



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

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The Baptism of Christ

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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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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

“Carol of the Birds”

arr. Chip Davis

**PLEASE DON'T SING** Hymn 322 “Take Me to the Water”

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
2 None but the righ - teous, none but the righ -  
3 I love Je - sus, I love Je -  
4 Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus' is my Sav -

ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
teous, none but the righ - teous . . . shall see God.  
sus, I love Je - sus, . . . yes, I do.  
ior, Je - sus is my Sav - ior for - ev - er more.

*During the antebellum era the enslaved either worshipped secretly in the woods or in small one-room churches built on the plantations. This spiritual reminds us that in either case baptisms were done down at the riverside.*

Tune: African-American spiritual  
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

### The Call to Worship

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the joy and mystery of Christ's birth be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Come and remember how the Holy Spirit continually claims us and anoints us as God's beloved children.

**All:** **We gather remembering the life-giving waters of Christ's baptism.**

Lifting Our Praise and Prayers with the Psalmist – Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Many: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**Many: The God of glory thunders,**

One: The LORD, thunders over the mighty waters.

**Many: The voice of the LORD is powerful;**

One: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

**Many: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

One: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**Many: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

One: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Many: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,**

***All: "Glory!"***

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

***All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!***

One: In your majesty 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."**

## **The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

We humbly offer our confession to you, O God, trusting that in your mercy you will hear us and allow us to feel again, in the depths of our being, the gift of your transforming grace.

**God of eternal presence and of new beginnings, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to see and feel your spirit at work within us. We have fallen short of thanking and trusting you in every moment of every day. Gather us to yourself again, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.**

Blessed God, your Spirit works boldly within our lives – working within the chaos, wrapping us with light, scattering our darkness with your brilliance.

Rejoice for grace abounds and through Christ we are forgiven.

**PLEASE JOIN IN RHYTHMICALLY PROCLAIMING Halleluja**  
**“Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”**

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

Old Testament Lesson

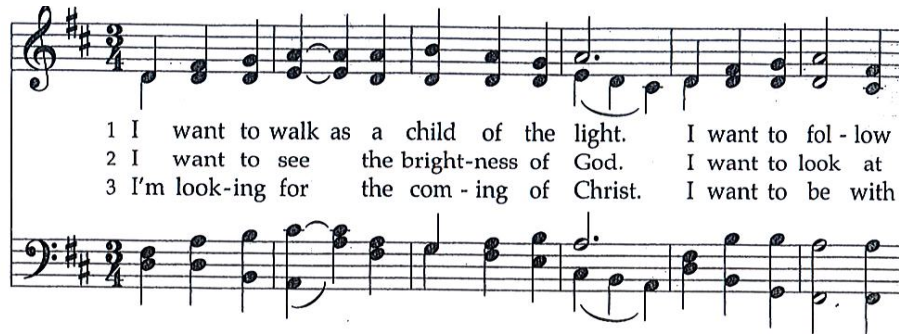
Genesis 1:1-5

*tohu wa bohu*

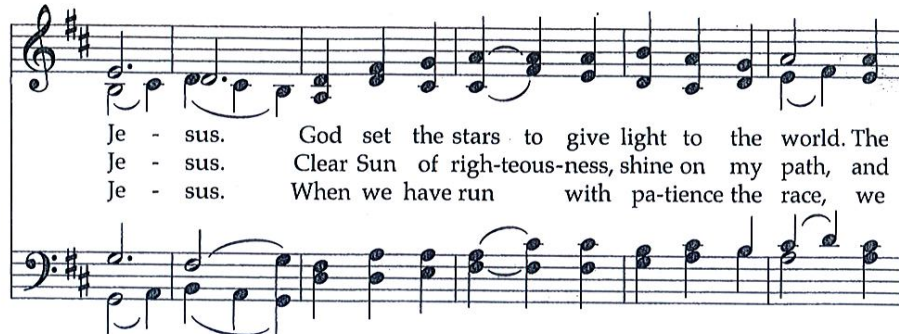
The Children's Time

**PLEASE DON'T SING** Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

# PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

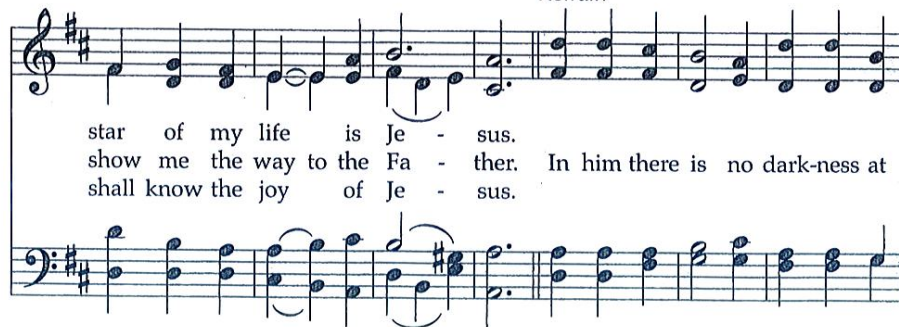


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

## Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

. The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

New Testament Lesson  
Gospel Lesson

Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

Sermon “Thy Kingdom Come’ ... Tearing Open the Heavens”

Special Music “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

**Many: Beautiful Lord, gracious Savior, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Bless our gifts and guide us as your servants. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**PLEASE DON’T SING** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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*SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard  
Berit Kirkegaard

Laura Kirkegaard  
Sound: Josh Spaits  
Video: Eric Heidenreiter  
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, Jan 17 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) • Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
• John 1:43-51

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF January 10, 2021*

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**Lectionary group at Peace Church** – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – Class will meet on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

**Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux:**

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing to study the confirmation materials used by our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands.

**Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

**Worship at Peace Church**

We are currently regathered for worship in our church building.

*Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.*

Reservations are requested: Please click on the link below to reserve your spot at worship. Or call the church office 626-4011. While the risk level is “Very High” we will be limiting attendance to 20 people per service, in addition to the worship leadership.

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK FOR ALL SERVICES AFTER JANUARY 1**

**<https://peaceuccservices2021.eventbrite.com> (thru 5/30/2021)**

**Thank you Peace Church Congregation!**

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**



We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

### **Scholarship Fund**

Reminder to all 2020-2021 Scholarship recipients: Your first semester grades need to be turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, February 14, 2021. You can mail your transcripts to Peace Church, P.O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 or email them to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org). Any questions? Contact the church office at 262-626-4011.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday**

### **January 10– January 16**

January 11

Jade Brei, Ailis Cameron, Jen Eisen, Xander Kivell

January 12

DeAnna Schiefelbein

January 14

Karen Secor

January 15

Karen Staehler

January 16

Amelia Krebs, Lorelai Luther,  
Carol Sedgwich (89), April Stern

**Happy Belated Birthday to Betty Spaltner!  
Betty turned 80 on December 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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## *PRAYER LIST*

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**Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists**

**Those in Need of Healing**: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

**Members:**

Harvey Brodzeller	Nancy Laguna	Kathy Roesel
Hanna Bruenn	Jackie McCurdy	Lucille Swanson
Debbie Butzlaff	Marilyn McIntosh	Betty Skaug
Cliff and Kim Clark	Don Neitzel	Mark Steinhardt
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Alec Taylor
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Gayle Van Ess
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Howard Zemlicka
John Kletti	Judy Price	Sharon Zolp

**Friends & Family:**

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Beau (Rauch)	Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)	Debbie (Hallen)
Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)	Sue Karbon (Kletti)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)	Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Judy Gambino (Bobb)	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)	Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)
Griffin (Radeztsky)	Izzy Straub (McElhatton)
The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)	Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

**Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Laurie Struck, Dennis Novotny, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

**Friends & Family:**

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Paula Hader (Adler)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Jan (D. Stangl)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)  
Paige More (Pearson)  
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)  
Russell Will (Will)

**Prayers of Comfort** to Kathy Schreffler and her family on the recent passing of Kathy's mother, Loretta Noegel.

**Congratulations!** To Betty Hallen on the birth of her great-grandson, Finn Joseph Klein, who was born on December 30. Finn is Betty's 9<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, and #10 is expected in June!



**Those Serving our Country**

**Thank you** to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)  
Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)  
Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)  
Kyle Henk (Army)  
Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)  
Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)  
Major Erik Rundquist (Army)  
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)  
Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)  
Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)  
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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## PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - [prayers@peace-ucc.org](mailto:prayers@peace-ucc.org)

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