

Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



“Accepting Who We Are!”

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.

September 8th, 2024, Sixteenth 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 Proverbs 22

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 125)

One: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

One: We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

Many: Surround us, Jesus, in your body the church.

One: Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Many: Surround us, Holy Spirit, with the wind of God's love.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Creator God, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder their thoughts. In this place, connect us to you so that we will know your love dwells with in us. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak to us always. Amen.

Opening Hymn *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"* CP 2

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Merciful God, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than to include, to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God's grace is sufficient to meet us in weakness. And yet, faith without works lacks power, conviction, and life. Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our words and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures.

Many: Open us God to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of Your creation presents to us. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special music "Thy Word" by Grant/Smith

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

"Jesu, Jesu"

No. 600

We Engage God's Word

Scripture

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7: 24-30

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Accepting Who We Are!"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation (responsive)

One: James 2:8 states, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well."

Many: Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Excellent God, receive our offerings for the encouragement and expansion of your kingdom. May these gifts be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that your kingdom will rise across your world. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

No. 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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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Patricia Siekierke

Rob Giese

Victor Abitz

Jean Stepp

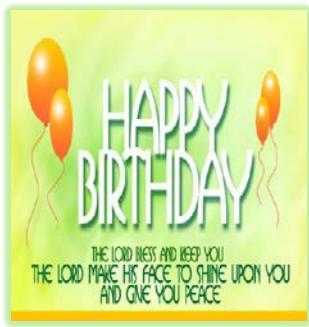
All People



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
Disciples

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This weeks bulletin is given in honor of
Debbie Baker's Birthday.



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