



RESTORED

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

Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
22 March 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME VISITORS

Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information Card in the pew racks in front of you and place the card in the offering plate.
Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the ushers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

As we gather together as one family in Jesus Christ, we covenant to hold one another's joys and concerns.

Please share your prayers with us by writing them on the "Prayer Request" slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - Prayer Requests – A Time of Centering

↑ 🎵 Hymn #480 "Open my Eyes that I May See"

Open My Eyes, That I May See 480

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7/C Db Eb7 Db/Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Turning Our Hearts to God

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ has come among us, opening the eyes of the blind, bringing light to those who have walked in darkness.

People: We walk in the light. Let the brightness of God's love shine through us.

Confessing

Together we offer our prayers:

Our hearts are heavy with concerns for those we know and love. Our hearts also weep for those who are far distant from us and greatly in need of Your presence. Our hearts are joyous with Your love and concern for us, and joyous with the good we have done this week when we have lived in accord with your will. We come to you, O God, in many conditions. We come to worship You and to offer You our confession:

Leader: O God, for the enormity of what we have done,

People: for the enormity of what you have asked us to do that we have not done,

Leader: for the seriousness of our sins,

People: for the consequences to others of our disobedience,

Leader: for all that breaks our relationships with one another and with you, all that weighs heavily on our hearts.

People: We ask for your forgiveness; we long for your grace and mercy.

Leader: We seek a turning of heart,

People: a turning to you and a cleansing of our hearts and spirits.

All: In the silence, we humbly and earnestly offer our confession and seek new life in you...

♪ Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

(During Lent we sing Kyrie Eleison as a reminder of our need for God's mercy and the promise of God's gift of love and forgiveness.)

Receiving Forgiveness

Our God is a God of justice and high expectations, yes; and yet also a God of compassion and understanding. God longs to have us embrace the love of Christ which forgives us to depths of our beings and leads us beyond our brokenness. Let us reach out to the world with compassion and understanding and choose to share the news of God's grace and love with all.

↑ The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Lesson

Psalm 23

The Children's Time - As the children come forward, please sing ♪ Hymn #226 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

♪ Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Thou wilt show me the path of life:
at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

PRECIOUS LORD

Thomas A. Dorsey

— Psalm 6:11

Arranged by Thomas A. Dorsey

1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2 *When my way grows drear,* Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near; *When my*

1 tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me
2 *life is al-most gone,* Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

1 on to the light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
2 *hand lest I fall;* Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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Lesson

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Special Music

O del mio dolce ardor

Gluck

Maëlle Leopardo

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer – Lord's Prayer

***“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.”***

Benediction

Leader: ...From our oneness in Christ, you are called to many places to serve the rich diversity of God's creation. Go in faith that when you share of yourself you are united with a global family that holds you in love.

People: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

↑ 🎵 Hymn #22 "Let All Things Now Living"

Let All Things Now Living

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth, show forth from day to day His salvation.

Katherine K. Davis
Previously attributed to
John Cowley

—I Chronicles 16:23

ASH GROVE
Traditional Welsh Melody
Descant by Katherine K. Davis

Descant

2 Ah _____ O sun, in Thy

1 Let all things now liv-ing A song of thanks-giv-ing To God the Cre-
2 His law He en-forc-es; the stars in their cours-es, The sun in His

or-bit, o-be-dient-ly shine. Ah _____

1 a-tor tri-um-phant-ly raise, Who fash-ioned and made us, pro-
2 or-bit, o-be-dient-ly shine; The hills and the moun-tains, The

_____ The deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di-

1 tect-ed and stayed us, Who guid-eth us on to the end of our
2 riv-ers and foun-tains, The deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di-

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vine. Re - joice, _____ re - joice! With glad ad - o -

1 days. His ban-ners are o'er us, His light goes be - fore us, A pil-lar of
 2 vine. We too, should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing, With glad ad - o -

ra-tion a song let us raise. Ah, _____

1 fire shin-ing forth in the night, 'Til shad-ows have van - ished And dark-ness is
 2 ra - tion a song let us raise, 'Til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-

_____ To God in the high - est, ho - san-na and praise. A - men.

1 ban-ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 2 giv - ing To God in the high - est, ho - san-na and praise! A - men.

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: Laura Kirkegaard
Organist: Sherry McElhatton
Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute
Maëlle Leopardo, Violin

Camera and editing: Berit Kirkegaard

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 22

March 22 One Great Hour of Sharing
March 25 3:30 p.m. Confirmation via Zoom
 7:30 p.m. - Lenten Service - access
via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcPkiJ6uYw_7lfzettLL5A
or Peace United Church of Christ Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Peace-United-Church-of-Christ-133668673343780/>

Lectionary for March 29: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 • Psalm 130
Romans 8: 6-11 • John 11: 1-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God by Josh & Taylor O'Brien-Flasch in honor of Logan O'Brien-Flasch's 3rd birthday.

Women@Peace –
Quilt Museum and Lambeau Field Experience:
POSTPONED

Easter Flowers - We are asking you to wait to order flowers to celebrate the resurrection for after we are all able to gather again at church. Those of you who have already ordered Easter flowers, we will hold your order until that occasion unless we hear from you.

The West Bend Ecumenical Lenten Services have been cancelled for this year.

Adult Bible Study – virtual ZOOM Meeting

All are Invited to Participate! We are going to begin a weekly lectionary Study Group on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. To Join the Zoom Meeting click this link

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158?pwd=alZsaWVDb0hSSkZSMkVFdnp0YkZYQT09>

Meeting ID: 299 920 158

Password: 269346

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,299920158#

Or call: (312)626-6799 and enter meeting id- 299 920 158#

Reach Out! - Many members and friends of Peace Church currently serve our country in the armed forces. The latest member to join is Maggie Singer. Maggie is currently at boot camp in South Carolina and would love to receive cards or letters from the Peace Church congregation! If you would like to send some cheer to Maggie – her address is:

Pvt. Singer, Margrette
C Co. 3-34 Inf. Reg 165th BDE
3rd Platoon, Mayhem
11953 Golden Arrow Rd.
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

Maggie has been recently diagnosed with stress fractures in her hips, shins, and legs. Now more than ever she needs our prayers and encouragement!

If you know of a service member who would appreciate hearing from Peace Church, please let the office know!

Prayer Shawl Group needs yarn for:

- Mittens, hats, scarves: “Red Heart” 4-ply knitting, worsted yarn. Any amount.
- Prayer shawls: “Homespun” – 3 skeins of the same dye lot, colorful yarn preferred.

Interested in knitting? Please call Nancy Panzer at 262-626-2817

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 22 – March 28

March 22 Finley Martin, Barbara Panzer, Julann-Zemlicka-Retzlaff
March 23 Dolores Terlinden (96)
March 25 Heidi Leithold, Emil Radeztsky
March 26 Sandi Radeztsky
March 27 Olivia Backhaus
March 28 Erin Backhaus

Happy Anniversary March 22 – March 28

March 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei – 9 yrs

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists.

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

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller
Debbie Butzlaff
Barry Clark
Marion Doms
Gary Fisher
Betty Graff

Les Martin
Robert Neumann
Don Neitzel
Mitch Ogi
Doc Ogi
Heidi Rodenkirch

Carol Sedgwick
Betty Skaug
Cherie Singer
Maggie Singer

Alec Taylor
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)
Caelyb (Bocher)
Ron Geurts (Stern)
Debbie (Hallen)
Larry Haas (Lemke)
Eric Haas (Lemke)
Heidi (C. Manthei)
Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)
Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valeri Knurr (Kletti)
Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)
Mrs. Muckerhide
Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)
Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
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: Ron Geurts Ron Skaug Laurie Struck

Friends & Family:

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Kim Breit
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Dennis Jacak (Manthei/Rauch)

Jan (D. Stangl)
Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn
(O'Connor and Kuhn)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

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



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

Restored***One Great Hour of Sharing Offering***

When Jesus and his followers encounter a man born blind, Jesus is asked “Whose fault is this?” Jesus reminds those with him then, as he reminds us now, that the right question to ask is “How can God’s work be seen in this?” Through this story, Christ challenges us to remember that rather than pointing fingers, we are called as Christians to extend a hand of love, healing and generosity.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. Although we receive this offering during the holy season of Lent, the work of the *One Great Hour of Sharing*® (OGHS) fund goes on all year long. Whenever there is a hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake or fire that affects the lives of people, OGHS is there to lend a helping hand.

Follow OGHS on Twitter at https://twitter.com/OGHS_at_UCC to see how the money from this fund travels around the world, wherever the need is greatest. Six months ago, the fund was used to help in places in California devastated by wildfire. Look back to a year ago today and you can read about how you could “Find current disaster information and learn about the UCC's response to flooding in Nebraska and the Cyclone Response in Mozambique and Zimbabwe...” Scroll back further, and in March of 2018, you could read about how OGHS funds were helping those in the paths of hurricanes in Texas and the Virgin Islands.

Too often, the news and social media can be sources of conflict, despair and isolation. OGHS on Twitter is an island of hope. It reminds us that what binds us together is greater than what separates us. It reminds us that while none of us can do everything, all of us can do something. And most of all, it reminds us that we are in community not just with those next to us in the pews, but with those next to us on this small and fragile planet we call home.

Give generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*® here:
<https://www.ucc.org/oghs>.

