



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 30, 2022

Fourth 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 "Gabriel's Oboe"

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #552 "We All Are One in Mission"

Inviting God into Our Lives - Psalm 71:1-6

One: May God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Gracious Christ, we have come to know your love and to hear your challenge for us. We turn to the words of the Psalmist:

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Many: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

One: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Many: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

One: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

All: Upon you I have learned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Leader: Most merciful God, humbly we offer our confession to you:

All: we confess that we contribute to the brokenness of our world both through what we do and what we fail to do. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We do not love you with our whole heart; nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves... especially those

neighbors for whom we struggle to understand or feel compassion. We confess that we are challenged to change our vision by ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in ways that stretch our understanding and our actions, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Humbly we hear your call to a different way of being as 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.”*

One: By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, that we may know your forgiveness, and choose to serve you and to be served by each other.

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

OT Lesson

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

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

†  Hymn 559

“Here I Am, Lord”

Gospel

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

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Epistle

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

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Sermon

“Love It or Leave It”

Special Music

“The Prayer”

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 to offering in love our whole selves to You. In Christ's light we pray: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: From where we are to where you need us,

Many: God, Lead Us!

One: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Many: Jesus, lead us!

One: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

Many: Spirit, lead us! Lead us so that we may go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn #557

“Pass It On”

Postlude

Lectionary for February 6: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) • Psalm 138 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • Luke 5:1-11

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
Musicians: Karla Spaits
Elsa Kirkegaard

Litanist: Chris Rode – 9:30
Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – January 30- February 5

Jan. 30 Patricia Reigle (96), Kathy Rundquist, Wes Westra (85)
Jan. 31 Matthew Buss, Debbie Keller, Marilyn McIntosh (86)
Feb. 2 Ellie Berres
Feb. 3 Joan Adler
Feb. 5 Joshua Guillaume, Henry Ogi

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of January 30, 2021

1/30 Sunday – All Congregation Meeting 10:30 a.m.
2/1 Tuesday – Lectionary Group – 10:00 a.m., Scholarship Grades Due
2/2 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 a.m., 9th Grade Confirmation Class
2/3 Thursday – Prayer Shawl – 1 p.m., KEYS 6 p.m.
2/4 Friday – Youth Group Dinner, Games & Fellowship 5-8 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 undesignated 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!

- **February 4 – Dinner, games, and fellowship – 5-8 p.m.**
- **February 12 – Service project with St. John's UCC in Hartford**

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
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 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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Sharon Stier, Interim Visitation Minister, 414-531-0837 - sstier@outlook.com

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

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