



POWERFUL

WITNESS

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
03 May 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Call to Worship

One: Come; gather in the embrace of a loving God.

**Many: Now is the time to worship. We come with hungry souls.
Gather us in prayer and song.**

One: Come and share in God's witness offered to all.

Hymn 72

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D D+ Gmaj9 G6 A7 $\frac{G}{A}$ A7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D G G(♯) G

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E7 A A7 D $\frac{A9}{D}$

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Gmaj7 G6 G#dim7 $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A7 D

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain A $\frac{G}{D}$ D B7 $\frac{Am}{E}$ Em

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

A7 D Dm6 $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{D}{E}$ E7 A A7 D $\frac{A9}{D}$

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Gmaj7 G6 G#dim7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Confessing with the Psalmist – based on Psalm 23

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

Many: And also with you.

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Many: You would offer me life Lord, and offer it abundantly, yet I am so focused on my own desires that I fail to be satisfied with the blessings you bestow.

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Many: God, my God, why is it so difficult to allow your mercy to restore my soul? Help me to follow, to trust in your ways and to feel the touch of your grace.

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley; I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Many: Beloved Lord, some journeys seem too long and too dark to endure. I yearn for your aid. I cry out with longing that you would make me whole. Your shelter has always surrounded me; help me to release my fear. I believe! And yet still I feel broken. I sin against you and your creation in thought word and deed. And yet you claim me and comfort me...

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Many: Even when I am least Christian to those around me, still you fill my cup to overflowing. Brother Christ, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I do not always walk in your paths. I confess my sin and seek your forgiveness.

(a moment of silence)

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Teach us again to pray as we lift our voices to God:

“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: Hear the good news of God’s abundant love. Through God's grace we are offered forgiveness. Christ shepherds us into new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

♪ A Response Of Halleluja “Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le,lu-ja”

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Lesson

1 Peter 2:18-25

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

♩ Hymn 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

C G7 C F2 F C F G7 C Dm7 G C
 D E A A B

1 The Lord my Shep-herd guards me well, and all my wants are fed:
 2 Though I should walk in dark-est ways through val-leys like the grave,
 3 For me a ta-ble has been spread where all my foes can see;
 4 Your stead-fast love will fol-low me to shield me all my days

C Am Em F Em Dm Am C/G F G Csus C

a - mid green pas - tures made to lie, be - side still wa - ters led.
 no e - vil shall I ev - er fear; your pres - ence makes me brave.
 you bathe my head with fra-grant oil to soothe and hon - or me.
 and bring me to your ho - ly house, re - deemed from er - ror's ways,

G C C/E Dm Am G C Bb F C

My care-worn soul grows strong and whole when God's true path I tread.
 On my be-half your rod and staff as - sure me you will save.
 My heart and cup are both filled up with joy - ful ec - sta - sy.
 my whole life long to join the song of those who sing God's praise.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-); para. Psalm 23
 MUSIC: James L. Bain (1840-1925); arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

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BROTHER JAMES' AIR
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Lesson	Acts 2:42-47	(Page 832)
Lesson	John 9:39-10:11	(Page 819)
Sermon	“Abundant Life”	
Special Music	“I Surrender All”	arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Bless our gifts and guide us as your servants. 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 #393 "Blessed be the Tie that Binds"

F C C7 F F7 Bb F C

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear;
 4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

C7 F C C7/E F Bb/F F/A F Bb/D F/C C7 F

the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and oft-en for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
 and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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WORDS: John Fawcett (1740-1817), alt.
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli (1773-1836); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DENNIS
 S.M.

SERVING TODAY

Litanist: Laura Kirkegaard

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Organ, Percussion, Vocal
Karla Spaits, Piano, French Horn, Vocal
Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion, Vocal
Maëlle Leopardo, Violin, Percussion, Vocal
(Our French exchange student – living with the Kirkegaards)

Editing: Berit Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 29

May 5 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below
 3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom

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 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

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

May 3

May 4

May 3 – May 9

Mae Evans, Herman Panzer(85), Katelyn Scannell

Bob Blackburn, Elsa Kirkegaard, Mary Tessar (86),

Dennis Wilson

May 5 Heather McElhatton
May 6 Brandon Gitter
May 7 Aaron Singer
May 9 Brian Bobb, Michael McCurdy

Happy Anniversary May 3 – May 9

May 6 David & Brenda Roehrig (20)

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

In Comfort: To the family and friends of James "Jonesy" Korth, who passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020.

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



On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on Facebook

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

Psalm 23

Powerful Witness

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

The Eternal is my shepherd, He cares for me
always.
He provides me rest in rich, green fields
beside streams of refreshing water.
He soothes my fears;
He makes me whole again,
steering me off worn, hard paths
to roads where truth and righteousness
echo His name.
Even in the unending shadows of death's
darkness,
I am not overcome by fear.
Because You are with me in those dark
moments,
near with Your protection and guidance,
I am comforted.
You spread out a table before me,
provisions in the midst of attack from
my enemies;
You care for all my needs, anointing my head
with soothing, fragrant oil,
filling my cup again and again with
Your grace.
Certainly Your faithful protection and loving
provision will pursue me
where I go, always, everywhere.
I will always be with the Eternal,
in Your house forever.

Here are two versions of the familiar 23rd Psalm – one the King James version and one from a newer translation called *The Voice* (Ecclesia Bible Society. Published Apr 9, 2012). Which version speaks to you today?

