



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

20 September 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude: "Forest Lake" arr. Lorie Line

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Hymn "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come. (repeat)

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come, come, come.

Being Gathered to God – Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

One: The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We remember God's presence and mercy with the words of the Psalmist: "Thank the Lord for all the glorious things he does; proclaim them to the nations."

Many: Sing his praises and tell everyone about his miracles. Glory in the Lord; O worshipers of God, rejoice.

One: Search for him and for his strength, and keep on searching!

Many: Think of the mighty deeds he did for us, his chosen ones—descendants of God’s servant Abraham, and of Jacob.

One: Remember how he destroyed our enemies and brought his people safely out from Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; there were no sick and feeble folk among them then. Egypt was glad when they were gone, for the dread of them was great.

Many: He spread out a cloud above them to shield them from the burning sun and gave them a pillar of flame at night to give them light.

One: They asked for meat, and he sent them quail and gave them manna—bread from heaven.

Many: He opened up a rock, and water gushed out to form a river through the dry and barren land; for he remembered his sacred promises to Abraham his servant.

One: So he brought his chosen ones singing into the Promised Land.

Many: He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, complete with their growing crops; they ate what others planted.

All: *This was done to make them faithful and obedient to his laws. Hallelujah!”*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

God promises to steadily journey with us. With the promise of his presence and his grace before us, we are emboldened to face our brokenness and confess our sin:

Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not always what you ask us to be. We stifle our gifts and waste our time instead of

boldly serving your ways instead of our own. We too easily avoid opportunities to offer kindness, while easily being too quick to take offense. We pretend that we have not heard your steady call to each of us to contribute to peace through justice, not just for some, but for all, in our world. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to be bold enough to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to trust in you and envision a different way: *“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

Listen to the words of the scriptures: the mercy and the love of God are endless; God's wrath is slow, and God's love is eternal. Glory be to God!

♪ A Response Of Halleluja “Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le,lu-ja”

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

OT Lesson

Exodus 16:1-15

The Children’s Time – let the child in each of us join in singing

♪ Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

🎵 Hymn #359

“Give Thanks”

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And now let the weak say 'I am strong'; let the poor say 'I am rich' be-cause of what the Lord has done for us And us. Give us. Give thanks!" The score includes first and second endings, a double bar line with 'D.S.' (Da Capo) and 'last time' marking, and repeat signs. The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

WORDS and MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

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Epistle

Philippians 1:21–30

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

“Do we prefer fairness or generosity?”

Special Music

Air from the “Water Music” arr by John Carter

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, with thanksgiving we return a portion of our gifts to you. God, we offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to you and to your world. Bless our offerings and guide us in your service. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

♪ Hymn

“Go Make Disciples”

F C/E F Gm F/A C

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody line with notes and rests, and a chord line with chords F, C/E, F, Gm, F/A, and C. The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a simple bass line accompaniment. The lyrics 'Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them,' are written below the top staff.

Dm C Bb B/C F

teach - ing them. Go, make dis -

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody and chord line with chords Dm, C, Bb, B/C, and F. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'teach - ing them. Go, make dis -' are written below the top staff.

C/E F Gm F/A

ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody and chord line with chords C/E, F, Gm, and F/A. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the' are written below the top staff.

Bb C Bbmaj7 Am

end of time. Go, be the salt of the earth.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody and chord line with chords Bb, C, Bbmaj7, and Am. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'end of time. Go, be the salt of the earth.' are written below the top staff.

Gm Fmaj7 Dm

Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody and chord line with chords Gm, Fmaj7, and Dm. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a' are written below the top staff.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

arr Douglas Smith

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Bill Stangl

Musicians:

Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton

Elsa Kirkegaard

Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for September 27 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm
25:1-9 • Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by Josh & Taylor
O'Brien-Flasch in celebration of their daughter Ellie's 6th birthday on
September 18th. Happy Birthday Ellie!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Lectionary group at Peace Church - September 22nd - 10:00 a.m.
Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the
scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

9TH Grade Confirmation – 9th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on
Wednesday, September 23rd from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
COVID guidelines will be practiced – so please wear your mask!

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Fall session runs from September 13 – October 25. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Walker.

Sunday School Students and Families: Have you checked out the Peace Church YouTube channel lately? There are new intro videos for classes, Read With Me books, and previously recorded lessons. Some even have special guests that are pretty entertaining!!! We'll let you know as soon as it is safe to return to our classrooms! In the meantime, stay safe, stay positive, and we look forward to seeing you at the outdoor church services in River Hill Park on Sundays!!!

Worship in the Park – Sunday, October 4th and October 11th worship will be held at River Hill Park in Kewaskum. (1150 Parkview Dr.) There will be two services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. There will be communion at the October 4th service.

Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Please conduct a self-check and stay home if you or a household member have symptoms of COVID-19 (Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea).
- If you or a household member are at higher risk for severe illness you are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- Please wear a face covering or mask over your mouth and nose.
- Please maintain a 6 feet distance from other people – even if you are wearing a face covering or mask.
- We ask that you refrain from singing. Singing is a higher-risk activity, as it more forcefully expels respiratory droplets than speaking.
- Please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of**

you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

September 20– September 26

September 20

Clayton Reif

September 21

Randy Schlice, Marnie Winninghoff

September 22

Katlin Evans, Amy Gessner, Samantha Mielke, Donna Schmidt (83)

September 23

Grace Loser

September 24

Rozanne Butzlaff, John Waskiewicz (92)

Happy Anniversary - September 20 – September 26

September 21

Kevin & Janine Lemke (35), Roger & Kathy Mertz (46)

September 22

William & Lori Becker (14)

September 24

Nancy & Herman Panzer (65)

September 26

Bonnie & Scott Rindt (22)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller
Debbie Butzlaff
Barry Clark
John Coulter
Marion Doms
Carol Gardner
Betty Graff
Marian Herriges
Nancy Laguna
Les Martin
Marilyn McIntosh
Jim Meinberg
Robert Neumann

Don Neitzel
Dennis Novotny
Donna Ogi
Mitch Ogi
Nancy Panzer
Chris Rode
Carol Sedgwick
Betty Skaug
Mark Steinhardt
Alec Taylor
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)
Caelyb (Bocher)
Jessica (DeLaurier)
Ron Geurts (Stern)
Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex)
Norbert Gudex (C. Gudx)
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Debbie (Hallen)
Larry Haas (Lemke)
Eric Haas (Lemke)
Heidi (C. Manthei)
Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)
Robin Kann (Atwater)
Valerie Knurr (Kletti)
Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)
Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)
Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)
Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)
Ann Thill (Mertz)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Dennis Novotny, Carol Butzlaff

Friends & Family:

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Jan (D. Stangl)

Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn
(O'Connor and Kuhn)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)

Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)

Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

John Waskiewicz, Norm Hughes, Marion Doms

We hold in our prayers the family and friends of those who have

entered eternal life: Barbara Wenzlaff, who passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Our prayers are with her husband, Bob, and her entire family.

Those Serving our Country



Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)

Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)

Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)

Kyle Henk (Army)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)

Major Erik Rundquist (Army)

Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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