



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.

June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am

Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells-Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude "This is my Father's World" and "Our Great God"

We Gather Around God's Word

The Faith of One: 1 Kings 18:20-39

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 42)

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

Many: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.

One: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

Many: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the noise of spontaneous praise.

One: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

Many: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.

One: Please join me in our prayer of Invocation

Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city limits.

Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow" # 70

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, fear seeks to be our constant companion. It stifles us with its overwhelming presence and prolific imagination. Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and your path. Fear keeps us from picking up our cross as much as it suppresses our joy in you. Fear invites us to believe the easy lie rather than confronting the hard truths necessary for your kingdom to come. Forgive us for choosing fear when we could have you, your presence, and your way as a companion on our journey. Empower us to reject fear and all who fall complicit in dampening your truth.

*Words of Grace (inspired by Romans 5)

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, Paul reminds us that "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." God's grace promises the glory of transformation through the acknowledgement of need for it. Therefore, accept your forgiveness and be transformed through faith in Jesus Christ.

Many: We embrace our transformation and enter the newness of life in which Christ fashions our struggles into character and hope. Praise be to God! Amen.

Special Music *"Here I Am to Worship"*

by Tim Hughes & Phillip Deveren performed by Elizabeth Schubert

*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 1 Kings 18:27-39 Galatians 1:1-12

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon *"The Faith of One"*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The gifts of God come generously and abundantly. We hold, nurture, and amplify them as they are entrusted to our care.

Many: We respond faithfully by sharing them for the good of community and creation. In this act of faith and trust, we transform our resources of time, talent, and finances into the Good News for our world. Amen.

Offertory "Be Still My Soul"

*Doxology #46

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the Few and the Many, we give you thanks for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" (on screen)

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

(*If you are able, please stand when invited)

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Nancy Zupke

Rosemary Schinkel

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd

All People

Minister

Liturgist

Pianist

AV Techs

Custodians

Disciples



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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 AM Worship Service	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap	9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive	9:00 AM Advocap		
Social Hour: Stewardship		10:30 AM St. Francis		9:00am TOPPS		
		11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch	10:00 AM Messenger Assembly	11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		
			Loaves & Fishes	5:30 PM Church Council Recognition Picnic		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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Social Hour: Worship Enhancement		11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch		9:00am TOPPS		
		6:35 PM Dock Spiders		11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		



June 23rd
 Jeanne Detweiler
 Susan Nett
June 25th
 Laurel Ryan
 Calin Dahlke
June 26th
 James Stephany
 Mark Burns
June 27th
 Joann Wendt



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST June 22, 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

Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$4,660.75;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$20.00;

E-giving: \$1,590.00; Investing in the Future: \$6,170.00

Special gifts: To Investing in the Future Fund in honor of the birthday

Jeanne Detweiler given by the Pitchford Family.

Attendance Sunday, June 15th:

Online: 28 - In person: 71 - Last year: 55

PINKERT GRANT & CHURCH OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

are now available in the church office
(Monday-Thursday / 9am-12pm).

The grant is open to children/grandchildren of church
members.

The scholarship is for church members only.

Additional information and details
can be found on the application.



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Wednesday
June 26th
at 9:00 AM

Save a Life. Give Blood

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



**Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Chicken,
Individual Servings Mac-n-Cheese (cups),
1 lb Hamburger or Turkey,
Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Dish Soap, Deodorant (Men & Women),
Shampoo, Conditioner, Shavers, Q-Tips,
Baby or Body Wipes**

Volunteers Needed: The church needs individuals or families to volunteer their time and equipment (if available) to maintain our grounds this summer by mowing, string trim, blow off or sweeping the pavement, water or weeding. If you do not have the equipment, we will make arrangements to have them available.

Pick a day, a week, or month where you can help the church maintain our grounds and public appearance.

Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Questions, please contact Jerry Johnson 920-238-9716.

Thank you for your help!



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	Gary and Karen Blazer
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Theresa Schultz
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Rev. James Martin
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Carol Kryzyanowski
Wayne Katerski	Susan Snider	Joan Meiss
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Darcy
John	Rick Karl	Terri Hoffman
Trent Bergman	Kathy Stephany	Barb Kurki
Jeanette Hinn	Joe & Family	



p.s. Ever-Loving God, our faith alone is not enough. Empower our faith with your Holy Spirit so that we can follow the path of Jesus!



Messenger Assembly: June 25th at 10:00 AM



**Church of Peace
Outdoor Service
& Picnic
August 17th
at 10:00 AM**