



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
July 17, 2022  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*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**

**PRELUDE** "Prayer of St. Francis" arr. Lorie Line  
**GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*HYMN 656** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

### **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Many:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Come and give thanks for all that the LORD our God has done.

**Many:** **In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim God's name, for it is good!**

### **INVOCATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** **God among us, you chose to be fully present in our midst. You invite us to come and live and breathe as your body. Breathe with us O God, and help us to share your wondrous love with all of creation. Speak to us, O Lord, in the laughter of playing children, in the long evenings and gentle breezes, in the warm sunshine and summer nights. Speak to us that we might hear you with newness of spirit. We pray:**  
***"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, for ever. Amen."***

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All:** **Beloved Lord, you seek to reveal yourself to us in each moment of our daily lives, but we fail to open ourselves to you. You challenge us to reach across barriers and dismantle cultural limitations, but we prefer to cling to our comfortable familiar ways. You invite us to newness of life, but we confess our weariness when we consider what a changed life might require of us.**

**Forgive us Lord; we separate ourselves from you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves, or love ourselves with the fullness and grace with which you love us.**

**Rebuild us Lord, as instruments of your peace, and help us to hear and do your will. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are, claims us, and forgives us. Listen, give thanks, and live in God's light.

**\*HYMN 117                    “Praise the Name of Jesus”**

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

Peace be with you  
**And also with you.**

**NT LESSON                    [Colossians 1:15-23](#) (CEB)            (Page 896)**

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

**HYMN 38                    “Touch the Earth Lightly”**

**OT LESSON                    [Amos 8:1-12](#)    (Page 704)**

**GOSPEL                        [Luke 10:38-42](#)    (Page 793)**

**SERMON                        “Beyond Distraction”**

**SPECIAL MUSIC                “Heart and Soul”                                    arr. Lorie Line**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Precious Lord, Risen Savior, we give you thanks for all that you have given. We remember with our offerings that all is a gift from you. We challenge ourselves to live the power of that gift. Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go in Peace and serve the Lord,

**All:                    Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen**

**\*HYMN 574                “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Lectionary for July 24: Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85 • Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138 • Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) • Luke 11:1-13**

### **Serving Today:**

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard

Litanist: Jackie McCurdy    Video: Jake Lemke    Audio: Joshua Spaits



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Steve Spoerl's wife, Sue.

The bouquet on the piano is in honor of Bunny Scannell's 93rd birthday on July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Happy Birthday Bunny!

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday July 17 - 23**

July 18 Laura Kirkegaard

July 19 Bunny Scannell (93)

July 20 Elena Chamberlain, Albert Hembel, Kailia Kirst,  
Alyssa Schmeling

July 21 Carol Gardner (82)

July 22 Ruth Schmitt (82)

July 23 Jim Butzlaff (48), Jim Meinberg (89)

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## ***NEWS & NOTES***

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### **Calendar for the Week of July 17**

7/19 Lectionary 10 am

7/20 XYZ Card Club

**Vacation Bible School** – will take place August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. “Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness” Ages 3 – 11 are invited. Middle school and high school students can assist with groups. 8:30-11:30. Registration forms available front and back entrance to church or at Peace Church’s website.

**Peace UCC Grief Group** - Led by Chris Rode, this group meets the 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. The next meeting is July 28th. For more information, please contact the Peace Church office.

**Church Kitchen Remodel Update** Corian dishes have been purchased to replace our old dishes. These are much lighter and take up less space than the old ones. The plumbing and electrical have been installed and either drywall or washable wall panels have been put up. The commercial hood has been put in the kitchen and also on the exterior of the church. The utility sink in the furnace room has been installed and a new floor has replaced the old one next to that sink. The grease trap has been installed and the water softener moved. Drywall in Fellowship Hall has been repaired. The kitchen walls and Fellowship Hall walls have been painted. Conduit for sound system microphones’

has been put in. Track lights in Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen hallway have been taken down and new LED lights will replace them. Insulation of the ceiling will be done by the time you read this, then the ceiling will be installed. Cabinets will be constructed, then the flooring and appliances will be installed.

If you have any questions, please ask anyone on the Kitchen Committee: Kathy Mertz, Mary Billman, Clark Pearson, Tim and Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi and Karen Kletti. Thank you for your patience!

We will be taking a loan out for part of the cost of the remodeling. If you would like to contribute financially, it would be greatly appreciated!

### **The Picnic is Coming! Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Riverhill Park near Hon-E-Kor Golf Club - Hwy 28 East

Worship with Communion at 9:30 in the Park Pavilion

Hamburgers and Chicken Breasts served 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Bucket Raffles - Free Games for Children – Live Music – Fun!

**As a community event, we need the support of the entire congregation.**

**Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for:**

- Grill hamburgers and chicken breasts
- Make a dessert
- Sell desserts at the Picnic
- Serve food at the Picnic
- Donate watermelon
- Donate snack bags of chips
- Sell meal tickets
- Sell Bucket Raffle tickets
- Move items to park
- Assist with set-up at the park
- Assist with handing out Bucket Raffle prizes
- Supervise children's activity/face painting
- Donate to Dessert-a-Month
- Cleanup afterwards!

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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.*

### **Prayers for Healing:**

We pray for Jeanette Guillaume, mother of Judy Lehman and John Guillaume, grandmother to Sarah Guillaume, as she deals with heart failure.

We pray for Lucille Swanson's newborn great-grandson, Havoc Szudajski, who was born with a heart defect, and has already undergone the first of many surgeries this past Tuesday.

We continue to pray for Nancy Krahn, who had surgery on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and will have another surgery on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

We pray for Betty Graff, who is dealing with a number of health issues. Betty moved to Arizona this past year to be closer to her family, and she continues to watch Peace Church services via Peace's YouTube site. We miss you Betty!

We pray for Don Neitzel, as he continues to struggle with lung and heart issues.

### **Prayers of Comfort**

We continue to pray for our dear friend, Jinny Michaels. Jinny entered hospice last week in Madison.

### **Prayers of Celebration**

We celebrate with Lucille Swanson on the birth of two great-grandchildren. Great-grandson, Havoc Szudajski, who was born last week and great-granddaughter, Cana Lilly Olson, who was born on July 7, 2022. That gives Lucille a total of 9 great-grandchildren. Congratulations Lucille.

We celebrate with Shirley Ogi on the birth of her granddaughter, Tessa Annabelle Welt on July 12, 2022. Tessa's parents are Emily (Ogi) & Matthew Welt.

## **Contact Peace Church**

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*Church Office: Robin Mock, 262-626-4011 - [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)*

*Sharon Stier – Interim Visitation Minister, 414-531-0837 –*

*[sstier@outlook.com](mailto:sstier@outlook.com)*

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

*On the web @ [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org), Peace on [Facebook](#), YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)*

## PICNIC BUCKET RAFFLE ITEMS DONATED

Place YOUR donated item(s) for our 2022 PICNIC in the room across from the church nursery.

Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker [jshoemaker@wi.rr.com](mailto:jshoemaker@wi.rr.com) 262-692-9143.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** Item(s) or Service(s)

Value (Optional)

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### THANK YOU!

Hello Peace UCC members & Friends,

It is not too early to begin planning your very helpful donation(s) for the 2022 PICNIC Raffle. Please bring YOUR item(s) to the church as soon as possible. We need donations of individual item(s) OR a basket.

BIG thanks to those who have already donated!

CONTACT: Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker 262-692-9143 or [jshoemaker@wi.rr.com](mailto:jshoemaker@wi.rr.com)

**Raffle tickets can be purchased on Sunday, July 24th and Sunday, July 31st, as well as at the Picnic on August 7th.**

#### THANKS!

Below is a sample list of suggested baskets and/or raffle items.

**ACCEPTABLE:** Re-Gifting of unopened/undamaged container gifts.

**UNACCEPTABLE:** Rummage Sale Items.

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| <b>Cash</b>  | <b>Gift Card: Gas, Store, credit, Spa</b> |
| <b>Garden or Home Art</b>  | <b>Electronic equip. or games</b>         |
| <b>Autographed Items</b>   | <b>Bird house, feeder, seed</b>           |
| <b>Theme Baskets season, event</b>   | <b>Chocolate or Food Baskets</b>          |
| <b>Child or Adult Theme Basket</b>   | <b>Cosmetic Baskets</b>                   |
| <b>Extra Large Stuffed Animals</b>   | <b>Pet items/supplies</b>                 |
| <b>Sport theme basket</b>  | <b>Sweatshirt, Hat, T-Shirt</b>           |
| <b>Food Basket</b>   | <b>Harley theme basket</b>                |
| <b>Packer, Brewer, Bucks, Badger items</b>   | <b>Scarves, Hats, Mittens etc.</b>        |
| <b>Holiday basket</b>  | <b>Quilted, Crochet, Cross Stitch</b>     |
| <b>Bikes, Scooters, Skates</b>   | <b>Car supplies</b>                       |
| <b>Tools</b>   | <b>Make-Up Beauty items</b>               |
| <b>Handmade Items - Wood, Ceramic, Cloth</b>   | <b>Cleaning supplies</b>                  |
| <b>Toys</b>  | <b>Coolers Picnic Supplies</b>            |
| <b>Hunting - Fishing gear/supplies</b>   | <b>Basket of a Company's Products</b>     |
| <b>Certificates: Golf, Eat, Entertainment, Other Tickets to events - Attractions</b> |   |