



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
September 18, 2022
Fifteenth 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 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” arr. Lorie Line

GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

***HYMN 647** [“We Have Come to Join in Worship”](#)

Turning to God – Psalm 113 from the Message

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

All: And also with you.

One: Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God!

All: Just to speak his name is praise! Just to remember God is a blessing— now and tomorrow and always.

One: From east to west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to God!

All: From east to west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to God!

One: Who can compare with God, our God, so majestically enthroned, Surveying his magnificent heavens and earth?

All: He picks up the poor from out of the dirt, rescues the wretched who’ve been thrown out with the trash, Seats them among the honored guests, a place of honor among the brightest and best. Hallelujah!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

All: Lord, we are a restless people. As the weight of the world increases, we look everywhere for release. We confess today that we have not found solutions to our problems or deliverance from our burdens. We desire peace. Our hearts need a resting place where the worries of everyday life are in perspective and where the sin of our life is forgiven. Lord, give us peace and forgive our sin.

One: Our God is a God of peace. God says, *“Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest.”* The peace we desperately seek is ours through the love of God made known to us in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven, be at peace. Praise 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

Lesson

[Luke 10:25-28](#)

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The Children's Time- As the children come forward, we sing 🎵 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1 (*Sunday school students are dismissed at 10:45, parents are invited to gather in fellowship hall after church to learn more about our new program.*)

Hymn 469

["Lord of All Hopefulness"](#)

Lesson

[Amos 8:4-7](#)

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Gospel

[Luke 16:1-13](#)

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Sermon "Dishonest, Unrighteous, Shrewd... Faithfulness with Money"

Special Music

"Hold on to Me"

arr. Lorie Line

↑Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant blessings, remind us again that everything that is, is yours. Through our gifts refocus our hearts so that we may become proclaimers of your Good News to all of creation. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – the Lord's Prayer

"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."

Benediction – from William Temple, 1881-1944

One: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;
may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls;
and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you always.
Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **We go to love and to serve for we are the church! Alleluia and Amen.**

***Hymn 716**

["God Be with You"](#)

Postlude

Lectionary for September 25: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 • Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146 • 1 Timothy 6:6-19 • Luke 16:19-31

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker

Litanist: Jackie McCurdy, Audio: Josh Spaits Video: David Dorn



The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Kandy Lindgren on her birthday!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday September 18 – September 24

Sept 18 Kandy Lindgren, Ellie O'Brien-Flasch

Sept 20 Bill Hartman

Sept 21 Randy Schlice, Marnie Winninghoff

Sept 22 Samantha Mielke

Sept 23 Grace Loser

Sept 24 Rozanne Butzlaff

Happy Anniversary September 18 – September 24

Sept 21 Roger & Kathy Mertz (48), Kevin & Janine Lemke (36)

Sept 22 William & Lori Becker (16)

Sept 24 Herman & Nancy Panzer (67)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of September 18

9/20 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm

9/21 XYZ Cards

9/22 Grief Group 1 pm

9/25 9th Grade Confirmation starts 4-5:30 pm

Scholarship Cookie Sale

9th Grade Confirmation Class – 9th Grade Confirmation Class has been changed to Sundays from 4-5:30p.m. in the Youth Room starting on Sunday, September 25th.

Neighbors In Need – Please join us in supporting the 2022 Neighbors In Need Special Mission offering on October 2, 2022. Special envelopes will available today in the pews.

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 22nd at 1:00 in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

Stained Glass Windows Available: Our church has some old stained-glass windows from the narthex doors that were replaced several years ago. Would anyone have any interest in them? If so, please contact Karen Kletti 262-224-2212

Art Sale: Take a look at the tables near both entrances at church to find hand crafted items for sale! Items will change monthly, and proceeds will go towards a designated fund at church. If you are interested in being one of the 'vendors', talk to Karla Spaits, Nancy Stoffel, or Sandi Radeztsky.

Band Together for Banned Books – Peace Church will be starting a monthly “Banned Book Club” in January of 2023. Once a month we will meet to discuss classic and contemporary titles that have been banned by various school districts around the country. Titles such as “To Kill a Mockingbird”, “The Outsiders”, “The Hate U Give”, “Maus”, and many more. Dates and time TBD. If you have an interest in joining, please contact either Chris Rode at rustypeaches1966@gmail.com or the church office at office@peace-ucc.org. Watch the upcoming Tidings and bulletins for more information.



Annual Congregational Meeting October 23, 2022 – Our annual meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service.



Spotlight Productions Presents *Beauty & the Beast* on October 6, 7, 8, & 9– Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m./Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Show performed at the Silver Linings Art Center (WB High School). To reserve tickets: wbspotlight.com. Those from Peace UCC involved in the production are Pastor Eric and Sherry McElhatton.

Mitten Ministry News: We are collecting mittens for those in need on October 23rd. We will have the dedication/blessing on October 30, and plan to distribute to the schools and pantries the first week of November. If you are taking part in this ministry, I would love to hear from you. If you would like to learn how to knit, I would love to hear from you too - the more the merrier!! You can reach me (Heidi Rodenkirch) at 920-602-1184.

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 of Healing

To Jeanne Wood, as she deals with heart issues and the likelihood of a pacemaker.

Prayers for Comfort:

To the family and friends of Jessica, a friend of Chris Rode's, who died tragically early this past week.

To Dawn Growth & the Fellenz family on the passing of Dawn's husband, Russ.

To Jinny Michaels, as she continues with her journey in hospice.

Prayers of Joy:

To Jeremy, nephew to Heidi Rodenkirch, whose metastatic kidney cancer is currently under control with no growth of cells at his last scan.

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