

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 24 January 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany 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

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 62:5-12

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: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from

him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall

not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock,

my refuge is in God.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart

before him; God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a

delusion;

People: In the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a

breath.

Leader: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on

robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

People: Once God has spoken; Twice have I heard this:

All: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to

you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

# The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

We humble ourselves before you precious Lord. We offer our confessions, trusting in your promise and praying for the anointing of your grace.

Strong mother God, we gather at your feet knowing how tempting it is to follow our own paths and disregard your beckoning call. Gentle father God, we admit again that we have placed our own needs and desires above those of others. God of every name, we have been caught up in the tumult of life, busied with work and commitments, distracted by division and pandemic, focused on all that would draw us away from trusting in you. Help us to reorient our lives to your will. Guide us in placing those with whom we disagree, and even our enemies in the hollow of our hearts' prayers.

We confess before you and each other that we sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We don't love you with our whole heart; we don't love our neighbors as ourselves. We forget the power of humbling ourselves in You. Gather us again to yourself, forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways. We patiently 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."

Gracious God, your Spirit seeks to redeem all of creation. Your good news is for each of us! Rejoice, for grace abounds, and through Christ we are forgiven.

# PLEASE JOIN IN RHYTHMICALLY PROCLAIMING #735 "Halleluja"





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The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

The Children's Time

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 347 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"



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O.T. Lesson Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon "Beyond Our Stubborn Will"

Special Music "Be Still My Soul" (Finlandia) 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

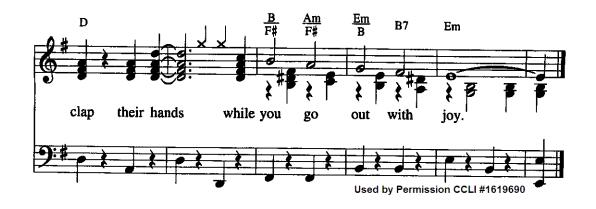
One: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God!

# PLEASE DON'T SING #710 "The Trees of the Field" – please clap along!



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#### SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Berit Kirkegaard
Laura Kirkegaard

Mike McElhatton
Gayle Van Ess
Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Eric Heidenreiter
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, Jan 31 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm 111 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • Mark 1:21-28

# CALENDAR – WEEK OF January 24, 2021

<u>Lectionary group at Peace Church</u> – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet on January 26th.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – Class will meet on Wednesday, January 27th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

# **Adult Faith Formation, Book of Ruth:**

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be doing a study of the Book of Ruth.

# 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 <a href="https://peaceuccservices2021.eventbrite.com">https://peaceuccservices2021.eventbrite.com</a> (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 <u>GIVE</u> 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 <a href="mailto:office@peace-ucc.org">office@peace-ucc.org</a>. Any questions? Contact the church office at 262-626-4011.

<u>Ash Wednesday and Lent Services</u> – It is strange to realize that we have been living in our present reality as "church" for almost a year. It was just as we had begun Lent that we needed to shift to worshiping Online. We are going to try a couple of different things to feed our souls and center us through this year's Lenten Season.

- On Ash Wednesday, February 17, Peace Church will offer a **drive-thru Ashes and Communion** opportunity in the parking lot. Come to Peace Church between 4:00 -5:45 p.m. and pull up to the entrance to receive your ashes, communion, and a blessing from Pastor Eric.
- In the past Ash Wednesday has also meant a soup supper. This year Peace Church will host **a chili dinner to go** in the parking lot on Ash Wednesday. Chili will be in to-go containers and can be picked up from 4:00-6:30 p.m. (advanced orders are appreciated- see details on last page of the Tidings)
- There will be an in-person Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. If this service fills-up by the week before, then we will add a second service at 7:30 p.m. You can sign-up for the Ash Wednesday service using this link: <u>Peace Church Ash Wednesday</u>. As always, this service will be available to view online.
- Midweek Lenten services Holden Evening Prayer For many years we have cherished this musical setting of a vespers service. Because this is a sung service, we will be recording the service in advance and then posting it online each week to be available for viewing by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are planning to have reflections from this year's confirmation students included in each of these services.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday January 24– January 30

January 24 Shirley Miller

January 25 Andrew Charland, Cheryl Dickman, Kathy Krieser

January 26 Lorna Schwingle-Glass

January 28 Kyla Kivell January 29 Samuel Ogi

January 30 Patricia Reigle (95), Kathy Rundquist, Wes Westra (84)

Happy Anniversary January 24 – January 30

January 26 Liz Jankowski Gaulke & David Gaulke (3)

#### PRAYER LIST

# 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 Jeff Steger

Debbie Butzlaff Gretchen Martin Lucille Swanson

Cliff and Kim Clark Don Neitzel Betty Skaug

John Coulter Dennis Novotny Mark Steinhardt

Betty Fleury Donna Ogi Alec Taylor

Carol Gardner Shirley Ogi Dolores Terlinden Marian Herriges Judy Price Howard Zemlicka

John Kletti Kathy Roesel Sharon Zolp

Nancy Laguna Shirley Schlice
Jackie McCurdy Michael Schmidt

# Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen) Jessica (DeLaurier)

Beau (Rauch)

Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)

Jim Bertram (K. Roesel) Judy Gambino (Bobb)

Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch) Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)

Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff) Griffin (Radeztsky)

The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)

Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)

Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)

Debbie (Hallen)

Sue Karbon (Kletti)

Diane Kraus (Meinberg)

Dane Martin (Van Ess)

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

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)

Sandra Senn (P. Behring)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)

Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

# **Prayers of Comfort**

To Betty Hallen and family on the death of Betty's cousin Karen from COVID. Karen would have celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 29th. Karen's daughter and son-in-law also have COVID.

# **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: Wednesday February 17th, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

**Peace United Church of Christ Parking Lot Entrance** 

See the February 2021 Tidings for order form. Proceeds will go to Peace United Church of Christ and 10% of that will go to Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic.

#### PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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