



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

17 January 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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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

Prelude

“Serenade”

arr. Franz Schubert

## PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 480 “Open My Eyes, that I May See”

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;  
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;  
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.  
and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7/C Db Eb7 Db/Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

## 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: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**People: You discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

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

**People: You surround me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

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

**People: I praise you, for I am awesomely and wondrously made. Wonderful are your works, that I know very well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

**People: Intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 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.**

Leader: 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—

**All: *I am still with you.***

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

We open ourselves to your mercy, precious Lord. We offer our confessions, trusting that you will hear us and allow us to feel the anointing of your grace.

**Lord, we know that you are continually trying to speak to us and through us. And yet we stop up our hearts and our ears, favoring only that with which we are comfortable. Our sense of autonomy has worked against the reality of our dependence on You and Your covenant with us. We confess before you and each other that 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 in our attentiveness to you. Gather us again to yourself, forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways. We humble ourselves as 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.”**

God’s gracious Spirit reaches out to all. Let us 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**

Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

The Children’s Time

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

# PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 502 "Be Thou My Vision"

Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ 
Ab
Bb
Ab
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ 
Cm
Bb
Eb

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,  
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Bb
 $\frac{F7}{C}$ 
 $\frac{Bb}{D}$ 
Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ 
Ab
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ 
Cm
Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Ab
 $\frac{Ab}{C}$ 
 $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ 
Eb
 $\frac{Gm7}{D}$ 
Cm7
Cm
Gm7
Ab
Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Eb
 $\frac{Bb}{D}$ 
Cm
 $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ 
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$ 
 $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ 
Ab
Fm7
Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)  
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Sermon

“When It’s Hard to Listen to God”

Special Music

“Dawn of a New Era”

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 #735 “Hallelujah”**

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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah;  
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.  
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

WORDS and MUSIC: Muscogee (Creek) Indian; transcription by Charles H. Webb (1933- )

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, Jan 24 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • Psalm 62:5-12 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF January 17, 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – Class will meet on Wednesday, January 20<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 17– January 23**

January 19

Scott Augustin, Robert Schreffler, Jr.

January 20

Christian Bocher

January 21

Joanne Amerling

January 22

John Kletti

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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

Marilyn McIntosh

Ethan Singer

Hanna Bruenn

Gretchen Martin

Ken Singer

Debbie Butzlaff

Don Neitzel

Jeff Steger

Cliff and Kim Clark

Dennis Novotny

Lucille Swanson

John Coulter

Donna Ogi

Betty Skaug

Carol Gardner

Shirley Ogi

Mark Steinhardt

Marian Herriges

Judy Price

Alec Taylor

John Kletti

Kathy Roesel

Gayle Van Ess

Nancy Laguna

Shirley Schlice

Howard Zemlicka

Jackie McCurdy

Michael Schmidt

Sharon Zolp

#### **Friends & Family:**

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)

The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)

Beau (Rauch)

Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)

Jim Bertram (K. Roesel)

Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)

Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)

Debbie (Hallen)

Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)

Sue Karbon (Kletti)

Jessica (DeLaurier)

Dane Martin (Van Ess)

Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Judy Gambino (Bobb)

Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)

Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Griffin (Radeztsky)

Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)

Betty Sook (J. Christensen)  
Izzy Straub (McElhatton)

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  
Jean Cornell (Herriges)  
Nephew of Beck Ehmer  
Kerri Estep (Atwater)  
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)  
Paula Hader (Adler)  
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)  
Jan (D. Stangl)  
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)  
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)  
Ron Geurts (C. Stern)  
Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)  
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)  
Russell Will (Will)



**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.

## **Chili Drive-Thru!**

**Peace Church will be hosting a Chili Drive-thru in February. Date and time TBA! Watch for more information in February's Tidings.**

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### **PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040**

Church Office – Robin Mock 262-626-4011 - [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

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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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