



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
August 21, 2022  
Eleventh 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** "10,000 Reasons" arr. Lorie Line  
**GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*HYMN 653** ["I Will Call Upon the Lord"](#)

The Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-8

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

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

**One:** Let my whole being bless the Lord! Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

**Many:** **Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all his good deeds: how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.**

**One:** The Lord works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed. God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites.

**Many:** **The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

**One:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins and turn back to God, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence*

Creator of all that is, one who knows each of your creations intimately, you have loved us from before our conception. Before we could hear or speak you called us by name, setting us apart for your own special purposes.

**Many:** **Beloved God, our brokenness clouds our vision and our hearts. We fail to see beyond our own ways. We cling to our rules and our certainties instead of opening our heart to your call to ways of extravagant grace. We fail to love as you created us to love: offering our soul's compassion to you, our neighbor, and our self. We fail you in what we do and in what we do not do. We yearn for a better way, for a way that would fill us with fire, and light, and love, for a way that would give us peace, and passion, in every moment of our lives.**

**Illumine our hearts. Make your words our words, and your ways our ways, so that all we speak and do might be to**

**your glory. 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, forever. Amen.”**

**One:** God, who is rich in mercy, knows and receives us as we are, inviting us into a life restored by grace. Our sins are forgiven, God strengthens us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts and be made known through our faithfulness.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn Response 338 “King of Kings”**

***“King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords,  
Glory Hallelujah  
King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords,  
Glory Hallelujah  
Jesus, Prince Of Peace,  
Glory Hallelujah  
Jesus, Prince Of Peace,  
Glory Hallelujah***

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

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

**Epistle** [Hebrews 12:18-29](#) (Page 918)

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

**Hymn 118** [“Lord of the Dance”](#)

**Lesson** [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) (Page 569)

**Gospel** [Luke 13:10-17](#) (Page 797)

**Sermon** “It’s Always the Right Time to Do What’s Right”

**Special Music** “I Believe”

**↑Prayer of Dedication**

**Wonder-working God, use all of who we are and all of what we have to uproot what is unjust and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your gospel to people we may never meet. May we all come to hear your call to prophetic living. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Leader:** Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

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

**\*Hymn 710**

["The Trees of the Field"](#)

**Postlude**

**Lectionary for August 28:** Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16

• Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Serving Today:** Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker, Greg Ogi

Litanist: Jackie McCurdy Video: David Dorn Audio: Joshua Spaits



The flowers on the altar today are in honor of James & Patricia Reigle's 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday August 21 – August 27**

Aug 21 Karen Grundahl, Wyatt Herman, Dean Roe (88)

Aug 23 Jamie Herman, Janette Loomis (88), Bev Winninghoff (83)

Aug 25 Karen Fellenz, Benjamin Herbst

Aug 27 JoAnn Manthei

### **Happy Anniversary August 21 – August 27**

Aug 21 James & Patricia Reigle (75)

Aug 26 Mandi & Jeffrey Rahmer

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## ***NEWS & NOTES***

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### **Calendar for the Week of August 21**

8/22 Pastoral Relations Meeting 6:30 p.m.

8/23 Lectionary 10 a.m.

8/24 XYZ Cards

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

**Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly** – Peace Church will be hosting a brat fry at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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 Chris DeLaurier's husband for a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery.

We pray for Karen Grundahl, who took a spill and is suffering from a fractured kneecap.

We pray for Rev. Bill Wiederanders, who is hospitalized at West Bend Froedtert.

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

We pray for Cathy Stern and her family on the passing of Cathy's brother on Friday, August 12, 2022.

We pray for the family and friends of Bernice "Bunny" Scannell, who went to her heavenly home on Friday, August 12, 2002. A funeral service will be held at Peace Church on Saturday, August 20, 2022. More details here: [Bunny Scannell Service](#)



**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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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!)

# Come Sing With Us!

The Chancel Choir and men's choir will be starting rehearsals soon, and they need you! Music has always been an important part of the ministry of Peace Church, and we need you to help keep this program alive. All voices and singing abilities are welcome and encouraged to join us.



Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Men's rehearsal will also start on the 13th at 6:00 pm, followed by the Chancel rehearsal.

Choir practice is held weekly, usually for an hour. Depending on our numbers and availability, we will sing twice a month, and the men will sing once.

Please consider singing with us.

There are a lot of nice voices in our congregation. Let's all come together to make beautiful music unto the Lord!

If you have any questions, please see Bill Stangl or text him at 262-483-0699.