

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard August 7, 2022 Ninth 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.

**PRELUDE** 

**GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS** 

\*HYMN 652 "No Matter" (music in back of bulletin)

**Call to Worship** 

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

all.

All: And also with you.

One: Come and worship the Lord in God's great sanctuary.

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. With hope and thanksgiving 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 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. In the sights and sounds and smells of creation, we forget to appreciate your wonder. In the noisy demands of our lives, we lose track of offering you our thankfulness. We fall short of seeing your holiness in every person and creature that we encounter. We fail to treat our neighbors as ourselves, or to treat ourselves as your precious creation. Too often we just look to be fed for the moment instead of seeking to be fed with eternal food.

Gracious God, we know that we break our relationship with you through our thoughts, words, and actions, by what we do and by what we leave undone. Forgive, renew us, remind us of your enduring love.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

forgiveness.

\*A Response of Halleluja "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja"

## **↑The Passing of the Peace**

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

all.

All: And also with you

Special Music – The Children from Vacation Bible School

OT Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

The Children's Time- As the children come forward, please sing Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** 

**The Invitation** – all God's children are welcome to receive communion with us regardless of denomination or creed. This is Christ's table where all are invited to come and share God's love.

**Prayer of Consecration** 

Response 737

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

Holy, Holy, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi Corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor!

Preparation of the Table

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

O God, 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

**Hymn 427** "You Are My All in All" (music in back of bulletin)

**Gospel** <u>Luke 12:22-34</u> (Page 796)

Sermon "Don't Fear Little Flock"

Special Music There is Sunshine in My Soul arr. Line

**†Prayer of Dedication** 

God of wonder, you have poured out your blessings before us. We give you thanks for all that you give to us. We remember with our offerings that everything is a gift from You. We challenge ourselves to live the power of that gift. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer** 

**Benediction** 

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia

and Amen!

\*HYMN "Go Make Disciples" (music in back of bulletin)

**POSTLUDE** 

<u>Lectionary for August 14:</u> Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 • Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82 • Hebrews 11:29-12:2 • Luke 12:49-56

<u>Serving Today:</u> Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker, Elsa Kirkegaard, Toni Ascher, Eric Walker

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

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday August 7 - August 13

Aug 7 Brianna Augustin, Pat Schnepf

Aug 8 LeRoy Butzlaff

Aug 13 Jacob Manogue, Steve Spoerl

Happy Anniversary August 7 - August 13

Aug 7 Barry & Bonnie Clark (42)

Aug 10 Darrel & Judy Nonhof (65)

Aug 11 Brandon & Lori Zolp (4)

#### **NEWS & NOTES**

### Calendar for the Week of August 7

8/9 Lectionary 10 a.m., Consistory Mtg 6:30 p.m.

8/10 XYZ Cards

8/12 Blood Drive at Peace Church 12:30 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Peace Church Grief Group</u> will not meet in August. They will resume with their meetings on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Thank You and Good Luck</u> – Congratulations and best wishes to our videographer, Jake Lemke, as he leaves this month for college. Thank you, Jake, for faithfully videoing the Peace Church Sunday services for those who can't make it physically to church!

Youth Group Camping Trip will take place from Friday, August 19 (4:00 p.m.) – Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Josh & Karla Spaits Farm – 7550 Town Line Road, West Bend. Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to sleep over or stay only for the evening. The group will be going mini-golfing, feeding farm animals, cooking meals over the campfire, sleeping in tents, lots of games and spending time with friends. If you have any questions, please talk to Josh or Karla.

<u>Family Promise</u> – Peace Church, along with Holy Trinity and St. Michaels will be hosting four families at Family Promise. Please go to

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to <a href="mailto:office@peace-ucc.org">office@peace-ucc.org</a> 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 had cataract surgery.
- We pray for Brenda Roehrig, who had sinus surgery last Thursday.
- We pray for Bunny Scannell, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia.
- We pray for Karl, brother of Heidi Rodenkirch, who suffered a heart attack last week and had a stent inserted. He continues to be monitored/evaluated.
- We pray for Matthew Spaits, brother of Josh Spaits, who recently had sinus surgery.

## **Prayers for Comfort:**

To Cathy Stern's brother, as he struggles coping with the loss of his beloved wife.

## **Contact Peace Church**

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# Join Camp Do Good

DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

# **Kewaskum Community Blood Drive**

Peace United Church of Christ 343 1st St.

## Friday, August 12, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Kewaskum

Appointments preferred.

Come give in August and get a \$10 e-gift card to your choice of merchants. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value! You could be one of three lucky winners. Destination: Donation! Terms apply, see rcblood.org/fuel



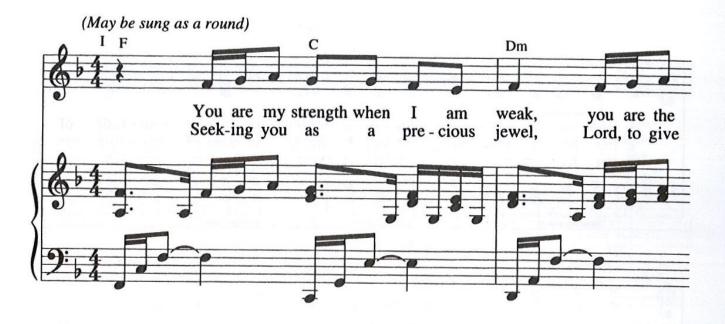
## No Matter

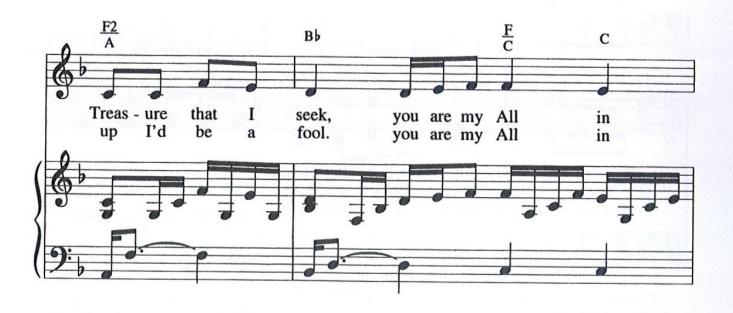


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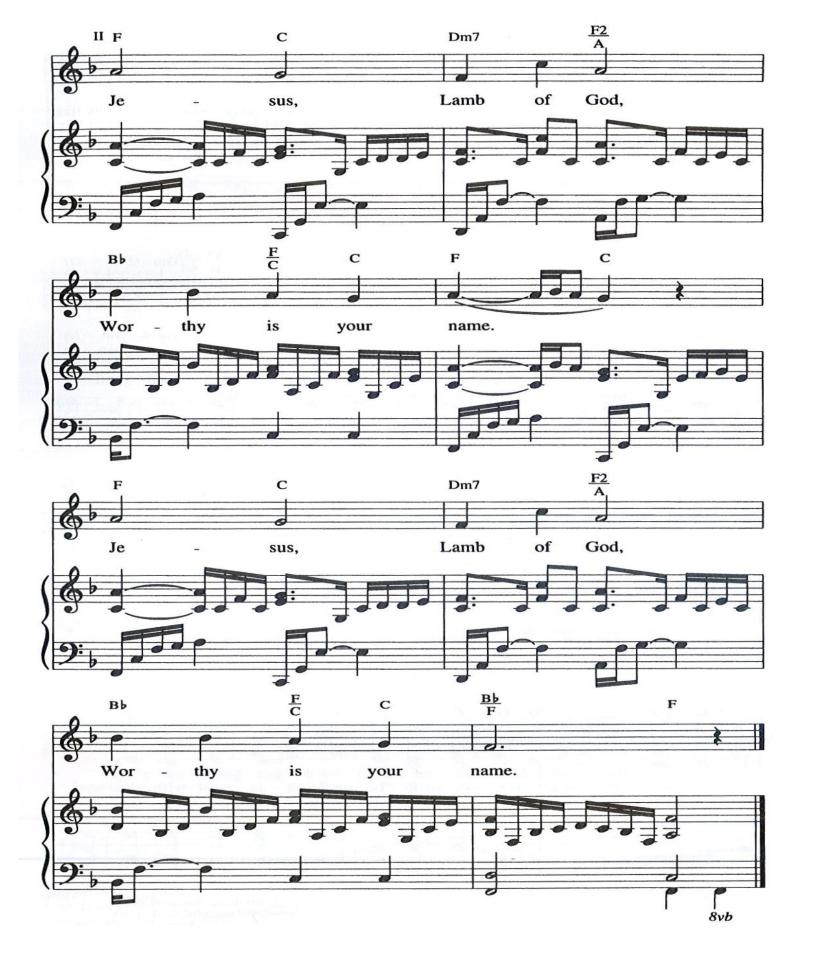
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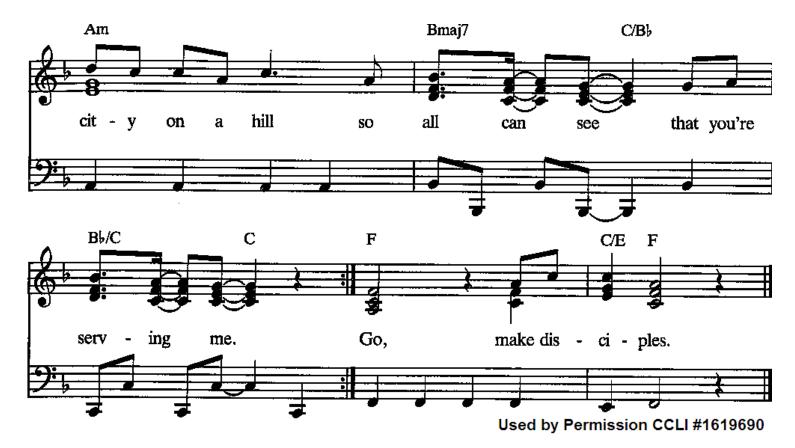




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