



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

3 January 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

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

“As With Gladness”

arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 242 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

G D7 A Am D7 A G C#dim E G D

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
3 Vain - ly we of - fer each lav - ish ob - la - tion,
4 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

G B D7 A G D F# Em7 D A A7 D D7

dawn on our dark - ness and come to our aid;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - ferings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
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G D7 A Am D7 A G C2 C

star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

G D Em Am C B Em C#dim7 G D7 G

guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
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Turning Our Hearts to God – Psalm 147:12-20

One: Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within your walls.

Many: He sends peace across your nation and satisfies your hunger with the finest wheat. He sends his orders to the world— how swiftly his word flies!

One: He sends the snow like white wool; he scatters frost upon the ground like ashes. He hurls the hail like stones. Who can stand against his freezing cold?

Many: Then, at his command, it all melts. He sends his winds, and the ice thaws.

One: He has revealed his words to Jacob, his decrees and regulations to Israel. He has not done this for any other nation; they do not know his regulations.

All: Praise the Lord!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: God's ways are not our ways. God's thoughts are not our own. God watches over us far beyond the powers of human reasoning. God searches for us, yet we find God hidden deep in our hearts. Let us turn away from evil and God will have mercy on us.

Many: Lord Jesus Christ, wise visitors from the East worshiped and adored you; they brought you gifts –gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We too have seen your glory, but we have often turned away. Lord in your mercy, forgive us and help us. We too have gifts, but we have not fully used them or offered them to you. Lord in your mercy, forgive us and help us. We too have acclaimed you as King, but we have not served you with all our strength. Lord in your mercy, forgive us and help us. We too have acknowledged you as God, but we have not desired holiness. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us and help us. We too have welcomed you as Savior, but we have failed to tell others of your grace. Lord in your mercy, forgive us and help us. Make our trust more certain, make our love more

real, make our worship more acceptable; for your glory's sake, we pray. Amen.

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

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

OT Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Children's Time

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

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 235 "Brightest and Best of Stars"

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Sermon

“After Christmas a Time to Ponder”

Special Music

“We Three Kings”

arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Many: We draw near to the newborn Lord. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to the service of God's love. Bless and guide us that our lives may reflect God's light to the world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: And now may the glory and love of God surround you. May the peace and grace of Christ dwell deep within you. May the power and presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: We go to love and to serve for we are the church!

All: Alleluia and Amen.

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Musical score for the hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come!". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: N.C., A, D, A, D, A, E/B, B7, E, A, E/G#, D/F#, A/E, Bm/D, D#m7(b5), E, A/C#, D, A/C#, Esus, E7, A.

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)
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FESTAL SONG
S.M.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Pastor Bob Blackburn
Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, Jan 10 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Peace Church
The Baptism of Christ: Genesis 1:1-5 • Psalm 29 • Acts 19:1-7 • Mark 1:4-11

CALENDAR – WEEK OF January 3, 2021

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. This group will resume on January 5, 2021.

9TH Grade Confirmation – Class will resume on Wednesday, January 6th 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 resume meeting on January 5th. We are continuing to study the confirmation materials used by our 9th 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

Sunday School Students and Families: Have you checked out the Peace Church YouTube channel lately? There are new intro videos for classes, Read With Me books, and previously recorded lessons. Some even have special guests that are pretty entertaining!!! We'll let you know as soon as it is safe to return to our classrooms! In the meantime, stay safe, stay positive!!!

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

January 3 – January 9

January 3

Jennifer Bauer, Adam Hembel, Pam Ludwig

January 4

Thomas Ogi

January 5

Sarah Guillaume, Jim Mohr

January 7

Brian Butzlaff

January 9

Gretchen Martin, Samuel Retzlaff, Joshua Stangl

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

Debbie Butzlaff

John Coulter

Hanna Bruenn

Cliff and Kim Clark

Carol Gardner

Marian Herriges
John Kletti
Nancy Laguna
Jackie McCurdy
Marilyn McIntosh
Don Neitzel

Dennis Novotny
Donna Ogi
Shirley Ogi
Judy Price
Kathy Roesel
Lucille Swanson

Betty Skaug
Mark Steinhardt
Alec Taylor
Howard Zemlicka
Sharon Zolp

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)
Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)
Jessica (DeLaurier)
Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)
Judy Gambino (Bobb)
Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)
Griffin (Radeztsky)
The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)

Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Debbie (Hallen)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)
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

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)
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.

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