



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

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

“Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God's extravagant love and
together serve all of God's children and creation.”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude “Morning’s Call: A Prelude” arr. Lorie Lane

†Hymn #405 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

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

All: And also with you.

One: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

All: Life that never ends!

One: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

All: Plenty for all, enough for today.

One: Come to the table of justice and joy.

All: No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!

One: For we are all one family,

All: In all of our precious diversity, we are each made in the image of God.

One: We are all one family,

All: all over the world. Rich and poor, hungry and over-fed.

One: We are all one family,

All: hungry for a vision of a world where all are cherished as reflections of God.

One: Let praise go up to God our Life!

All: From every creature on God's good earth!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness (*adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: We have sinned by building walls that divide the Body of Christ. We have sinned by claiming our differences as more important than our oneness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another. Forgive us for failing to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours. Forgive us when our visions have fallen short of yours. We ask your pardon...

(a time of silence)

One: God forgives us, be at peace. Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection and reconciliation for the entire human race.

All: We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

†Act of Praise (sung to the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen hymn #23)

***“From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung;
let God the Spirit free each tongue.***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

†The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you
And also with you

O.T. Lesson [Job 1:1, 2:1-10](#) (Page 377)

The Children’s Time - Please hum or sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” as the children come down front before being sent to Sunday School

†Hymn #689 “One Bread, One Body”

Epistle [Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12](#) (Page 910)

Gospel Lesson [Mark 9:38-50](#) (Page 772)

Sermon “Receiving the Gift

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved Lord, we have chosen You, even as you first chose us. Humbly we offer what we may: ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your creation. Remind us that we are to shine as your proclamation of grace in a broken world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome.

Come, for the meal is ready!

Prayer of Preparation

One: To God be the glory: great things God has done! To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

One: God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

One: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

One: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Preface & Thanksgiving

One: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you singing:

All: "Santo, Santo, Santo" #737

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 Senor.*

One: Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, our friend and brother. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

One: We remember that on the night he was handed over, while at supper with his friends, he gave us a pledge of love that does away with death.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat, all of you: This is my body, surrendered for you.

When the supper was over, he took a cup filled with wine, gave thanks for it, and shared it with them, saying: Take and drink, all of you: This is the seal of a new covenant, my poured-out life. I will drink this cup with you again at the table of God's joy in the New Day that is coming. Whenever you do these things, remember me.

Blessing of the Elements

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

All: Bless this bread, we pray.

One: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

All: Bless this cup, we pray.

One: May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

A Haitian Prayer

One: Father, we are all hungry baby birds this morning.

Many: Our heart-mouths are gaping wide, waiting for You to fill us. Amen.

Special Music While Receiving the Elements:

"In Remembrance" Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

8:00 service: solo by Bill Stangl, 9:30 Chancel Choir with Karla Spaits accompanist and Ellie Baldus on flute

During the pandemic we have been using individual communion sets. Peel the top layer of plastic away to reveal the wafer, then peel the tab back to open the grape juice.

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life (all receive together)

One: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation (all receive together)

Giving Thanks

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer – Lord's Prayer

All: "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 – a prayer of blessing, anonymous

One: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you live deep in your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people and the earth so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer so you will reach out your hands to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so you will do things which others say cannot be done.

All: Amen!

Announcements

↑Hymn #698

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Postlude

Lectionary for October 10: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15 • Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17 • Hebrews 4:12-16 • Mark 10:17-31

The Altar Flowers on the altar are given by Lorna Schwingle-Glass in memory of her husband, Rollie Glass.

SERVING TODAY

Visiting Minister: Rev. Russ Knoth

Litanists: (8) (9:30) Jackie McCurdy

Organist: Karla Spaits

Flutist: Ellie Baldus

Chancel Director: Bill Stangl

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – October 3 - 9

Oct 3 Russ Vey

Oct 4 Charles Anderson, Jennifer Scannell

Oct 5 Jack Chamberlain, Judy Christensen, Sherry McElhatton

Oct 6 Dane Piittmann

Oct 7 Liza Rosenthal

Oct 8 Betty Fleury, Hunter Rahmer, Kathy Roesel

Oct 9 Paul Behring, Char Keller (82)

Anniversaries – October 3 - 9

Oct 6 Brian & Debbie Keller (31)

Oct 7 Dale & Jennifer Scannell (21)

NEWS & NOTES

Annual Congregational Meeting October 24, 2021 – The meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service.

KEYS Notice to Peace Church: The 28th annual KEYS Run/Walk will be held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 10. Runners and walkers will be present on Bilgo Lane and First Street shortly thereafter, so parishioners are asked to be cautious as they exit parking spots along these two streets. Volunteers and auxiliary police will be present on corners, but we ask that everyone help promote safety for all participants.

Peace Church Coffee Fellowship

A few changes will be taking place at Coffee Fellowship following our worship services. Coffee will now be self-serve. We are asking for those that attend fellowship and would like to donate sweets (mini-donuts, cookies, mini muffins, bars cut small, etc...) or cheese & crackers, please either bring your treats to the church during the week or on Sunday before service and drop off in the kitchen or church office. If you aren't up to baking or shopping, but would like to contribute, there will be a donation basket available for monetary donations.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 262-626-4011.

Peace Pantry – by now, many of you may have noticed the food pantry located in Peace Church's parking lot. What you may not know is how much it is utilized by the surrounding community! The pantry gets stocked weekly, and donations are made to the pantry not only by our church members, but by members of the community as well. It has proven to be a very welcomed addition to the Kewaskum area. We will always accept non-perishable items for the pantry or cash donations to purchase items. The most popular items are toilet paper, pasta and spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, chicken noodle soup, saltine crackers, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, peanut butter and jelly, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, pop-tarts, feminine hygiene items, jarred baby food. We are grateful for the support of Peace Church and the community!

Scholarship Committee – Cookie, Coffee & Candy Sale THANK YOU!

The Scholarship Committee Cookie sale made \$521.00 to use towards college scholarships for Peace Church members! Thanks to each and every one of you that made cookies, helped with the event, and purchased cookies, coffee, and candy!

Middle School Youth Group



Karla and Josh Spaits have been leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! The group meets on Saturday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 5-8 pm. Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

All activities will be held at church from 5-8 pm unless otherwise noted.

Saturday October 9th
Service project - TBD

Sunday October 10 - KEYS Walk/Run

After second service Karla and Josh will be running the race in their favorite costumes. All are welcome to join!

October 16

Corn maze/pumpkin patch

Spieker's pumpkin Farm Random Lake

This is a day trip. No evening get together. Times and cost are TBD.

Friday October 22nd

Pumpkin Carving at church 6 – 8 pm

No Saturday Youth Group

October 30

Halloween Party after Kewaskum Trick or Treating

Lectionary group at Peace Church Each week we gather together to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mittens, Hats, Scarves and YARN needed!

Women at Peace Church knit and crochet hats, mittens, and scarves during the year. In November, all completed items are brought to church, dedicated with the prayers of the congregation (November 14), and delivered to organizations for distribution to children in need. **If you knit or crochet, please consider helping with this wonderful mission! We are also in need of**



yarn, if you have yarn that you are willing to donate, please call the church office or drop off at the church. Call Nancy Panzer (626-2817) for more information.

Volunteers are a vital part of Peace Church to keep things running smoothly. Church volunteerism is the lifeblood of any church. People often think that volunteering in church is a huge time commitment. That is not necessarily true. Your service does not have to be ongoing. You can serve on a rotating basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Coffee Fellowship Snacks
- Church Decorating
- Serving on the Consistory
- Greeter
- Litanist
- Singing in the Choirs
- Teaching Sunday School

Please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011 to volunteer or to find out more information on an area that interests you. To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and our church.

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:

Brianna Augustin
Rev. Bob Blackburn
Harvey Brodzeller
Nancy Brodzeller
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Dave Domasky
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
Clark Pearson
Lynn Rusch
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka
Lizzie Nichols

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel

Gene

Joy Brott

Lorrie (H. Bruenn)

Eric Covington (Fleury)

Howard Floeter (Lemke)

Tom Hills (Kirkegaard)

Klaine (Lemke)

Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)

Jeremy (Rodenkirch)

Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Gerald Piittmann

Babette Rhoads

Josie Schoneman

Colin Volm

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)

Betty (J. Michaels)

Kathy (Augustin)

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Alan Floeter (Lemke)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)

Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Sandra Senn (P. Behr)

In Comfort: to Kim Bachause, a family friend of the Becker/Herbst family, as he enters hospice for additional care on his journey.

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)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)

Major Erik Rundquist (Army)

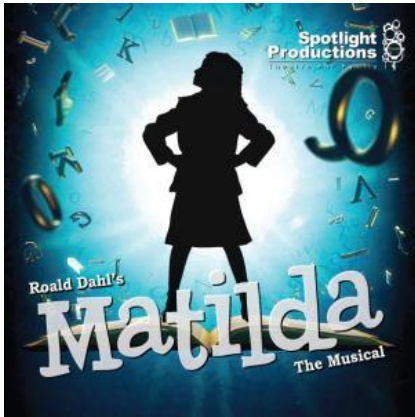
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Spotlight Productions presents:



The Tony Award-winning *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* is the captivating and imaginative story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, *Matilda* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world. Spotlight Productions is delighted to bring this wonderful show to audiences here in West Bend.

One Weekend Only!
October 7, 8, 9 & 10

at the West Bend High School's beautiful Silver Lining Arts Center
1305 E. Decorah Rd. (Entrance on the East end)

Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm | Sunday at 1:30pm

Tickets available [online](#), or in person at the door, and at Westbury Bank in downtown West Bend.

General admission \$20

Seniors & Students \$12 (in-person ticket purchases only)

See you at the show!

For tickets: <https://wbspotlight.com/>

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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Neighbors In Need

“I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

The Neighbors in Need special mission offering supports the United Church of Christ’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need helps fund ministries that address poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns, and public advocacy. The theme for this year’s Neighbors in Need offering is “All children have the right to simply be children.”

With our generous gifts to Neighbors in Need, the United Church of Christ is offering hope to millions of people; we are transforming lives, the nation, and our world. In 2020, more than ever, contributions to the Neighbors in Need offering are needed. Our country is experiencing unprecedented needs in this time of the Covid-19 crisis. **Our congregation will be receiving and dedicating this special mission offering on Sunday, October 3, 2021.**

Two-thirds of the offering given to Neighbors in Need is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news update, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, environmental justice, and poverty.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), which is the voice for American Indian people in the United Church of Christ. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to supporting these local churches and their pastors, CAIM strives to be a valuable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.

God calls us to imagine and boldly believe that another world is possible, A Just World for All . . . a world without hunger - a world without poverty - a world without discrimination – a world without oppression - a world without violence.

Through our gifts to Neighbors in Need on October 3rd, we have the opportunity to make a difference and help make A Just World For All possible. Let us give generously to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all of our neighbors.