

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Church Proper 19 Just Peace/Blanket September 12 & 15, 2024

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*\* All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People  
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Today, we are grateful to gather and worship God in peaceful conditions.

**P: While some congregations are rocked with bombshells, our service can exist in calm.**

L: While some communities are rife with discord, our neighborhoods are primed for dialogue.

**P: We are provoked to bring God's peace and praise wherever we go.**

L: We hold fast to the vision of Shalom throughout all of God's creation.

**P: We believe that peace is possible.**

**\*HYMN:** "This is My Song" B591/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace, let the design of your great love enlighten and heal our world so torn by misunderstanding, violence and war. Give a just peace to your people, a just peace among nations, a just peace in our dwellings, and a just peace in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus, your Son and our brother. Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Spirit of the Living God" B283/Projected  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ALL: Christ, forgive us for harboring discord in our own hearts. At times, we hold unresolved anger in our bodies, in our families, and institutions. We forego confessions that would release us from silent stalemates. We are often quiet during the proliferation of warfare and buy into cultures of***

*violence as if there is no peaceful alternative. We need your model and Spirit to lead us ever into fearless dwelling and loving communion. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Friends and peacemakers, “Just Peace is not a destination, but a path...may God grant us the required awareness and constant vigilance to resolve existing and developing conflict in ourselves and our communities.” May we be inspired by the serenity of creation, the reconciliation of Christ, and the breath of the Holy Spirit to dwell in and share Shalom. Help us recognize the ‘things that make for peace’ in our world. For in Jesus’ name, our sins are forgiven, and we are set free to love and serve.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38

A TIME OF LEARNING: “Loyal Love”

Projected

The Animated Bible Project Series: The character of God

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ

Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace

I can hear the brush of angel’s wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Seek Ye First”

The Beatitudes

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Peace” with Bethel Music

Projected

(CCLI top 10 of 2024)

MEDITATION: “Speaking Peace”

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “Take My Life, God, Let it Be”

B448/Projected

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: God's teaching surrounds us. If we wish to know love, to understand justice, or to embody wisdom, we must only pay attention. The gospel is always coming alive somewhere. For every new way God reaches out to us, takes on flesh and manifests within and around us, let us bring our offerings with gratitude. We can share with the church and the world our time, our talents, or our wealth, all for God's love and justice.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***ALL: Incarnate One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we hope to be companions of righteousness. We hope to divest from all that destroys. We hope to live into the Spirit of Christ that sets the captives free. With these offerings, we pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love and peace where and when they are needed most. Amen.***

### \*BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

### \*Postlude

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thurs. Sept. 12  
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. Sept 14  
10:00 am - Pack 3735 Popcorn Blitz Party
- Sun. Sept. 15  
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Blanket Sunday  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting  
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Mon. Sept. 16  
4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting  
5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting  
6:15 pm - Puppets  
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Sept. 17  
5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist  
5:30 pm - Mission Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thurs. Sept. 19  
9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. Sept 21  
**Messenger Article Submission Deadline**
- Sun. Sept. 22  
9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting  
6:15 pm - Lego Multiverse  
6:15 Puppets
- Mon. Sept. 23  
5:30 pm - Free Community Meal at First Congregational Church
- Tues. Sept. 24  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## **QR CODES FOR YOUR USE**

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.





**We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.**

**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

*Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.*

## **Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm**

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Our office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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*Tracy Cramer Sept 15; Heidi Schwanke and Janet Sommer Sept 17; Nancy Mills Sept 19*

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 59	Total: 67
Sunday:	In-Person: 63	Livestream: 177	Total: 240

General Fund: \$1961.00                      OCWM: \$265.50                      Capital Improvements: \$268.50

*Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**Audio Operator:** Kelly Mundell                      **Liturgist:** Dianne Heyn                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

The bulletin is sponsored this week in Memory of Edward Kwiatkowski by Buck and Nancy.

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, is Blanket Sunday and there will be a special offering envelope in the bulletin. Your donations go to help fund the Blanket and Hygiene Kit Program, run by Church World Services, and provides emergency assistance to the United States and other countries. Thank you!

**JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF**

“Journeying through Grief” is a set of four books to give, or send to, a grieving person at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. Each of the four books focuses on the feelings and issues a person is likely to experience at that point in their grief, offering comfort, help, and hope throughout that difficult first year.

If you or someone you know has had a loss and is experiencing grief and you feel they would benefit from this book series, please stop into the church office or speak with Nurse Emily to receive a set.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, our church office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door for after office hours. Thank you!

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



In need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** *Tara Koller, the family and friends of Timothy Cluppert, Dianne Heyn, Dave and Sarah Heyn and children, and 21 Unspoken*

## YOUTH RETREATS AT DAYCHOLAH CENTER

Registration will open in late August for two upcoming Fall Youth Retreats at Daycholah Center. The Knock Knock Retreat for middle schoolers (grades 6-8) is October 11-13<sup>th</sup>. The youth Faith Formation Retreat I (grades 6-12) is November 8-10<sup>th</sup>. Visit <https://uccj.org/events-calendar/> for more information.



## MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *September* are:

Breakfast cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup, any flavor of Hamburger Helper, any flavor Rice a Roni, boxed mac and cheese, Easy Mac, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla extract, cinnamon, cake mixes, brownie mixes, pudding, Jello, SPAM, stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, salt, pepper, garlic powder or garlic salt. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

## BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **worship bulletin** or would like to sponsor altar flowers, a radio broadcast, or a worship bulletin, please email the office or drop your request off by Monday at 1:00 pm. Thank you!

Events, committee updates, etc. for the **October Messenger** can be emailed to [osuccripon1@gmail.com](mailto:osuccripon1@gmail.com) or dropped off at church office by Saturday, **September 21st**. Thank you!

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