



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

11 October 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

arr. Lorie Line

Greetings

Hymn 72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

D A7 E D E B7 E7 A A7 D A9
 F# E B

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

D Em D Gmaj7 G6 G#dim7 D F#m A A7 D
 F# A

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

A G D D B7 Am Em
 D E

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

A7 D Dm6 A D E7 A A7 D A9
 E E

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Gmaj7 G6 G#dim7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

hand hath pro - vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Being Gathered To God

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Gather us in your presence O Lord and show us whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just.

Many: Help us to be singers of your praises and servants of your word.

One: Come, let us worship our God anew!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness (*In conversation with Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*)

One: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord's mighty acts or publicly recount all his praise?

Many: We try to remember all of the ways that you have been at work in our lives, but our own desires and the ways of the world distract us.

One: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Many: God, if only we could always remember your transforming ways. If only we could walk with your sense of justice for all people and all of creation.

One: We have sinned – right along with our ancestors. We’ve done what is wrong. We’ve acted wickedly.

Many: God, we fail you in thought word and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. In your mercy, forgive us our sin.

One: They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

Many: Lord we create all kinds of idols, narrow ideologies, materialism, self-certainties that distract us from you. Gracious Savior, stand in the breach again. Forgive us our faults. Gather us back into your fold and open our hearts to the power of your embrace.

Humbly we pray as you taught: “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.”

One: The mercy and the love of God are endless. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, trust in God's abundant promise:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

♪ 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

Exodus 32:1-14

The Children’s Time – let the child in each of us join in singing

♪ Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

🎵 Hymn

“In the Secret”

Verse 1:

In the secret in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret in the quiet hour,
I wait only for You,
'cause I want to know You more.

Refrain:

I want to know You,
I want to hear Your voice;
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You,
I want to see Your face;
I want to know You more.

Verse 2:

I am reaching for the highest goal.
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside,
Out of my way,
'cause I want to know You more.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

“Well, That’s Awkward...”

Special Music

“The Gift of Love”

arr by Hal Hopson

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, with thanksgiving we return a portion of our gifts to you. God, we offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to you and to your world. Bless our offerings and guide us in your service. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction – Philippians 4:4-9

One: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Many: Amen.

♩ Hymn 710 "The Trees of the Field"

Unison Em B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em ^{D7}/_{F#}

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

G ^C/_G G ^D/_{F#} D ^B/_{D#} N.C. Em B7 Em

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,

Em B7 Em B7 Em ^B/_{F#} ^{Am}/_{F#} ^{Em}/_B B7 Em

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G ^C/_G G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the

D D7 G D7 G ^C/_G G

trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

*x = clap hands.

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clap their hands while you go out with joy.

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Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

arr. Lillya & Issac

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist: Bill Stangl

Musicians:

Karla Spaits
 Sherry McElhatton
 Elsa Kirkegaard
 Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for October 18 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99 • Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
 • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Matthew 22:15-22

CALENDAR – WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Lectioary group at Peace Church - October 13 - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux Resumes:

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - We will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9th grade confirmands. (Together we'll decide where we'll resume.)

Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

9TH Grade Confirmation – 9th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday, October 14 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room as well as via Zoom. COVID guidelines will be practiced – so please wear your mask!

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Fall session runs from September 13 – October 25. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Walker.

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!!!

**Our plan is to regather for worship in our church building on Oct. 18th.
Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Reservations will be required: Please click on either the 8:00 worship link (first link below) or the 10:00 worship link (second link below) to reserve your spot at worship. Or call the church office 626-4011.

8:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com>

10:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc10amworship.eventbrite.com>

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

October 11 – October 17

October 11

Duncan Kivell, Alaina Rosenthal

October 12

Piper Fochs, Olivia Herbst

October 14

Karlee Herman

October 15

Jay Tessar

October 16

Nancy Brodzeller (81), Trygve Schemelin,

October 17 Jackie Taylor
Linda Kirst, Tim Stoffel

Happy Anniversary October 11 – October 17

October 11 Jessica & Kevin Klahn (17)
October 13 Nicole & David Brei (8)
October 10 Doug & Judy Christensen (56)

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 | Dennis Novotny |
| Debbie Butzlaff | Donna Ogi |
| Barry Clark | Mitch Ogi |
| John Coulter | Nancy Panzer |
| Carol Gardner | Chris Rode |
| Betty Graff | Carol Sedgwick |
| Marian Herriges | Lucille Swanson |
| Nancy Laguna | Betty Skaug |
| Les Martin | Mark Steinhardt |
| Marilyn McIntosh | Alec Taylor |
| Jim Meinberg | Greg Vorpahl |
| Don Neitzel | Bev Winninghoff |

Friends & Family:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rose Ambler (B. Hallen) | Larry Haas (Lemke) |
| Ruth Betts (M. McFadden) | Eric Haas (Lemke) |
| Caelyb (Bocher) | Heidi (C. Manthei) |
| Jessica (DeLaurier) | Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch) |
| Ron Geurts (Stern) | Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch) |
| Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex) | Mason Hollbrook (Bocher) |
| Norbert Gudex (C. Gudex) | Robin Kann (Atwater) |
| Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl) | Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke) |
| Debbie (Hallen) | Babette Rhoads (Rhoads) |

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Charlie Straub (J. Becker)
Izzy Straub (McElhatton)
Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)
Ann Thill (Mertz)

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)
Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)
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 who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Marion Doms, Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn, Robert Neumann

Those who have entered eternal life:

To the family and friends of Dr. Richard Gibson, who passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

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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