



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
July 24, 2022
Seventh 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

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.

* Stand if you are able

PRELUDE "In the Garden" arr. Lorie Line
GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

*HYMN 349 "Seek Ye First"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 85

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Beloved God, source of all being, enter our hearts in silence. Whisper the wisdom of your spirit into our longing.

Lord, we confess how often we fail to walk in your pathways. 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.

Gather us in your mercy and break open our barriers to living a life guided by the power and wonder of your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are, and God loves us too much to let us merely remain where we are. Listen, give thanks, and live the fullness of God's love and mercy.

*Hymn 117 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

July 28 Sharon Zolp
July 29 Austin Rahmer
July 30 Chris Rode

Happy Anniversary July 24 – 30

July 27 Tom & Kris Bier (31), Karla & Josh Spaits (3)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of July 24

7/26 Lectionary 10 am
7/27 XYZ Card Club
7/28 Grief Group 1 pm

Vacation Bible School – will take place August 1st – 5th, 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 & 4th 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.

Peace Church Landscaping – The bushes and shrubs on Peace’s property are in need of a good trimming. If you are interested in taking on this project, please contact Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212.

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!

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:

We pray for Pat Hauert, Idelle & Jim Breitbach's sister-in-law. Pat is suffering from blood clots in her leg and lungs.

We pray for Debbie Spaits, mother of Joshua Spaits, who had back surgery on July 18th and will be in a back brace for the next three months.

We pray for Henry, grandson to Jim & Joyce Meinberg. Henry continues with his stem cell treatments over the next ten weeks.

Contact Peace Church

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