



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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.

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***Stand if you are able.**

Many: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

One: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

Many: **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.**

One: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Many: **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

One: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

Many: **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

One: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

Many: **let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

We join our voice and lift our confession to God:

God of all mercy, Come and challenge us anew. Call us and strengthen us as your servant people, so that we might more faithfully follow you. Lord, we confess that we are hesitant to believe in our ability to be as bold and prophetic as you have taught us to be. We are resistant to changing our ways, even if it would be to walk in your ways more closely. In our timidity we sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have resisted your invitation to fully live as your servants. As we confess our brokenness, our need, we pray that you would whisper to our souls with the roll of thunder. We pray that you would touch us with

undeniable courage. Call to us and transform us in your mercy. Amen.

God's love has been revealed to us in the precious gift of God's own Son, God's own self. God has walked among us to know us and to offer us unbounded grace. God has boldly named us and called us as a servant people. God offers us forgiveness that we may be beacons of Christ's light.

Through the love of God we are forgiven. Amen.

***Hymn 338**

["King of Kings"](#)

***The Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Sunday School Lesson

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

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The Children's Time- As the children come forward, we sing 🎵 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

***Hymn 350**

["The Summons"](#)

Gospel Lesson

[John 1:29-42](#)

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Sermon

"Come and See"

Our Habitat Group: Lily Lindgren, Madison Kallistae, Sundance Duchow,
Sheri Rehn, Pastor Eric

***Prayer of Dedication**

Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of God's will in the world. Guide us in offering our whole selves to You. In Christ's light we pray: Amen.

Special Music

"This Little Light of Mine"

Vandall

Prayers of the People – Silent Prayer – 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, forever. Amen."

Response

"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 us pow'r, send us grace.

8:00 a.m. service - Stewardship/Mission Moment

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

*Hymn 76 “We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light”
(refrain only, twice)

Postlude

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker, Litanist: Jerry O’Connor, Audio: Josh Spaits, Video: David Dorn

Lectionary for January 22: Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday January 15 - 21

Jan 15 Karen Staehler
Jan 16 Amelia Krebs, Lorelai Luther, April Stern
Jan 19 Scott Augustin
Jan 20 Christian Bocher
Jan 21 Joanne Amerling

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of January 15, 2023

1/15 Sunday School 9:30 am, 9th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm
1/17 Lectionary 10 am
1/18 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club – 1:30 pm,
Faith Formation Class 7-8:30 pm

Peace Church Banned Book Group – will have their first discussion on Wednesday, January 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the church music room. The group will discuss the classic “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. Books are on reserve at the Kewaskum Library and can be picked up starting December 18th. If you are in need of assistance with obtaining a book, please contact the church office.

Peace Church Community Meal –Our next Community Meal will take place on February 1st, and the first Wednesday of each month. **The next meal will be a spaghetti dinner.** Our prayer is that we may gather with one another and with our community to break bread and share fellowship. Come all who are lonely, come all who are hungry, come all who wish to celebrate being together! All are welcome!! Please contact the church office if you have any questions or wish to help.

Art/Craft 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. To date, \$644 have been collected.

Peace UCC on Local Cable – In the West Bend service area we are now on cable television. This week's service will be broadcast on Monday afternoons at approximately 1:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings the prior week's service will be broadcast in sequence with other area congregations at approximately 10:15 (it depends on the length of the services before us). This will be on Spectrum channel 987, and AT&T channel 99. Please let us know how this works for you.

Peace Church Food Pantry located in the parking lot of Peace Church, has been very busy lately helping individuals and families in need in our community. Please consider purchasing food or personal hygiene items (toilet paper, kleenex, bars of soap, liquid hand soap) for the pantry. Frozen food items can be safely kept in the pantry during cold weather, which we monitor. We also will take cash donations and will purchase items for the pantry. Thank you!

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 Comfort:

We pray for Bob, friend of John & Karen Grundahl, who is recovering from heart by-pass surgery.

We pray for the family of Marilyn Edwards, golf partner and friend of Betty Hallen, who passed away on January 3, 2023.