



**WITNESS OF  
LOVE**

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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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Peace United Church of Christ  
 Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
 17 May 2020  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Greetings - A Time of Centering  
 Hymn #350

“The Summons”

*Unison*

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but  
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?  
 prayer in you and you in me?  
 mean in you and you in me?  
 grow in you and you in me.

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## Turning Our Hearts to God-Psalm 66:8-20

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**People: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

**All: Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive us, and strengthen us anew, for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

*(pause)*

Leader: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

**All: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. 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**

Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

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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

*(continued on the next page)*

♩ Hymn 326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

E A D G A D

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

D Bm G A<sup>7</sup> D G D

stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G D A

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

D                      Bm                      E                      A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D                      G                      A                      G                      D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm                      Gmaj<sup>7</sup>                      Em<sup>7</sup>                      A<sup>7</sup>                      D                      Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.



Lesson	1 Peter 3:13-22	Page 924
Gospel	John 14:15-21	(Page 824)
Sermon	“Love Like Jesus”	
Special Music	“As The Deer”	Arr. Wilson

### 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 - 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:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The blessing of God Almighty; the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.

**All:           Amen**

♩ Hymn #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Unison*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -  
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go  
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will  
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Litanist: Gayle Van Ess

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Percussion, Vocal  
Karla Spaits, Piano, Ukulele, 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!

**The flowers on the altar are in honor of Judy and Kevin Lehmann in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 29*

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May 19 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below  
3:30 - 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation via Zoom

May 21 3:00 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

Weekly **Sunday School lessons** are available on the YouTube link found on the church website [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) Check out some of the special guests offering messages, and get ready to have a birthday party! Also coming in June... an amazing TOY Bible STORY series with Ms. Alexia!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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>

Meeting ID: 266 869 687

Meeting Password: 139995

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Dial in on your telephone -

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Lectionary for May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11

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## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### **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.

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## *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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### **Happy Birthday**

May 17

May 18

May 20

May 22

### **May 17 – May 23**

Shelby Falk, Audrey Weinreich

Sydney Bayer

Sue Hembel

Margaret Schmahl, Matthew Spoerl

## Happy Anniversary May 17 – May 23

May 17	Michael & Karen Paul (24)
May 19	Dana & Jeff Fochs (8), Robert & JoAnn Manthei (48)
May 20	Shelly & Peter Humphrey (32), Kevin & Judy Lehmann (25)
May 22	Carl & Jen Eisen (5), Carol & James Roe (48)

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## *PRAYER LIST*

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**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  
Marilyn McIntosh  
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)  
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 Skaug Laurie Struck

**Friends & Family:**

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre

Kim Breit

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Ron Geurts

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

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to John and Jeanne Wood on the May 12, 2020 birth of their great-grandson, Ezra David Mitchell. Parents are Angela and Wes Mitchell of Jacksonville, Florida. Angela is John and Jeanne's granddaughter.

**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 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - [prayers@peace-ucc.org](mailto:prayers@peace-ucc.org)



On the web @ [www.peace-ucc.org](http://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.”**



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

John 14:15-21

## Witness of Love

### *Rural Life Sunday | Mental Health Sunday*

WHEREAS, most people believe that mental illnesses are rare and “happen to someone else,” when in fact, mental illnesses are common and widespread with an estimated 61.5 million Americans (1 in 4) experiencing some form of mental illness in a given year;

WHEREAS, there continues to be strong stigma and discrimination in society against people with these brain disorders in housing, employment, social relationships, (including how they are treated in our churches);

WHEREAS, many uninformed people believe people with mental illnesses are likely to be violent, while in reality, people with mental illnesses are more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators;

WHEREAS, the public mental health system, which previously served as a safety net for people with the most severe mental illnesses, has suffered from dramatic funding cuts in the last decade, and our prisons and county jails now house more people with mental illnesses than psychiatric hospitals do;

WHEREAS, faith and spirituality can be an important component of recovery from mental illnesses and addictions;

WHEREAS, a mental illness or brain disorder in the family affects not only the ill family member, it profoundly affects other family members and loved ones and the entire family structure;

WHEREAS, people having a diagnosable brain disorder and/or substance abuse disorder are potentially at a higher risk for suicide;

WHEREAS, the church is called to be a community that breaks through fear and isolation to offer love, hope, care and healing;

WHEREAS, Jesus showed us the way to reach out to those who are ill or marginalized to offer companionship, compassion and support;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thirtieth General Synod encourages United Church of Christ congregations to adopt covenants to be WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Congregations for Mental Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Thirtieth General Synod encourages congregations to work to eradicate stigma around mental illnesses/brain disorders, and to offer support to persons with and those impacted by mental health challenges, including their family members, loved ones and others concerned.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Thirtieth General Synod encourages advocacy by all settings of the church for broader and more just access to quality mental health services including private and public insurance coverage. This advocacy includes services for all persons with mental illness who are falling through the fraying safety net, especially persons in jails/prisons, and persons who are homeless.

This “Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged” (WISE) resolution was adopted in 2015 at the 30th Annual UCC General Synod. Is your church community a WISE congregation? Learn more at: <http://moredomainsforless.com/mhnucc/becomingaWISEcongregationformentalhealth2019ed.pdf>

