



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
August 14, 2022
Tenth 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 – 8:00 ECUMEN

“Glory, Glory”

by Dave & Jean Perry

“Like a River in My Soul”

arr. Tim Osiek

GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

***HYMN 658**

“Awesome God”

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

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

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Many: **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.**

One: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Many: **Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Many: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Confession and Receiving Forgiveness

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

Many: **Merciful Lord, our God and Maker, it is easier to cling to our brokenness than to accept your corrections. It is easier to live for ourselves than for you and for our neighbor. It is easier to disobey your word than to follow where it would lead. Forgive us for choosing the easy path. Forgive us for the brokenness we have inflicted and**

for the peace we have failed to grasp. Rend our hearts, restore us, that we may always be turned to you.

Humbly 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.*

One: God is gracious and merciful and forgives us our sin. We are free to run the race of faith together. Jesus shows us the way to release the weights we carry, that in our freedom we are more fully able to follow him. Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

↑**The Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Epistle

[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)

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The Children’s Time- As the children come forward, we sing “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

(9:30 service) The Sacrament of Baptism

This morning we receive into the Christian family:

Callaway Ann Sprinkman, daughter of Katelyn & Coltyn Sprinkman

***All: We receive this child in Christ’s name as we have been received, promising to support her with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching and faithful prayer. We promise to her parents our friendship in Christ, gladly sharing in the burdens and joys of Christian nurture.**

Hymn 680

“Borning Cry”

OT Lesson

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

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Gospel

[Luke 12:49-56](#)

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Sermon

“Can We Just Skip This?”

Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Vandall

↑**Prayer of Dedication**

God of infinite challenge, you have offered us a better way. In the midst of our struggle to understand, you have

offered us all that we need and more. We remember with this offering that all is a gift from God, even the challenges. We seek to live the power of that gift. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

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

*Hymn "Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"

**Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today.
Go and tell Gospel news everywhere.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today
To bring truth and love to every nation.**

Postlude

Lectionary for August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6 • Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8 • Hebrews 12:18-29 • Luke 13:10-17

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard
Litanist: Laura Kirkegaard Video: Jake Lemke Audio: Joshua Spaits



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Barbara O'Connor and in honor of Jerry O'Connor's birthday.

Congratulations to Katelyn (Leithold) & Coltyn Sprinkman on the baptism of their daughter, Callaway Ann Sprinkman. Callaway was born on September 24, 2021, in Grafton, WI. Callaway's godparents are Julia Beasley and Andrew Luedtke.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday August 14 – August 20

Aug 14 William Grahl (80), Coralee Kivell

Aug 15 Betty Graff (89), Brittany Luther

Aug 16 Bonnie Busch, Kathy Shoemaker, Jim Hovland

Aug 17 Lizzie Schmidt

Aug 18 Emma Preder

Aug 19 Lori Hartman, Roger Mertz, Shirley Ogi

Aug 20 Lily Lindgren

Happy Anniversary August 14 – August 20

Aug 15 Jim & Idelle Breitbach (41), Bruce & Donna Steinhardt (40)

Aug 18 Brian & Nicole Weinreich (15)

Aug 19 Steve & Cheri Falk (27), Jeff & Deanna Mielke (22)
Tim & Sharon Zolp (33)

Aug 20 Charlie & Pam Berres (17)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of August 14

8/16 Lectionary 10 a.m.

8/17 XYZ Cards

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

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 6th grade through 9th 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.

Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly – Peace Church will be hosting a brat fry at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, September 3rd. Brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be served from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We need volunteers to help with this event. Start-up time is 9:00 a.m. and clean-up should be done by 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Peace Church Youth Group and the Peace Food Pantry. Please call the church office to sign-up.

West Bend Germanfest Volunteers Needed – West Bend Germanfest (Aug 25-28) would welcome volunteers to help during the festivities. Proceeds will be used to support the life and ministry of Habitat for Humanity of Washington and Dodge counties. To sign up to go westbendgermanfest.com – Get Involved.

Peace Church Fall Clean-Up Day – the Peace Church Trustees will be holding a Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, September 10th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sign-up now to help in one of many ways in beautifying our church – pruning shrubs, painting the gazebo, washing external windows, misc. outside clean-up of the church grounds. Call the office at 262-626-4011 to volunteer!

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 Cheryl Novotny, who has been unwell and would welcome prayers.
- We continue to pray for Henry Meinberg, grandson of Joyce & Jim Meinberg, who will be having his second stem cell treatment this week for his cancer.
- We pray for Karen Kletti's brother-in-law, Tom Pahl, who has been hospitalized with stomach issues.
- We pray for Cathy Stern's brother, who is in ICU.

Prayers for Comfort:

We pray for Bunny Scannell and her family as she enters hospice.



Thank you for serving to Connor Lemke, grandson of John & Arlene Lemke, who joined the U.S. Navy on August 3, 2022. Connor is currently at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois for boot camp.

Contact Peace Church

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - office@peace-ucc.org

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

As students, teachers, and staff return
to school, please join us for a



Blessing of TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS & BACKPACKS

Rally Day – First Day of Sunday School



Sunday, September 11, 2022
During 9:30 Worship
Peace Church - Kewaskum
(Bring your backpack!)