

GREAT IS THY FAITH. | MATTHEW 15:28

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.

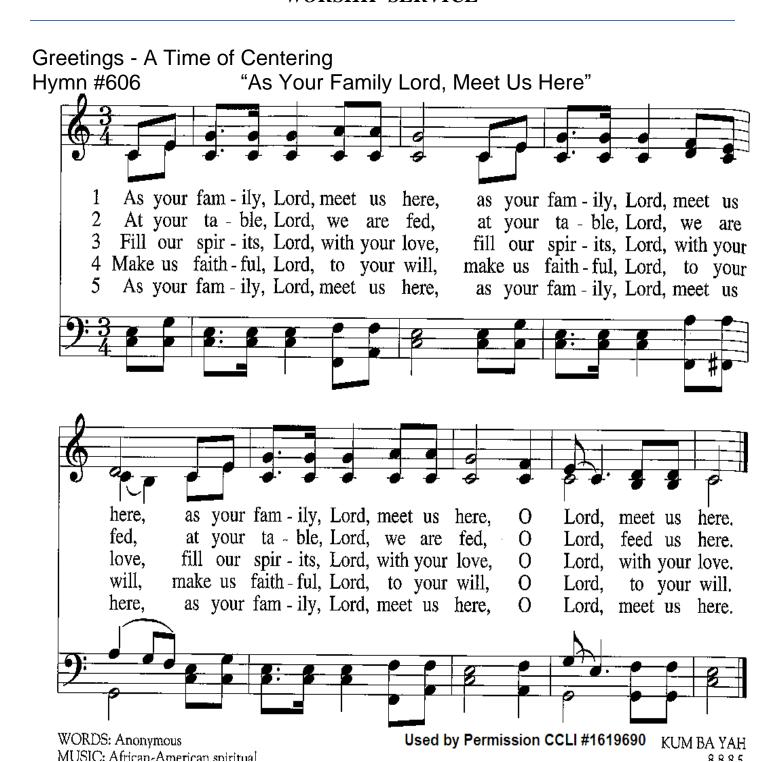
In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

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 10 May 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SERVICE



Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this sacred and holy space

People: to become the people that proclaim the Risen Christ.

Leader: We gather our hearts together from broken spaces, peace-

seeking spaces,

People: to experience the healing love of the Risen Christ

Leader: We gather as one in spirit, even though we are diverse and

unique, physically dispersed,

People: We gather as one, because God calls each and every one of

us

Leader: Gather us to one another and to you 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."

Confessing with the Psalmist – based on Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to

shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Lord, as the seasons change, and the birds proclaim your

glory, we also hear a deep lament from our weary souls. We turn again to your ways O God. You have led us through the

wilderness before and shown us new ways, right ways,

faithful ways...

Leader: Incline your ear to me; rescue me quickly. Be a rock of refuge for

me, a strong fortress to save me.

People: We cry out to you and you hear us. Your mercy opens us to

possibilities beyond our failings, hope beyond our imagining.

You are our rock and refuge, the saving grace that mends our brokenness.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, pull me from the trap my enemies set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit.

Rescue me, LORD, for you are a faithful God.

People: Lord, it often seems that the traps that are set for us are of our own design. We become our own enemies when we settle into patterns of despair or distrust, when we fail to open our eyes to your call to share in the solution for ourselves and for all of creation.

Leader: My future is in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.

People: Rescue us from sin. We have failed to love you and live as kingdom people. We sin in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

People: We open our hearts to your truth, to see in you the way of healing and hope for ourselves and all of creation.

Leader: Hear the good news that God has proclaimed since the beginning of time: God offers us wholeness for our souls, gentleness for our pain, food and light for the journey, passion for God's justice. God's gifts of love and grace are without end. Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. 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



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Lesson Acts 7:51-60 (Page 819)

Gospel John 14:1-14 (Page 832)

Sermon "A Way, A Truth, and A Life"

Special Music "Canon of Praise arr. Hopson

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!

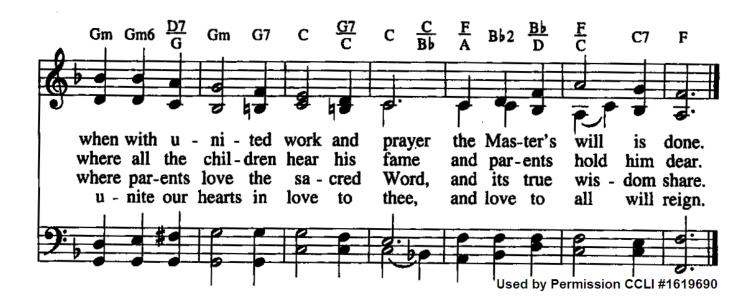
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



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SERVING TODAY

Litanist: Laura Kirkegaard

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Organ, Ukulele, Vocal

Karla Spaits, Piano, 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 12 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below

3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom

6:30/7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting via Zoom

All services can be accessed at Peace UCC Kewaskum <u>YouTube</u> 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

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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 May 21.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link: https://zoom.us/j/266869687

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Lectionary for May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-12 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

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 <u>GIVE</u> 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 10 – May 16
May 10	Rosemary Frank (90)
May 11	Jack Paul, Nancy Stoeffel
May 12	Cheri Falk, Carol Roe, Joyce Terlinden, Justin Zolp

May 13	Verna Faisst (92)
May 15	Lucille Swanson (86)
May 16	Gary Terlinden

Happy Anniversary May 10 - May 16

May 10 Joanne & Ron Amerling (51)
May 15 Robert & Barbara Breitag (44)

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:Mitch OgiHarvey BrodzellerDoc Ogi

Debbie Butzlaff Heidi Rodenkirch Carol Sedgwick **Barry Clark Marion Doms Betty Skaug Gary Fisher** Cherie Singer **Betty Graff** Maggie Singer Les Martin Alec Taylor Robert Neumann **Greg Vorpahl Bev Winninghoff** Don Neitzel

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden) Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)

Caelyb (Bocher) Robin Kann (Atwater) Scarlett Fraser (Mock) Valeri Knurr (Kletti)

Ron Geurts (Stern)

Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)

Debbie (Hallen) Mrs. Muckerhide

Larry Haas (Lemke)

Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Eric Haas (Lemke)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)

Heidi (C. Manthei)

Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Charlie Ctravel (L. Baske

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch) 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)

Paige More (Pearson)

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, Helen Rilling

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

faithformation@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."