



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 28, 2024

Fourth 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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****Please stand***

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE “Thou Be My Vision” Line

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

*HYMN 87 “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

TURNING TO GOD – Psalm 111

One: May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.

One: The works of the Lord are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them.

All: God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness endures forever.

One: God has caused his wonders to be remembered.

All: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

One: **God gives food to those who honor him. God remembers his covenant forever.**

All: God has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

One: **God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy.**

All: They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

One: **God provided redemption for his people; God commanded that his covenant last forever.**

All: Holy and awesome is God's name! The fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins; sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise lasts forever!

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you more dearly and know your healing love more deeply. Let us join in confessing our sins.

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sin, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you. Forgive us O Lord, for what we do and for what we fail to do. Be within us as a refiner's fire, burning away the impurities of our lives. Guide us to be your light to the nations. We humbly pray in your name O Christ, our Lord. Amen

God, our Creator, has given us the ultimate gift. God's gift to us is grace - everlasting love offered in startling and unexpected ways.

God reaches out to each of us and assures us that God's love is real and new life is for each of us. Alleluia, Amen.

***A RESPONSE OF 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

LESSON Ruth 4:13-17 (Page 198)

The Children's Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

HYMN 630 “Healer of Our Every Ill”
GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28 (Page 764)
LESSON 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Page 873)
SERMON
SPECIAL MUSIC “Awesome God” Mullins

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Gracious God, we bring these gifts as a sign
of our love for you and one another. Bless
us with your presence as we give ourselves
to you and to your people. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER – OUR 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.”*

BENEDICTION

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord

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

***HYMN** “Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.
Go and tell Gospel news everywhere.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today to bring truth and love to every
nation.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker; Video: Katelynn Scannell

Today's Altar Flowers are in memory of Pastor Bob's deceased colleagues who made a difference in his life.

Lectionary for February 4 - Isaiah 40:21-31 • Psalm 147:1-11, 20c • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 • Mark 1:29-39

Happy Birthday Jan 28 – Feb 3

1/30 Kathy Rundquist, Wes Westra(87)

1/31 Matthew Buss, Bev Martel

2/3 Joan Adler

Calendar for the Week of January 28

1/28 9th grade confirmation 5:30-7:00pm

1/30 Lectionary 10am, Faith Formation 7pm

1/31 XYZ Cards

2/1 Prayer Shawl 1pm

Altar Flowers – Peace Church, once again, needs sponsors for the altar flowers. The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday. Please contact Robin in the church office if you are interested. Thank you!

Photo Directories – Peace Church photo directories will be available for purchase after today's services in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.00. If you already purchased one, you can pick it up during those times as well. Directories will be available for sale in the church office during the week.

Soup Supper -Peace Church will have a Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 14th at 5:30 pm, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in making soup, please contact Robin in the church office – 262-626-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org

Youth Group Events – The Peace Church Youth Group will meet after the 2nd Sunday service in the youth room (2nd floor) on the following date: February

18th. All young people (grade 6 and up) and up are invited to attend!

Peace Church Scholarship - Reminder to all 2023-2024 Scholarship recipients: Your first semester grades need to be turned in to the church office no later than **Thursday, February 1, 2024**. You can mail your transcripts to Peace Church, P.O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 or email them to office@peace-ucc.org. Any questions? Contact the church office at 262-626-4011.

Habitat Trip – The intergenerational Peace Church Habitat trip will take place June 9-14 in Red Wing, Minnesota. The cost per person is \$75.00. Contact the church if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Prayers of Healing

Continued prayers of healing to Karen Kletti as she recovers from hip surgery and to Sandy Atwater as she heals from her recent surgery.

To Sharon Ostermann, as she heals from recent health issues.

Prayers of Comfort

To Jill Rhoads, as she continues her journey with pancreatic cancer.

To the family and friends of Kathy Thomas, who passed away on Friday, January 19th from ovarian cancer. Services will be on June 1st, 2024.

To the family and friends of Deb Wurster, who passed away on January 12, 2024. Deb was a friend of Karen & John Kletti.

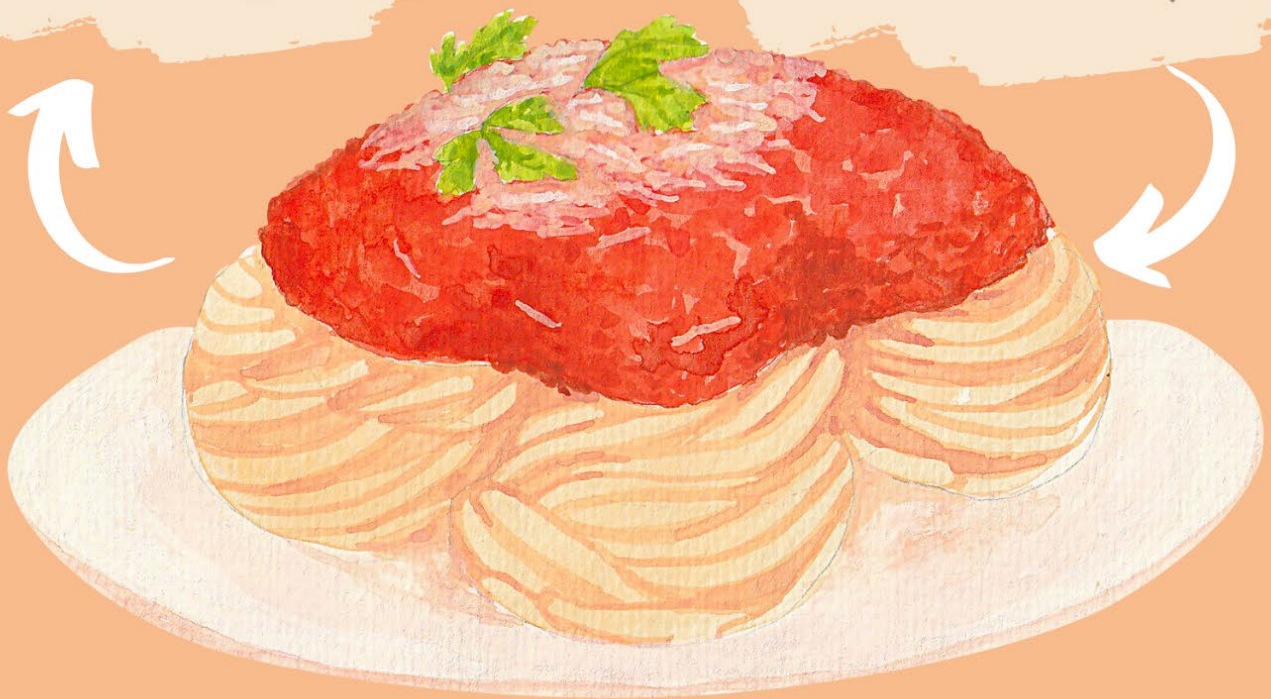
To the family and friends of Connie Jones, who passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

PEACE UCC

Community Meal

Free to All!

February 7th
4:30-6:00 pm



Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic
Bread, Green Salad, Beverage
and Desserts

320 Main Street, Kewaskum