



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
July 31, 2022  
Eighth 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 "Heart of Worship" arr. Ken Barker  
GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

\*HYMN 652 "This is the Day"

### TURNING TO GOD

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

Many: **And also with you.**

One: We turn our hearts again to God.

Many: **God of creation's glory, fill us today with your wondrous bounty. Take us as we are, O God, and feed the yearnings of our souls. Touch us that we might live body and soul in your keeping.**

### CONFESSION AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: **Merciful God, we gather and are reminded of how often we overlook you. It is too easy to place ourselves and our desires ahead of your ways. We confess that we become distracted by what we have or want, instead of who we are or are called to be. We fail to reflect your ways of generosity, honesty, and compassion. We fall short of seeing your holiness in every person and creature. God, we sin against you in thought, word, and deed, forgive us for what we do, and for what we fail to do. Humbly we pray your transforming ways: *"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."***

One: Our God is good, his love and mercy are without bounds. Open your hearts and receive the good news, God has walked with us, suffered with us, died for us, and risen to offer new life to each of us. We are forgiven that our lives may freely embrace the relationship which God offers us. Praise God!

\*HYMN 115 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

PSALM

[Psalm 49:1-12](#)

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

**\*HYMN 466** "Take My Life and Let it Be"

**OT LESSON** [Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14, 2:18-23](#) (Page 507)

**GOSPEL** [Luke 12:13-21](#) (Page 796)

**SERMON** "Vanity of Vanities!"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "In the Secret" arr. Ken Barker

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen..**

**PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go in Peace and serve the Lord,

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

**\*HYMN 712** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

**POSTLUDE**

**Lectionary for August 7:** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

• Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22 • Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 •  
Luke 12:32-40

**Serving Today:**

Musicians: Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann, Elsa Kirkegaard, Toni Ascher  
Litanist: Jackie McCurdy Video: Jake Lemke Audio: Joshua Spaits

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***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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**Happy Birthday July 31 – August 6**

July 31 Kenzell Bocher, Dale Scannell

Aug 1 Tim Zolp

Aug 2 Connie Zemlicka (80)

Aug 3 Randy Backhaus, Clayton Stoffel

Aug 4 Kay Blackburn

Aug 5 Blaine Atwater

**Happy Anniversary July 31 – August 6**

Aug 3 Vance & Susan Reif (31)

Aug 4 Ron & Lynn Rusch (60), Steve & Whitney Volm (4)

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### **Calendar for the Week of July 31**

8/1 – 8/5 Vacation Bible School

8/2 Lectionary 10 a.m. - will meet upstairs in the Library

7/7 **PEACE CHURCH PICNIC** – there will be only one service at RiverHill Park at 9:30 a.m. followed by our church picnic. Everyone is welcome!

**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 Church Landscaping** – The bushes and shrubs on Peace’s property need 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!

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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 Harvey Brodzeller, who was recently hospitalized with a bowel obstruction.

We pray for Gloria Liepert, who is currently in the Hartford hospital with a bad infection and knee issues.

We pray for Anna Piittmann, as she deals with eye issues.

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

We continue to pray for Jinny Michaels and her family as she continues on her hospice journey.

## **Contact Peace Church**

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