



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

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

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

*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.

Visiting Minister: Rev. Russ Knoth is a retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Knoth also serves as the volunteer Police Chaplain to the Menomonee Police and Fire Department since 1989. Rev. Knoth, a member of Peace Church, serves as a frequent visiting minister to Peace UCC.

*** Stand if you are able**

PRELUDE “Breathe on Me Breath of God” arr. Vandall

GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 134** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

GREETING – Many languages proclaiming God’s power

One: *Hola (oh-lah, which means “hello” in Spanish)*

Many: Hola

One: *Tuloy Po Kayo (too-loy poh kay-o, which means
“come in” in Tagalog, a language of Filipino Americans)*

Many: Tuloy Po Kayo

One: Praise God, in all languages!

Many: Praise God, among all the nations!

One: Declare God’s wonderful deeds so that all might
understand.

**Many: We gather to give praise and thanks for all God’s
deeds of power.**

One: *Bon Jou y Mezi Jezi (which means “hello and thank
you Jesus” in Haitian)*

Many: Bon Jou y Mezi Jezi

All: Praise God among all the nations!

***HYMN** “Send Down the Fire”
(lyrics in back of bulletin)

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We gather as one people with many voices. We speak out of our individual brokenness and pray for God's communal wholeness.

O God of all nations and peoples, we praise your name. We rejoice in the many languages that proclaim your word and your wonderful deeds. We give thanks for the movement of your Spirit alive in your people, churches, and the world. God of wind and fire, we confess that sometimes we fear your Spirit. In those moments when the Spirit gushes, pushes, and challenges us toward the unknown, we would often rather cling to comfort and the familiar. Forgive our hesitations God and renew the ability in

us to entrust our lives to you. Move us beyond boundaries of language and nationality into your endless and extravagant love. In this world so in need of forgiveness, peace, and healing, lead us to be people who overcome fear, offer messages of hope, and practice your infinite graciousness. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S LOVE AND POWER

One: People of God, let the winds of forgiveness blow through our soul. Know deep in our bones that God loves us and the world beyond all measure. Rise up, beloved, into newness of life that is ours in Christ this day. Amen.

***Our Response 131** “Surely the Presence”

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Salaam Alaykum

Alaykum Salaam

Please turn and greet one another with God’s peace saying, “Salaam Alaykum” (sah-lahm ah-laay-kum, “Peace be with you” in Arabic, spoken in Sudanese UCC congregations) and “Alaykum Salaam” (“with you, peace also”).

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Alleluia” Arr. Fishel

GOSPEL [John 14:8-17, 25-27](#) (Page 823)

CHILDREN’S TIME - As the children come forward, please sing Hymn # 437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

***HYMN 551** “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

LESSON [Romans 8:14-17](#) (Page 862)

LESSON [Acts 2:1-21](#) (Page 831)

SERMON “Compelled and Empowered”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let our spirited voices speak of God’s deeds of power:

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

We pray:

Come Holy Spirit, come. Inhabit our lives, unbind our souls, claim us again as your children and your witnesses!

Bless all that we offer you, and fire us up as beacons to the ends of the earth. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER-SILENT 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.”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Communion Prayer

Prayer Response 737 “Santo, Santo, Santo”

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.*

Preparation of the Table – Remembering Our Story

Sharing the Elements

HYMN 326 “Spirit of Gentleness”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Beloved Lord, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

BENEDICTION

One: We are sent by God to go forth into the world carrying the spirit's blessing and witness. May God take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and think through them; take our hearts and set them on fire.

Amen!

***HYMN 481** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

POSTLUDE

Lectionary for June 12: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8 • Romans 5:1-5 • John 16:12-15



The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Rev. Russ Knoth's 50th Ordination Anniversary and Rev. Jerry O'Connor's 60th Ordination Anniversary.

Serving Today: Organist: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits
Musicians: Roger Mertz (bass), Mia Dornacker (vocals)
Litanist: Chris Rode Video: Jake Lemke Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday June 5 - 11

June 7 Bill Stangl
June 8 Jackie McCurdy (84)
June 10 Reeve Thull
June 11 Doug Christensen (80), Bruce Steinhardt

Happy Anniversary June 5 - 11

June 5 Kim & Cliff Clark (12), Ralph & Verna Faisst (68)
June 7 Paul & Shirley Reinders (64)
June 8 Mike & Sherry McElhatton (37)
June 9 Kim & Mark Bocher (32)
June 10 Howard & Connie Zemlicka (61)
June 11 Joe & Mary Billmann (56)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of June 5

- 6/5 Celebration of Rev. Russ Knoth's 50th Ordination Anniversary and Rev. Jerry O'Connor's 60th Ordination Anniversary in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 service.
- 6/7 Lectionary 10 a.m.
- 6/8 XYZ Cards
- 6/9 Grief Group 1 p.m.
- 6/12 Pastor Eric back from Sabbatical

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

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. The deadline for the monthly Tidings newsletter is the **15th of each month**. Please direct those articles to the office as well.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to 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.

Prayers for Healing: Loretta Eimermann, Alec Taylor


SEND DOWN THE FIRE

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
 Send down the rains of your love; Come,
 send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
 we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
 2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
 3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
 4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,

Teach us the song of your love; Give us
 Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
 Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your

hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
 hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
 right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
 ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
 walk in the way of your peace.
 burn with the fire of your truth.
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

D.C.