



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Our mission: Love like Jesus...

Welcome all, love all, grow in faith together, and seek justice for all.
“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” – John 13:34

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

Our vision: “Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God's extravagant love and
together serve all of God's children and creation.”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Lorie Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn # 59 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Turning Our Hearts to God - Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;

Leader: you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, And your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Please join in lifting up your voices as we confess our sins before God.

All: Merciful and beloved Savior, we confess that we often fail to respond to your invitation to serve. You surround us with extraordinary blessings, miracles in our midst, and what we see are all the ways that our lives are lacking. Your spirit works within us in unique ways that, if shared, would help to birth the kingdom in our midst. But we

are filled with doubts that there is anything that we could do that would truly matter. Forgive us God, for our lack of divine imagination: for all of those things that we do that we wish we didn't, and for all those things that we don't do but know that we should. Hear us Lord, and hold our souls to the fire of your love, that in your mercy we might be made new.

Trusting in your steadfast love, we pray as one community: *“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.”*

One: Friends, believe in the good news of the Lord

All: **Christ's faithfulness exceeds our failings. We are offered forgiveness and hope for newness of life.**

↑Act of Praise #338

“King of Kings”

King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

↑The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Special Music (9:30)

“Alleluia Canon”
Chancel Choir

arr. Donald Moore

Epistle

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

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Children's Time - Please sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Hymn #596

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Gospel

[John 2:1-11](#)

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Sermon

“Why the Wine?”

Special Music

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Robert Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of God’s will in the world. Guide us in offering our whole selves to You. In Christ’s light we pray: Amen.

Benediction

Leader: ...Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: We go to love and to serve for we are the church! Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn #710

“The Trees of the Field”

Postlude

Lectionary for January 23: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 • Psalm 19 • 1
Corinthians 12:12-31a • Luke 4:14-21

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

Choir Director: Bill Stangl

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton
Karla Spaits
Berit Kirkegaard

Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – January 16 - 22

Jan. 16 Amelia Krebs, Lorelai Luther, April Stern

Jan. 19 Scott Augustin, Robert Schreffler, Jr.
Jan. 20 Christian Bocher
Jan. 21 Joanne Amerling
Jan. 22 John Kletti

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of January 16, 2021

Monday – Pastoral Relations Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – Lectionary Group – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class, Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

A Reminder To All Scholarship Recipients That Your First Semester Grades Are Due In The Church Office By February 1st.

Congregational Meeting: We will hold a congregational meeting after the 9:30a.m. service on January 30th to vote on a number of pending proposals:

- The Affirmation of hiring Rev. Sharon Stier (new member of our congregation and newly retired UCC pastor) to a part-time position for sabbatical continuity and pastoral care.
- Approving the proposal for the Kitchen Remodeling Project.
- Approving three proposed allocations of Memorial Funds.

More details will follow. We will once again live-stream the meeting and keep voting open for the week following by both e-mail or voice vote offered through the office.

2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the **Narthex**. Please take them home. If we have inadvertently missed you, please call the church office and we will quickly correct our error. Please note that your envelope number might have changed from previous years! Thank you.

Pastoral Relations: The Pastoral Relations Committee will be holding its first meeting of 2022 on Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any joys or concerns that you would like to have included in this meeting, please contact any PR Committee member. Thank you.



Middle School Youth Group

Karla and Josh Spaits are leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

January

- January 22nd TBD and January 29th TBD

Peace Church Kitchen Remodeling Project Update

For the last couple of years, there has been a committee that has been working diligently on a plan to remodel our church kitchen. We have met with many contractors to discuss our project and are in the process of getting pricing.

When the time comes to dismantle the kitchen, we would like to find a new home for the existing cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dishes, and cups. If you would like to bid on these items or know someone that does, please write your name and phone number on a piece of paper along with your bid and put it in an envelope. Drop this off at the church office.

If you have any questions, the committee consists of Mary Billman, Kathy Mertz, Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi, Clark Pearson, Pastor Eric, and Karen Kletti.

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:

Rev. Bob Blackburn
Christ Gudex
Jon Herbst
Lauren Krebs
Jackie McCurdy
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny

Sharon Ostermann
Lynn Rusch
John Schmahl
Mary Tessar
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene
Pat Beal (N. Krahn)
Harry Gall (L. Swanson)
Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Pat Jordan (B. Hallen)
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Jenna Butchlick
Julie (Breitbach)
Eric Covington (Fleury)
Howard Floeter (Lemke)

Klaine (Lemke)
Jason Lemke
Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Gerald Piittmann
Babette Rhoads
Josie Schoneman
Colin Volm

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)

Betty (J. Michaels)

Kathy (Augustin)

Heidi (Manthei)

Henry (Meinberg)

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Alan Floeter (Lemke)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Sandra Senn (P. Behr)

Susan Tolonen

Those in Hospice care and their families: Ruth Whyte

Those who have died: Betty Skaug (1-11-2022), Rev. David Schwingle (Lorna's brother, 1-7-2022)

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)

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 Stolorski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

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

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

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