



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

March 6, 2022

Women's Sunday

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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*

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**Visiting Minister:** **Rev. Jane Anderson** is the current Associate Conference Minister, working with the Northeast and Southeast Associations. Prior to her call as the Associate Conference Minister for the Northeast and Southeast Associations, Jane had been in ministry in the local church for 30 years.

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

Greetings - Prayer Requests – A Time of Centering

↑ ♪ Hymn # 606                      “As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here”

Call to Worship

One:                We may be entering this season arid, dry from pain and injustices.

**Many:            And yet, God is still hydrating our spirits.**

One:                We may be wandering, feeling as if we have no direction.

**Many:            And yet, God is guiding us in the wilderness.**

One:                We may be fearful, wondering what comes next.

**Many:            And yet, God is surrounding us with peace.**

One:                We may begin our Lenten journey spiritually arid, aimless, and anxious.

**Many:            But the Spirit of Strength will never leave our side.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Divine Sojourner,**

**As we saunter far into the wilderness, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the prejudices deep within us. However we wander in this season, may your Holy Glow refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we connect with our siblings. Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**God of the Road, we journey together into the wilderness again. In this time filled with new spiritual practices and studies, our minds will be “tested.” Doubts will creep in as we seek your presence. At times, we will slide away from our responsibilities to care for our neighbors.**

**“Keep awake,” you call to us.**

**And so we ask ourselves:**

**Will hurtful words from others taunt us, and inhibit our growth with you?**

**Will negative images in our minds draw us away from our practices?**

**Will we snooze to the needs of this world and ignore the pain in our communities?**

**Deliver us from the temptations of this world and the tests that we impose upon ourselves. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus the Christ, who taught us to say when praying together. . .**

***“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.”***

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: When we aimlessly wander throughout this Lenten journey, God follows us – even into the depths of the wilderness. May we see God’s presence, knowing we are never alone on arid days and in barren lands.

**All: Amen!**

↑ The Passing of the Peace

One: Peace be with you

**All: And, also with you**

The Children’s Time - As the children come forward, please sing:

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

O.T. Reading: [Ruth 1:1-19a](#) (Page 196)

Psalm: [Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**Many: will say to the LORD, ‘My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.’**

One: Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,

**Many: no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

One: For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**Many: On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

One: You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Many: Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

One: When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

**Many: With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

Gospel Reading: [Luke 4:1-13](#)

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A Time of Engaged Reflection – Rev. Jane Anderson

♪ Hymn # 438 “On Eagle’s Wings”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Greeting

One: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, you  
who have much faith, and you who would like to have more;

**All: You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;**

One: You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short.

**All: Come, all who seek to follow Christ’s way. It is Christ who offers to  
encounter us here.**

The Invitation

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

. . . . .As we join our voices in your everlasting hymn of praise.

**Sanctus**

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.***

***My heart is glad to say the words:***

*you are Holy, Lord!*  
*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.*  
*Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**All: Holy Vine, thank you for gathering us around your table.  
Thank you for transforming this simple bread  
into that gift of life which, broken,  
can make us whole once again.  
Thank you for sanctifying this simple cup  
that it might become the grace  
for which we thirst in this and every moment.  
Perhaps most of all, thank you for nourishing us and commissioning  
us that we may we go forth into the world,  
pushing aside the doors locked tight  
by the forces of prejudice and oppression,  
that all might receive your hope,  
that everyone might feel your abiding presence  
connecting them to your abundant life.**

Special Music

“Arrival of the Queen of Sheba”

arr. Richard Simm

↑ Prayer of Dedication

**One: Deuteronomy 26:2 (NRSV) declares this:  
“...you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you  
harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall  
put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as  
a dwelling for his name.”**  
  
How do we spend our “first fruits”- the best in which we have? Have we  
kept it for ourselves? Have we dedicated these gifts to God and shared  
them with our neighbors who lack basic necessities? How is God calling us  
to share the best we possess?

We bless our gifts together:

**All: Holy Stream of Gifts,  
We share our gratitude for all of our fruits – from our possessions to  
knowledge and from our time to abilities. May our “best” be**

something that we do not hoard but that we freely give away. As we embrace this season of fasting and reflection, may we recognize the best of our talents, treasures, and time and share with God and neighbor. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

**All:** As we wander on this journey,  
May God the Divine Light open our souls to healing and wisdom.  
May Christ the Sojourner lead us into oases of renewal in arid and barren times.  
May the Spirit of Hope fill us with courage to carry on.  
As Jesus embraced the struggles of the wilderness, may we find strength to abide in our wilderness of the soul. Amen.

↑ ♪ Hymn # 698 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Postlude

**Lectionary for March 13:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1  
• Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

~The flowers on the alter today are in memory of Chris Rode's dear friend, Mia.~

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### *SERVING TODAY*

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Visiting Minister: Rev. Jane Anderson  
Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits  
Video: Jake Lemke  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

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### *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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#### **Happy Birthday March 6 - 12**

March 6 Todd Stern  
March 7 Cheri Manthei  
March 10 Brian Keller, Landon Luther, Craig Rosenthal, Eric Walker  
March 11 Mary Billman, F. Lyn Peterson  
March 12 Jeff Reigle

#### **Happy Anniversary March 6 - 12**

March 12 Sarah & Brian Van Beek (17)

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## *NEWS & NOTES*

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### **Meal Making!**

Peace Church's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade confirmation class will be assisting during the Lenten Holden Prayer services on Wednesday evenings from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>. This group of students will be at Peace Church from 4:00 p.m. through the Holden Prayer service--around 8:00 p.m. We are looking for church members who would be willing to make a meal for the students to enjoy in between their confirmation class and the start of Holden Prayer service. The meal would need to feed 8 persons. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 262-626-4011 or office @peace-ucc.org

**Peace Church Scholarship:** Peace Church will be awarding up to fifteen \$750 scholarships to eligible applicants this year.

Did you know that the birthday envelope in your giving packet can be used to strengthen the Scholarship fund (you'll probably have to put some money in it!) Already thrown it away? You can use your regular giving envelope to contribute to the Scholarship fund too!

**Delivering Altar Flowers** – Please consider delivering altar flowers to a loved-one or a Peace Church member shut-in. Flowers will be available after the 9:30 service. See Roger Lindgren and he will assist you with the flowers and/or getting a shut-in name and address. Thank you!

### **Calendar for the Week of March 6, 2022**

3/8 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m., Consistory Meeting 6:30 p.m.

3/9 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, Confirmation Class 4 p.m., Holden Prayers 7:00 p.m.

3/10 Thursday – Grief Group 1:00 p.m.

3/11 Saturday – Before you go to bed...set your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight's Saving Time tonight!

3/13 Sunday – Visiting Minister – Rev. Kim Henning

\*\*Please note that Robin Mock will be having surgery on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. She will be out of the office through March 18<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be covered sparingly during that time. If you need to stop by for something, please call first.

**Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship** - 7:00 p.m. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – Holden Evening Prayers with reflections by this year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class. Music by Greg Ogi, Tom Ogi, Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, and Ellie Baldus.





## **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!

- Saturday 3/12 Altitude Trampoline Park in Appleton (TBD)

## **2022 High School Youth Habitat Trip – June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

This year we are headed to Frankfort, Indiana

*Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.*

The Cost: \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members

Please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the parking lot entrance to let us know you plan to participate or contact the office by email:

[office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

**Helping Hands Fish Fry** – Sponsored by Faith UCC, benefitting Albrecht Free Clinic, Casa Guadalupe, Elevate, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Caregivers. Friday, March 25, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at The Columbian – 3245 Lighthouse Lane, West Bend. More information here: <https://www.faithslinger.org/serve.html>

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## ***PRAYER LIST***

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### **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, Janette Loomis, Mugs McFadden, Pat McFadden, Marilyn McIntosh, Don Neitzel, Darrell Nonhof, Judy Nonhof, Dennis Novotny, Sharon Ostermann, Greg Vorpahl, Bev Winninghoff, Connie Zemlicka

**Family & Friends:** Arnold Gudex, Bill Gudex, Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Rose Ambler (B. Hallen), Lorrie (H. Bruenn), Jenna Butchlick, Julie (Breitbach), Eric Covington (Fleury), Howard Floeter (Lemke), Klaine (Lemke), Jason Lemke, Patricia Hohl, Jeremy (Rodenkirch), Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei), Gerald Piittmann, Babette Rhoads, Josie Schoneman

### **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), Caitlyn Z (Stier), 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, Caitlyn Ziegelbauer (Atwater)

### **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 CONTACT INFORMATION***

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