

The image features a sunset over a body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. A large, dark, curved shape, possibly a shadow or a stylized element, is on the left side of the image. The text "Spirit of WITNESS" is centered over the sunset.

Spirit of
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

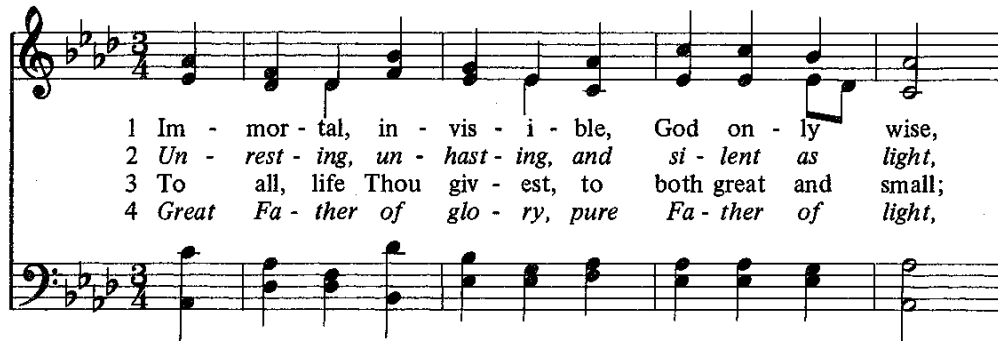
Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
24 May 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SERVICE

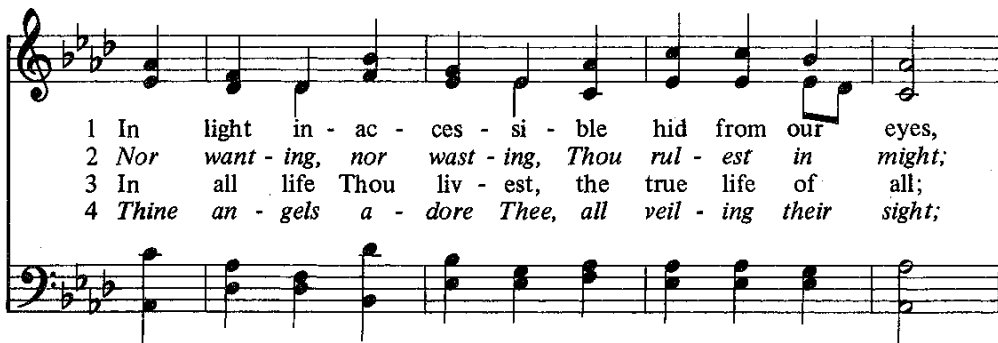
Greetings - A Time of Centering
Hymn #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Walter Chalmers Smith

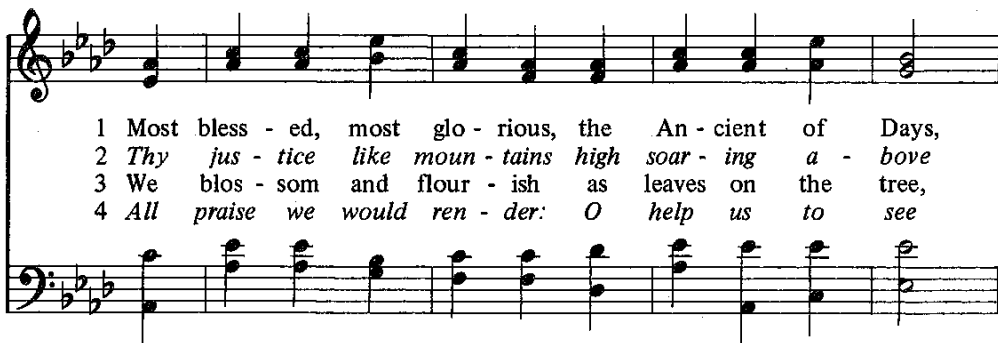
Welsh Melody



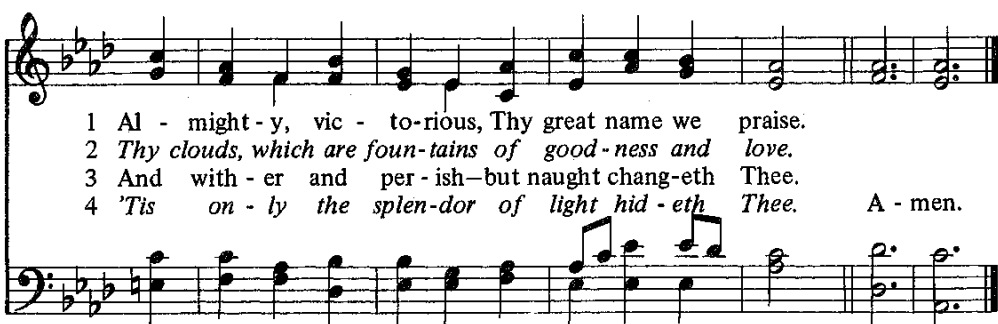
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



1 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
2 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
3 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
4 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



1 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
2 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
3 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
4 All praise we would ren - der: O help us to see



1 Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
2 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
3 And with - er and per - ish—but naught chang - eth Thee.
4 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee. A - men.

Opening Our Hearts to God

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People: For we have come here to be inspired;

Leader: We have come here to express our commitment;

People: We have come here to grow in our faith;

Leader: We have come here to prepare for service.

People: We are here to worship, and seek your blessing.

Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35

People: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him!

Leader: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God!

**People: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exalt before our God;
let them be jubilant with joy.**

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds; his name is the Lord, be exultant before him.

People: Father of the fatherless and protector of the widows is God in his holy habitation.

Leader: God, gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

People: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

Leader: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; lo, he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

People: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel, He gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

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

All: You know, Lord, that the ways of the world can limit our imaginations. Too often we share our society's prejudices, its angers, and its limited understandings. We may know a better, more humble, truth-centered-way in our hearts, but we struggle hold fast to that way instead of being swept up in the cultural tides. 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, so that we might live life as you intend; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

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

Gospel

John 17:1-11

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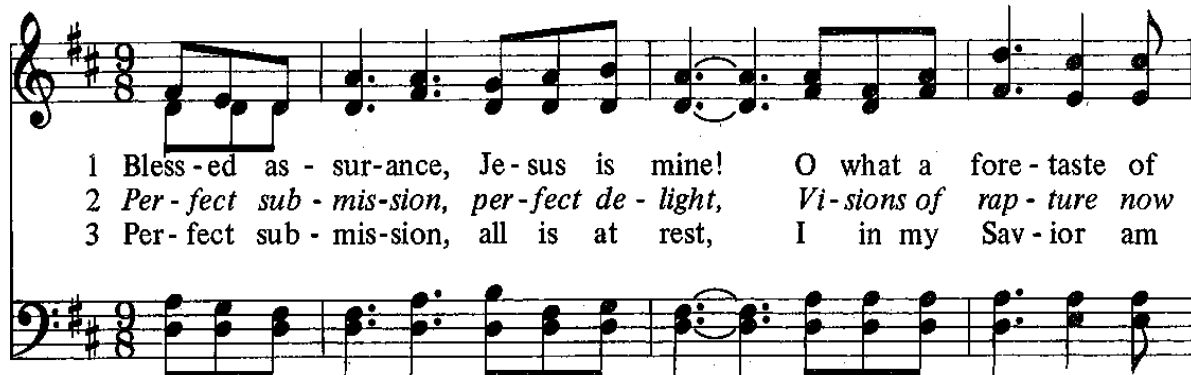
The Children's Time - As the children come forward, please sing ♪ Hymn #226 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

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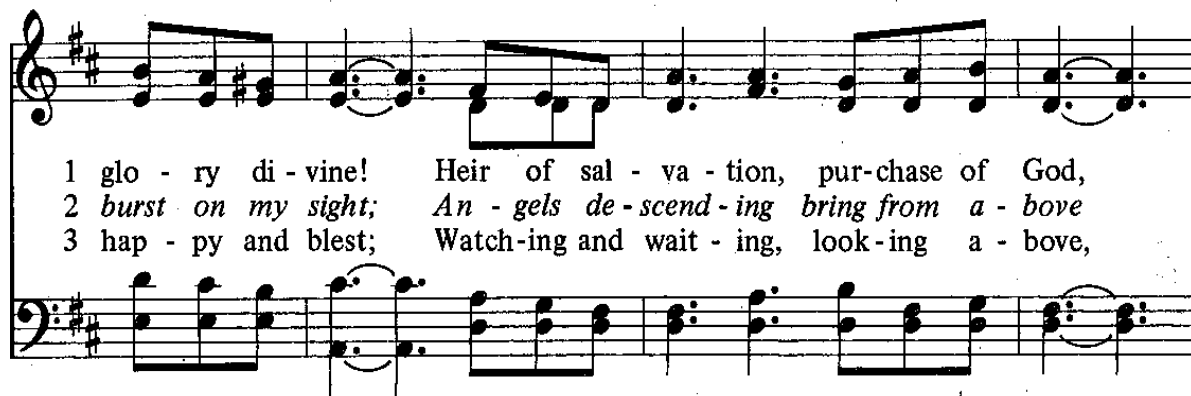
♩ Hymn 426 "Blessed Assurance"

Fanny J. Crosby

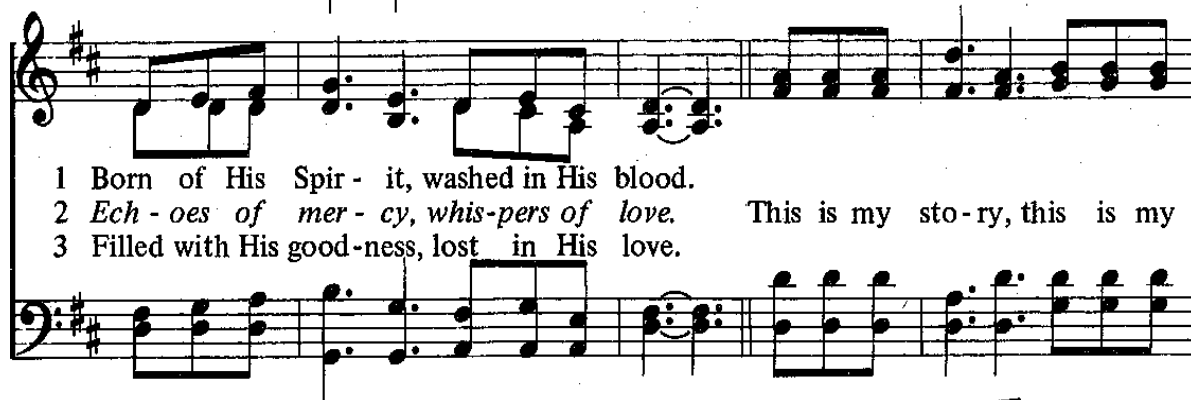
Phoebe P. Knapp



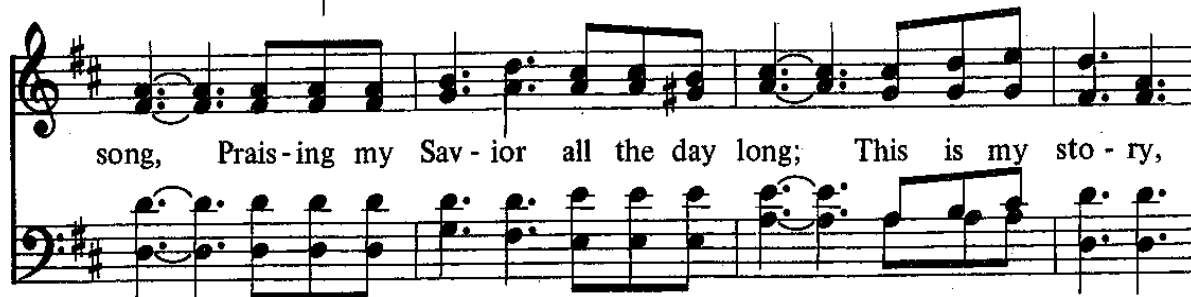
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, Vi-sions of rap-ture now
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am



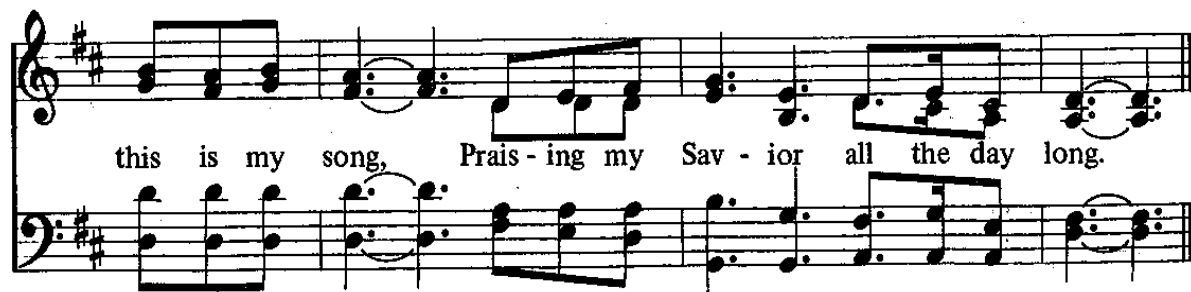
1 glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
2 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove
3 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,



1 Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
2 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my
3 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my sto-ry,



this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Sermon

"Is This the Time?"

Special Music

"Eternal Father"

arr. 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. 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 in peace, serve the Lord.

**All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!**

♩ Hymn #730 "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

American Melody

Introductory fanfare by Roy Ringwald

Descant by Fred Bock

Julia Ward Howe

*Trumpets—
use before first stanza only*

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,
2 I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps,
3 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat,
4 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

1 He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
2 They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;
3 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat;
4 With a glo - ry in His be - ing that trans - fig - ures you and me;

1 He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword,
2 I can read His right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps,
3 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him, be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
4 As He died to make men ho - ly let us live to make men free!

Descant for Refrain



Glo - ry! Hal - le -

1 His truth is march - ing on.
2 His day is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le -
3 Our God is march - ing on.
4 While God is march - ing on.



lu - jah! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on!

Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on!

SERVING TODAY

Litanist: Berit Kirkegaard

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Organ, Piano, Percussion, Vocal
Karla Spaits, Piano, Ukulele, Vocal
Berit Kirkegaard, Keyboard, Percussion, 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 memory of Edward Lehmann from Della Lehmann and family.

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 29

May 26 10:00 am. Lectionary Study 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 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!

Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux – is taking a break for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

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

Lectionary texts for May 31: Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • John 20:19-23

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 24 – May 30

May 24	Don Neitzel (82), Cory Stern, Brandon Zolp
May 25	Jeff Mielke, Alexia Polzin
May 26	Nicolas Bloecher, Russ Knoth
May 27	Lori Becker, Jori Schmeling
May 29	Sarah Van Beek
May 30	Jenny Kivell, Alan May, Caleb Reif

Happy Anniversary May 24 – May 30

May 24	Jack & Jennifer Chamberlain (22) Mark & Mary Steinhardt (40)
May 26	Jim & Doreen Mohr (42)
May 27	Cal & Sharon Rauch (48)
May 30	Matt & Jenny Kivell (11), Kevin & Laura Stautz (17)

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
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, Nola (N. Horning's sister)

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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Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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

faithformation@peace-ucc.org

Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

On the web @ www.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.”**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020

John 17:1-11

Spirit of Witness

This is Memorial Day weekend. You may remember that Memorial Day began as a day called Decoration Day. On Decoration Day, in decades and centuries past, beginning officially with the civil war, but probably going much further back than that, the graves of soldiers who'd perished in combat were covered in wreaths and flowers by their loved ones.

Our God is with us when we mourn, and it is God who places within each of us the resurrection hope that we so need. God did not steal the lives of those soldiers who perished in battle. But God placed within each of us, all of us, the desire to respond to loss with life and love. It is maybe the most remarkable aspect of our humanity that we have the ability to look tragedy in the face and say, "No. You, death, you loss, do not have the last word." And so we decorate graves with blossoms.

"In St. Louis, the pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, the Rev. Truman Douglass, had started a Bible Study where he and other men spent their time studying Christian Unity. Rev. Douglass invited a friend of his, the Dean of Eden Seminary, Rev. Dr. S.D. Press. Douglass was a Congregational Christian, Press a leader in the Evangelical and Reform Church, but in the parlor of Pilgrim Congregational, they began to see themselves simply as Christians committed to the unity of Christ's body.

In the midst of a society committed to division -- hardening divisions between the races, growing divisions between generations, and deep distrust between denominations -- they began to imagine a path toward greater Christian unity. It was out of these Bible studies that Dr. Press and Rev. Douglass began to dream of the United Church of Christ. And it was because of their dedication and commitment to Christian unity that the denomination we know and love as the United Church of Christ was formed in 1957."*

On this Decoration Day, we remember all who have died in wartime. And on this Decoration Day, we give thanks for the United Church of Christ, a flower that grew from the graves of tragedy, a blossom that signaled "no" to violence, division and death.

*Connelly, Rev. Tyler. "Dream Christ's Dream: Sermon by Rev. Tyler Connelly for the Central Pacific Conference Annual Gathering 2019." https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c1fab9f89ecab71f0d3f77c3/files/16ed7c36-26bc-4d2d-a4ea-806392ccc783/SERMON_Dream_Christ's_Dream_Tyler_Connoley_2019_09_29.pdf. Accessed 10/29/19.

