



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
May 8, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

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*

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

***Welcome visitors! Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information card in the pew racks in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.***

***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.***

Guest Speaker: Peace Church member, Eric Walker.

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude "Shepherd Me, O'God" Marty Haugen

Greetings - Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑Hymn 496 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Call to Worship (from Rev. 7:12)

We praise Creation's God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Let each single voice praise God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Let all voices together praise God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

With all Creation we praise God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Prayer of Invocation

We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful, Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.

Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the Risen One, your Good Shepherd and Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away.

In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.

Confessing And Receiving Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us, we confess that we often walk through dark valleys of our own making and fail to trust in you. We struggle not to listen to the subtle temptations of the world: ways that trust violence, ways

that excuse greed, ways in which we place our own wants **ahead of the needs of others...** **We know your story, and** yet too often it is only in the darkest valleys that we are willing to reimagine what living your ways would mean. **We confess that we don't** trust enough in you to let go of our own need for control.

Forgive us God, we sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We do not love you with our whole heart; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Together we join in praying the words of Psalm 23, hearing it again as our assurance of God's presence and grace not only in our personal lives, but in our shared lives and work for justice:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in the path of righteousness  
**for His name's sake.**

Even 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 overflows.

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

↑ ♪ 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

Special Music: "Alleluia" by Ed Harris  
Chancel Choir

Lesson [Acts 9:36-43](#) (Page 839)

The Children's Time - As the children come forward, please sing  
♪ Hymn # 437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

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

Gospel [John 10:22-30](#) (Page 819)

Sermon

Special Music "Rejoice, The Lord is King" arr. Vandall  
piano duet: Sherry McElhatton & Karla Spaits

↑ Prayer of Dedication

O God, take these gifts and multiply them for the healing of your beloved world; know that we offer them as praise to you: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power! Amen!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Go forth in peace and confidence, following our trustworthy Shepherd through the darkest valleys, to springs of living water for all. Let us go forth praising God:

Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power; Forever and ever!  
Amen!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Amen!

↑ Hymn 719 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Postlude

Lectionary for May 15: Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 • Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Cheryl Ammel's mother.

Serving Today: Organist: Sherry McElhatton & Karla Spaits  
Vocals: Mia Dornacker Video: Jake Lemke  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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Happy Birthday May 8 - 14

May 9 Michael McCurdy

May 10 Rosemary Frank (92)

May 11 Nancy Stoffel

May 12 Cheri Falk, Carol Roe, Joyce Terlinden, Justin Zolp

May 13 Verna Faisst (94)

Happy Anniversary May 8 - 14

May 14 Blaine & Lisa Atwater (34)

Happy Belated Anniversary to Heidi and Brad Rodenkirch. Heidi and Brad celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 4, 2022! Congratulations!!

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### Calendar for the Week of May 8

5/10 Lectionary 10 a.m., Consistory Meeting 6:30 p.m.

5/11 XYZ Cards

5/12 Grief Group – 1 p.m.

Adult Habitat Trip – Are you interested in going on the Adult Habitat trip that will take place in July or August. Email or call Karen Kletti (262-224-2212) or Peace Church if you think you would like to participate.

Cookie Sale Coming Soon! – On Sunday, May 22, there will be a Cookie Sale sponsored by the Scholarship Committee. This year the Peace Church Scholarship awarded scholarships to fourteen students. Thank you, Peace Church members, for supporting this wonderful program!

## Middle School Youth Group Calendar

Friday, May 13 – Deliver plants to church shut-ins & elderly (5-8 p.m.)

Sunday, May 22 – Trampoline Park after church

Friday, May 27 – End of semester cookout and yard games (5-8 p.m.)

Peace UCC Grief Group - Led by Chris Rode, this group meets the 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. For more information, please contact the Peace Church office.

Peace Church Book Discussion - The Peace Church book discussion group will be meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall. Chris Rode will be the discussion leader. The group will not be meeting in July and August but will resume the first Wednesday in September. If anyone is interested in being a part of the group starting in September, please contact Lynn Rusch by e-mail ([lynnrusch@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnrusch@yahoo.com)) or phone (262-306-4025). Lynn needs to know as soon as possible so that enough books can be ordered from the library.

Bulletin and The Tidings - The Peace Church Sunday bulletin is printed on Thursdays. If there are any notices that you need in the bulletin, please email the church office at [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org). The deadline for the monthly Tidings newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please direct those articles to the office as well.

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## PRAYER LIST

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Prayer Requests for the Week:

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org) or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your *prayer requests 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.*

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

Members: Dave Domasky, Loretta Eimmermann, Verna Faisst, Betty Fleury, Jim Gardner, Nancy Krahn, Janette Loomis, Bob

Manthei, Pat McFadden, Marilyn McIntosh, Jinny Michaels, Don Neitzel, Darrell Nonhof, Judy Nonhof, Dennis Novotny, Sharon Ostermann, Jay Tessar, Greg Vorpahl, Bev Winninghoff

Family & Friends: Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Eric Covington (Fleury), Howard Floeter (Lemke), John King (Stangl), Klaine (Lemke), Patricia Hohl, Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei), Gerald Piittmann, Pat Reif, Babette Rhoads, Bill Tewinkle (Charland), Josie Schoneman, Bobbie Parsons

### Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family: Betty (J. Michaels), Kathy (Augustin), Heidi (Manthei), Henry (Meinberg), Jean Cornell (Herriges), Alan Floeter (Lemke), Nancy Gruebling (Kletti), Paula Hader (Adler), Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann), Kathy (S. Augustin family), Jeremy (Rodenkirch), Sheri Theep (Van Beek), Sue Mitchell (Rhoads), Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels), Sandra Senn (P. Behr), Susan Tolonen, Caitlyn Ziegelbauer (Atwater/Stier), Katie Wallace



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