



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 23, 2022

Third 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

“How Great Thou Art”

John Carter

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Inviting God into Our Lives

Gracious Christ, we have come to hear your will for us. Permit no spectators in this church. Move us, by your Spirit, that each of us may fulfill the ministry to which you have called. For each has received a gift, each is a part of your body. Call us to recognize each gift and to minister to the varied gifts of each person. To You we pray: **“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.”**

↑ 🎵 Hymn #640

“Gather Us In”

Turning Our Hearts to God – Psalm 19

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

Many: And also with you.

One: We turn to the words of the Psalmist: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Many: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

One: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Many: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Many: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Many: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

One: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Many: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We do not love you with our whole heart; nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

One: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

↑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

“Offertorio Pastorale”

Epistle

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#)

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

Hymn #248

“I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”

OT Lesson

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#)

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Gospel

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

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Sermon

“Is the Word of God Alive or Dead for You?”

Prayer of Dedication

We are humbled when we consider your blessings. We open our hearts and hands in thanksgiving, returning a portion of what you have given us. Bless our offerings that they will nurture seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn #712 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Postlude

Lectionary for January 30: Isaiah 62:1-5 • Psalm 36:5-10 • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 • John 2:1-11

The candle on the altar today is in honor of Jim and Idelle Breitbach's new great-granddaughter, Kaylee, who was born on January 12, 2022.

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
Musicians: Sherry McElhatton

Audio: Joshua Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – January 23 - 29

Jan. 24 Shirley Miller
Jan. 25 Kathy Krieser
Jan. 26 Lorna Schwingle-Glass
Jan. 27 Kyla Kivell
Jan. 29 Samuel Ogi

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of January 23, 2021

Tuesday – Lectionary Group – 10:00 a.m

Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class

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

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.

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.



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 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.

Soap Sale!

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. The bars of soap, at a cost of \$5.00 per bar, are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours (delivery is an option). All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!

Volunteers Needed – St. John's UCC Hartford

St. John's UCC Hartford has closed, and they are in need of assistance in preparing the building for the upcoming sale. Peace Church's Youth Group will be assisting with that clean-up on Saturday, February 12th from 10 – 2 p.m. More volunteers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212. The address of the church is 228 W. State St., Hartford.

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
Jon Herbst
Lauren Krebs
Jackie McCurdy
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Don Neitzel
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

Prayers of Thanksgiving

To Jim and Idelle Breitbach's granddaughter, Katelyn and new great-daughter Kaylee. Katelyn had induced labor last week because doctors determined that Kaylee should be delivered because of an enlarged heart. Kaylee was born on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Both Katelyn and Kaylee went home on Friday, January 14th and are doing much better than expected. Prayers for continue process are appreciated. Congratulations to Jim and Idelle on becoming great-grandparents!

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 Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

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

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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