



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
May 29, 2022  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

*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.

\* Stand if you are able

## **RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS**

**PRELUDE** Lia Piittmann & Dane Piittmann  
Piano selections

## **GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN “Here I Am to Worship”**

Congregation join on chorus:

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say  
That You’re my God  
You’re all together lovely  
All together worthy  
All together wonderful to me

### **\*INVOCATION**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**HYMN 385 “Search Me, Oh God”**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN 426 “Blessed Assurance” (verse 1)**

### **\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**And also with you**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**  
arr. Vandall

Sherry McElhatton & Karla Spaits - duet

**LESSON** [Acts 16:16-34](#) (Page 845)

**SPECIAL MUSIC “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”**  
Peace Church Band

**CHILDREN’S TIME** - As the children come forward, please sing  
**HYMN 437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1**  
**HYMN 710 “The Trees of the Field”**

**PSALM 97** (Page 455)

**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;  
let the distant shores rejoice.**

**2** Clouds and thick darkness surround him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**3** Fire goes before him  
and consumes his foes on every side.

**4** His lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

**5** The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

**6** The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all peoples see his glory.

**7** All who worship images are put to shame,  
those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!

**8** Zion hears and rejoices  
and the villages of Judah are glad  
because of your judgments, Lord.

**9** For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10** Let those who love the Lord hate evil,  
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**11** Light shines<sup>[a]</sup> on the righteous  
and joy on the upright in heart.

**12** Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,  
and praise his holy name.

**HYMN 50** "Great is the Lord"

**LESSON** [Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21](#)

**HYMN 523** "Soon and Very Soon"

**GOSPEL** [John 17:20-26](#) (Page 824)

**HYMN 595** "They'll Know We are Christians"

**MUSIC** "Turkish March" Beethoven  
piano duet by Lia Piittmann & Sherry McElhatton

## **OFFERING DEDICATION**

**Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love, all who are your friends, and our brothers and sisters. Amen.**

**HYMN 656**      **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**  
(First two lines, two times)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER-** Sherry McElhatton & Karla Spaits  
Arr. Lorie Line

**BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC**      **“Blades of Grass & Pure White Stones”**  
Chancel Choir

**VIDEO**

**Serving Today:**

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann,  
Dane Piittmann, Roger Mertz, Eric Walker

Director of Chancel Choir: Bill Stangl

Vocals: Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, Anna Piittmann

Video: Jake Lemke    Audio: Joshua Spaits

**Lectionary for June 5:** Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 • Psalm  
104:24-34, 35b • Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 14:8-17,  
(25-27)



The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Cal & Sharon Rauch’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in memory of Calvin & Evelyn Rauch.

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***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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**Happy Birthday May 29-June 4**

May 29      Sarah Van Beek

May 30      Jim Breitbach (86), Jenny Kivell, Caleb Reif

May 31      Judy Price (81)

June 1      Jessica Loser, Mary Steinhardt

June 2      Berit Kirkegaard

June 3      Ava Polzin

**Happy Anniversary May 29-June 4**

May 30      Matt & Jenny Kivell (13), Kevin & Laura Stautz (19)

June 1      Jason & Kelly Staffin (20)

June 3      Jerry & Kathy Shoemaker (50), Jeff & Mary Steger (44)

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### Calendar for the Week of May 29

- 5/30 Memorial Day – Church office closed  
5/31 Lectionary 10 a.m.  
6/1 XYZ Cards, Book Discussion 9:30 a.m.  
6/2 Lay Ministry 1:00 p.m., Prayer Shawl 1:00 p.m.  
6/3 Rev. Russ Knoth, visiting minister. Join the congregation for a celebration of Rev. Russ' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination and Rev. Jerry O'Connor's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service.



**Youth & Adult Habitat Trip** – The Youth Habitat trip scheduled for June 5 – June 11, 2022, has been changed to Youth and Adult trip. At least 10 people are needed to make this trip possible! Deadline for sign-up is today (5/29). If you are interested in participating, call Karen Kletti (262-224-2212).

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

**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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## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

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*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:** shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

**Members:** Jerry O'Connor

Megan Roehrig and her cousin and two aunts were involved in a serious car accident. Megan is suffering from a concussion.

**Prayers of Comfort:** To the family and friends of Jim Gardner, husband of Carol Gardner. Jim was called to rest by the Lord on Monday, May 23, 2022. Funeral services are pending.



### **Contact Peace Church**

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