup> – Cole Klaske, Roman Weber*

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Patrick Hanke*

*April 24<sup>th</sup> -Brad Miller*

*April 25<sup>th</sup> -Evelyn Yantz*

*April 26<sup>h</sup> -Scott Heim*



**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
April 20, 2025**

**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](http://uccchurchofpeace.com)

**Facebook:** Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$2,278.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$32.00; OGHS: \$10.00;

Memorial Fund: \$615.00;

E-giving: \$1,625.00; Investing in the Future: 1,715.00.

To the Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Dianne Steinke given by Mary Lange. To the Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Janet Rymer and in memory of Doris Kastorff given by family and friends.

Attendance Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:

Online: 31 - In person: 89 - Last year : 93



**Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

*Our normal meeting day falls during Holy Week, so this month we will meet the Thursday after Easter.*

Join us April 24<sup>th</sup> for “Movie Day”

We will be watching the movie, ‘The Help.’

‘The help’ is an inspirational, courageous and empowering story about very different, extraordinary women in the 1960s South who build an unlikely friendship. As usual, bring your own lunch and beverage.

We will have popcorn and a dessert!



**Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Pancake Syrup,  
Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Hormel  
Chili, 1 LB Hamburger or Turkey,  
Tuna, Chef Boyardee**

90+ Birthday Card Shower

*Please consider sending cards to this member:*



**April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Evelyn Yantz*  
**469 Portage Street**  
**Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

Messenger Articles

Due April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Messenger Assembly: April 30<sup>th</sup> 10AM

**Earth Day Clean Up**

**Please join us on April 26<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30 am for  
Earth Day Clean-Up in the River Park area of  
Fond du Lac, followed by Sloppy Joe  
appreciation lunch. Come on down  
& help us clean up the park.**



IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Bill Manka	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Evelyn Yantz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Jeanette	Mary Jean Nicholson	Janet & Eugene Willis
James Lewis	Linda Oelke	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefebber	Dave & Diana Candlish
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Charlene & Les Abitz
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Joel	Karl & Doris
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Theresa Schultz
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Rev. James Martin
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Carol Kryzyanowski
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Joan Meiss
Wayne Katerski	Susan Snider	Darcy
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Peggy Asmus
John	Rick Karl	Terri Hoffman
Trent Bergman	Kathy Stephany	Barb Kurki
The Family of Amy Jo Kivioja		

p.s. Awesome God, on this day of resurrection and new life, we ask, strengthen our faith so that it may grow in us and spread to all those we meet!

**Blood Drive**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8:00 AM**



**American  
Red Cross**



**ORDERS DUE APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**