



*"The Goodness and Greatness of God!"*

## 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.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025      Second Sunday after Epiphany      9:00am  
Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells-Welcome & Announcements

*We Prepare to Worship God*

Prayer & Prelude

*We Gather Around God's Word*

A reading from Psalm 36

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 36 )

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your  
judgments are like the great deep.

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One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 543

\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us strengthen our faith.**

## Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

**Many: We accept our forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ! Praise be to God! Amen.**

## \*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#16

## *We Engage God's Word*

## Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

## Multigenerational Lesson

## Sermon

"The Goodness and Greatness of God!"

## *We Respond to God's Word*

## Offering Invitation

One: May whatever gifts we bring be transformed like water to the best wine.

**Many: We trust God with what we have to offer.**

One: Our trust can sow miracles, reveal Jesus in the world, and magnify joy in our communities.

**Many: So let us give with peace that the kingdom overflows with abundance and with hope that our collective efforts make the world new. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**Ever-Giving God, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*We Are Sent into the World*

\*Closing Hymn "Dream Gods Dream" (On Screen)

\*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  
Brenda Post  
All People



Minister  
Organist  
AV Tech  
Custodian  
Liturgist  
Disciples

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