



BREAKING
BREAD

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
26 April 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

The Call to Worship

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: We come with hearts filled with thanksgiving for all that God has done.

People: Clear away our distractions O God, and help us to see you with fresh eyes.

Leader: Gather us O Christ as we pray:

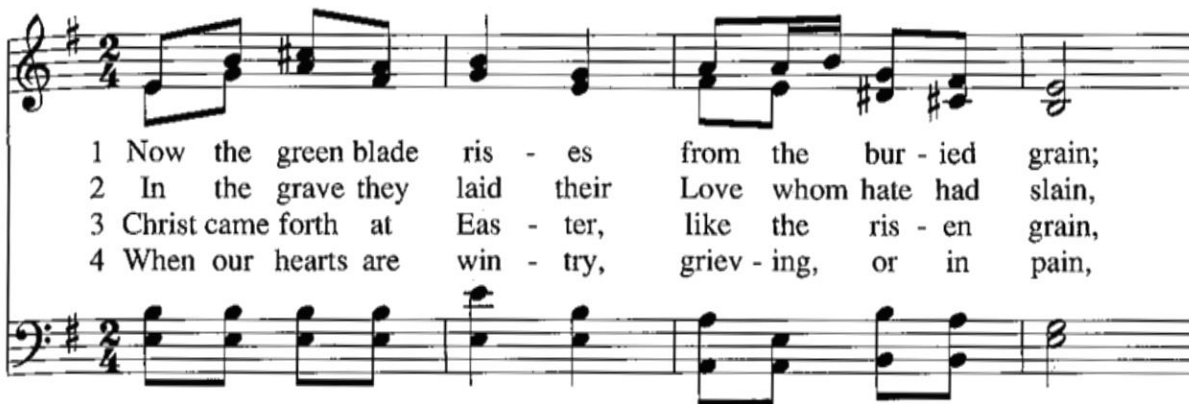
All: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

↑  Hymn #311

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.

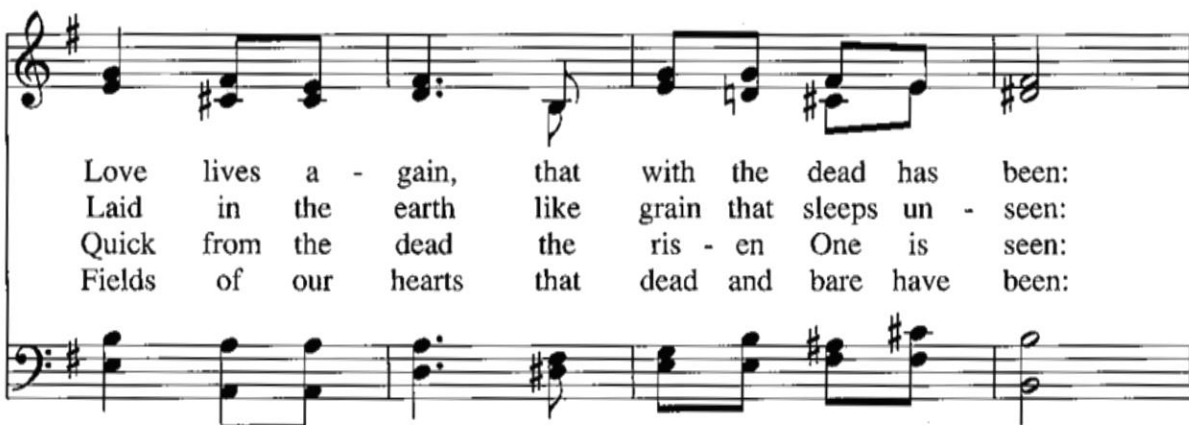
Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
 2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
 Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
 Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.
 French noel, 15th century
 Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928
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Rejoicing with the Psalmist – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Leader: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

People: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: We reach deep within our hearts and offer our confession to our God:

All: Lord, when we fail to hear your voice in the conversation of the day, have mercy;

When we close ourselves off from seeing your presence before us, have mercy;

When we walk stubbornly in our own pathways instead of faithfully seeking to walk with you, have mercy.

Lord, we confess that we sin against you in thought word and deed; by what we do, and by what we fail to do. Have mercy on us and help us to turn back toward your justice and compassion. Amen.

One: There is no sin so great, no brokenness so complete, that God does not offer to love us and heal us completely. God offers us wholeness for our souls, gentleness for our pain, food and light for the journey. God's gifts of love and grace are without end. Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. Amen.

♪ The Gloria Patri #142

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.”

The Passing of the Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death;
in rising, he restores our life;
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.

Peace be with you
And also with you

Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-42
1 Peter 1:17-23

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

♩ Hymn 291 "Alleluia No. 1"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

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ALLELUIA NO. 1

8.8 with refrain

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preparation of the Table

Remembering our Story

“Jesus took the Bread”

by Ruth Duck

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

“Jesus on the Journey”

Special Music

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Through these gifts, O loving God, we can go where we cannot travel. We can witness where our voices cannot be heard. We can speak in languages which we have never learned. We can love those whom we have never seen. So, bless your realm through our love, represented by our gifts now dedicated to you. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

Benediction

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

People: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!

♩ Hymn #298 "The Day of Resurrection!"

C F C C F C F G

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!

G7 C C7 F C G D D7 G

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

G7 C7 F A7 D7 G

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

G F C Dm7 C7 F F C G7 G C

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

SERVING TODAY

Piano/Organ: Sherry McElhatton and Karla Spaits

Litanists: Elsa Kirkegaard, Karla Spaits, Sherry McElhatton

Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute
Maëlle Leopardo, Violin,
(Our French exchange student – living with the
Kirkegaards)

Editing: Berit Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 29

April 28 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below
 3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom

April 30 3:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation via Zoom, see link below

All services can be accessed at Peace UCC Kewaskum [YouTube](#)
or Peace United Church of Christ [Facebook](#) page

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158>

Meeting ID: 299 920 158

Meeting Password: 114964

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,299920158# US (Chicago)

+19294362866,,299920158# US (New York)

Dial in on your telephone -

+1 312 626 6799, then enter meeting ID: 299 920 158

Thursdays at 3 pm. – Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux – we will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9th grade confirmands and will be meeting online on April 16, 30, May 7, and 21.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/266869687>

Meeting ID: 266 869 687

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Lectionary for May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • I Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday	April 26 – May 2
April 26	Cheri Hron (88)
April 28	Carol Butzlaff
April 29	Luke Pendowski, Heidi Rodenkirch, Ken Singer
May 1	Scott Herman, Zak Pendowski, David Simons
May 2	Jacob Keller, David Kletti

Happy Anniversary	April 26 – May 2
April 28	Joshua & Arielle Guillaume(2)

April 29 Ashley & Randy Thull (14)
April 30 Susan & Daniel Chesak (32)
May 1 Charles & Donna Ogi (71)
May 2 William & Karen Grahl (56), John & Debbie Guillaume
(28)

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:

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 who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Ron Skaug, John Waskiewicz, Norm Hughes

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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Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304

faithformation@peace-ucc.org

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.”**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Luke 24:13-35

Breaking Bread

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday

“My name is Cleopas. I’m like lots of other disciples whose names are mostly forgotten. But, just like the more memorable followers, we believed in Jesus. He healed us and loved us. And then, just when we thought everything was going as well as it could go, something terrible happened. We were heartbroken. And with loss and that grief came fear for us, too, so we knew we had to get out of town.

As we were on the road, walking and talking and trying to make sense of it, a man came up to us and asked what we were talking about. I don’t know about you, but when I’m afraid, and when I’m sad, it seems like my loss is all there is in the world. But we told him the story about how our friend Jesus had died, how his body had gone missing, and how very sad we were. The stranger looked at us so gently that we should have known him right then, but we didn’t. And he spoke so kindly, saying, “Don’t you remember what it said in the scriptures?” Then the stranger reminded us of the old, old stories because we had forgotten, because our grief had made our world so small, because our fear had made it so hard to remember or look back.

As he spoke, it was like my heart, which was hard and covered with some strong thing, burst open just a little bit. I don’t know what to call it, but it felt a little bit like hope. So, we continued on the road. As it began to get dark as we got near the place where we lived, Emmaus. We invited him in and sat around the table and after a time, that stranger took up the bread and he blessed it. That’s when we saw him. That’s when we realized he had been with us all the time, but our fear had kept us from seeing. It was really him all right! It was Jesus!

And just like that, he was gone. But not exactly. He’s still here, because I don’t forget the time that we walked on the road. I don’t forget that in the time when I thought there was no hope left, a man came and spoke some words to me that cracked my heart open and lit a fire inside.

Why didn’t we recognize him at first? Well, he had changed. He changed and we had too. We had changed and gotten smaller. We thought that because he had touched us, had healed us, had spoken with us, had loved us, that he belonged just to us. But we were wrong.

Jesus came wearing a face and a shape we didn’t expect and so we didn’t recognize him. And you know what? He hasn’t stopped doing that for any of us! Listen. If there’s anything I want you to know from that day, where we walked on the road and we met a stranger, and that stranger was Christ, it’s this: Jesus doesn’t belong to any of us, not to our time, not to our place, not to our beliefs, not to our people. He’s so much bigger than that. Someday, when the world seems dark, and all you can see are the shadows and all you can feel is the fear, that’s the day to open your door to a stranger and say, ‘Come in. Come in, and eat with me.’”



8 1/2" x 11" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE