



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
September 4, 2022
Thirteenth 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 Ode to Joy" arr. Lorie Line
GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

*HYMN 655 ["Come Away from Rush and Hurry"](#)

Turning to God

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Come and let God's Spirit claim you again as beloved!

All: **We come with our own stories and gifts, our own joys and burdens, to be joined together in this time of worship and praise. Feed our souls O God, and help us to grow with you!**

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

One: Gracious God, we gather as your children always seeking to clear away all that separates us from you. Help us to see with new eyes Lord.

All: **We don't laugh enough God. In this world of wonder and joy, we constantly look at what's not going our way. We don't celebrate with loud shouts of praise for all of the ways that your love is bursting forth in our lives. You are so good, life is so good... and we're so stubbornly resistant. Even in the messiness of the world, even in the daily grind, and the stressed-out moments... you would remind us that there is still so much for which to rejoice. Gracious God, touch us with spirits of gratitude for all that we are doing with you, for all that you are doing with us. Lift us beyond our imaginings into relationships where we love neighbor and self with your love and joy. Forgive us for our broken thoughts, words, and actions, for what we do and for what we leave undone. Enliven our souls, O Lord, with the power of your mercy! 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: The Lord hears our prayers. We are sought out and made new through the gift of God's grace. We are forgiven, rejoice, for this is God's new day, and it is a beautiful day.

↑ 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

Psalm – 139:1-6, 13-18

One: Listen to the spirit-filled poetry of the Psalmist:
“O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

One: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

One: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

All: I praise you, for I am awesomely and wondrously made.

One: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

All: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

One: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.”

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:

Ridley Kennedy Karshbaum, son of Michael & Malia Karshbaum

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

Hymn 680

[“Borning Cry”](#)

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, Holy, my heart adores you.

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

Santo, 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 hungry 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 #697

[“Eat This Bread”](#)

Lesson

[Philemon 1-21](#)

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Sermon

“Profit, Usefulness, Heart”

Special Music

“March Jubilant”

arr. Lorie Line

↑Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, remind us again that all of creation flows from you, everything that is, is yours. Through our gifts begin to refocus our hearts toward claiming and serving you first. Amen.

An Invitation to Prayer “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send power, send us grace.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Prayer Response “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

***Hymn 698**

[“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”](#)

Postlude

Lectionary for September 11: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 • Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10 • 1 Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 15:1-10

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard
Litanist: Jackie McCurdy Video: David Dorn



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Kevin Lehmann.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday September 4 – September 10

- Sept 4 Clark Pearson (84), Megan Struck
Sept 5 Janel Gassner, Brenda Gitter, Janet Kuehn (88),
Chase Lindgren
Sept 6 Barry Clark
Sept 7 Elizabeth Bobb, Samantha Donath
Sept 8 Lynn Rusch (82)
Sept 9 David Roehrig, Brenda Roehrig, Amy Wiskirchen
Sept 10 Kim Clark, Eric Kirkegaard, Tom Kolb, Spencer Volm

Happy Anniversary September 4 – September 10

- Sept 4 Fred & Kathy Krieser (51)
Sept 5 Tom & Michelle Ogi (12)
Sept 8 Eric & Shrestha Ogi (3)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of September 4

- 9/5 Labor Day – Office closed
9/6 Lectionary 10 am
9/7 XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 am
9/8 Grief Group 1 pm
9/10 Peace Church Fall Clean-Up Day 8 am-1 pm
9/11 Rally Day – Blessing of students & teachers, first day of
Sunday School PreK-grade 5 (9:30 – 10:30),
first day of 6th – 8th grade Confirmation Class (9:30-10:30)



In Search of....Peace Church is looking for a donation of new or gently used bean bag chairs! Drop off at church! Thanks!

Prayer Shawl Group – will meet the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on October 6th. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

Peace Church Grief Group will meet on September 8 at 1:00 in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

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!

9th Grade Confirmation Classes – start on Wednesday, September 14th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-629-4011.

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 Comfort:

We pray for Diane and Bill Stangl, on the death of Diane's father, Bill Schuster. Bill passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2022 in Manitowoc.

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
First Day of 6th – 8th Grade Confirmation
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, Chancel Choir will sing twice a month, and the Men's Choir will sing once a month.

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.