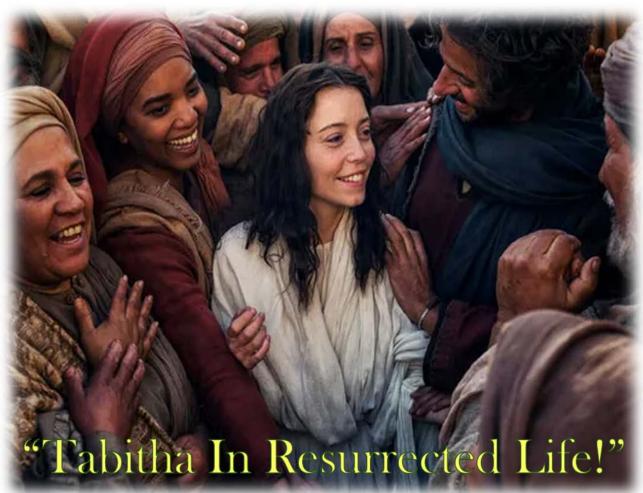
# Church of Peace





# **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.

May 11, 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day 9 am
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 100

Call to Worship

One: Transformative Creator, you envelope us with examples of community

Many: We are witness to Jesus,' up close and personal, attempts to learn about and be with the people

One: You want us to know that what happens outside of our church building matters to God's people.

Many: Continue to work in and through us to build towards collective flourishing

One: Call us into living—

Many: Call us into being curious, approachable, and loving towards all Your creation

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Creator of the Collective, let us begin by sitting in silence so that we can feel the presence of You in one another. Open up all our senses to be more available to the possibility of the Creator's reflection in one another, and let us be ready to build up a world, one in which we become agents of change. Open our hearts, O God, and help us to feel the brokenness of your world so we can begin again. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #2

#### \*Prayer for Transformation and Restoration

Holy One, We ask ourselves: Who do we say that we are? How do we show up against a world that allows discrimination, war, genocide, violence, transphobia, and allows poverty to run rampant amongst God's people? When we experience tension, give us the courage to work into that tension and to invite a feeling of love, kindness and grace the way – that Your Son showed us time and time again. Be with us in this and all the hard moments still to come.

#### \*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, let us go forth today and all our days with the courageous belief that we can truly recognize God in each other and then act accordingly.

Many: By God's grace, we turn towards the transformation where acts of love, humility, curiosity, faith, abundance, and hope are on display for all to witness. 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.

<u>\* Hymn</u> "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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We Engage God's Word

Scriptures Acts 9:36-43 John 10:22-30

Multigenerational Lesson

<u>Sermon</u> "Tabitha in Resurrected Life!"

We Respond to God's Word

#### Invitation to Generosity

One: We've heard God's call to us, to be abundant with our gifts of grace, love, forgiveness and time.

Many: So let us be abundant in our giving so that the work of the church can be carried out beyond this building in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Offertory

\*Doxology

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Magnificent God, we thank you for the gifts of the people – from our ancestors to our elders to those who have yet to come. We share what we have so that all can flourish and follow you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

# We Are Sent into the World

\*Closing Hymn "Day and Night" Chalice Praise #5

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

\*Commissioning & Benediction

#### Postlude

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

Rev. Stephen Stepp Renee Kiefer

Janice Westphal

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd All People Minister
Liturgist

Organist AV Techs

Custodians Disciples

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#### THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	М	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM Worship Service & Social Hour: Martha Society Mother's Day	1:30 PM Bible Study Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Ladies of Peace 6:00 PM Martha Society 6:30 PM Council Mtg.	Loaves & Fishes 6:30 PM Confirmation	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00 AM TOPPS 11:00 AM Golden Fellowship Potluck		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday School Social Hour: Pastor Steve & Jean	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 6:30 PM Stewardship Messenger Articles Due	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00 AM TOPPS		

# HAPPY & BIRTHDAY



May 11<sup>th</sup>
Cynthia Brajdic
May 12<sup>th</sup>
Hallie Rymer
May 14<sup>th</sup>

Juli Beilke

May 15th

Abbigail Sandberg

May 16th

Sharon Bartley

## WELCOME TO

### CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST May 11, 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: <u>uccchurchofpeace.com</u>
Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$2,459.00; Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$33.00;

Strengthen the Church: \$65.00;

E-giving: \$869.00.00; Investing in the Future: \$795.00.

Attendance Sunday, May 4th:

Online: 33 - In person: 106 - Last year: 78



Swiss Steak Dinner Meeting during coffee hour on May 18<sup>th</sup>



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

Bible Study May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM





90+ Birthday Card Shower
Please consider sending cards to these
members:



Mrs. Peggy Laehn 620 Rolling Meadows Dr Apt. 212 Fond du Lac, WI 54937

#### May 20th

Mrs. Pat Krueger 345 E. First St. Apt. 132 Fond du Lac, WI 54935

#### May 29th

Mr. Riley Mincy 318 Illinois Ave North Fond du Lac, WI 54937



Lucy Zahn Bill Manka **Heather Reader-Schubert** Elise Sonnenberg Dixie & Dave Borchert **Evelyn Yantz** Jeanette Mary Jean Nicholson **Janet & Eugene Willis** Linda Oelke **Bob and Shirley Hanke** James Lewis Janelle Anderson Leo Lefeber 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 Donna Birkholz Rev. James Martin Pat Grose **Debra Rammer** Nancy Schaefer Carol Kryzyanowski **Arnold Breitenfeld** Edna Karl Joan Meiss Wayne Katerski Susan Snider Darcy **Del Weigel Alexis Hayes Peggy Asmus** Rick Karl Terri Hoffman John **Trent Bergman Kathy Stephany** Barb Kurki Jeanette Hinn

p.s. Glorious God, enable us with your Holy Spirit and the guidance of Jesus Christ to live the resurrected life right here and now!

Golden Fellowship
Potluck Picnic

May 15th

11:30 AM

Food, fun, games, laughter!! What more could you ask for? Join us. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. See you there!

