



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
October 16, 2022  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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*

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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

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*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.***

**\* Stand if you are able**

*Prelude*

*“Autumn”*

*Chaminade*

***Greetings – Prayer Requests***

**\*Hymn #358**

**[“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”](#)**

***Turning to God – Psalm 119:97-104***

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Oh, How I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**All:** **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

**One:** I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

**All:** **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

**One:** I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

**All:** **How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

***Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness***

We gather our hearts as we confess our sin.

**God, you invite us into a relationship that would deepen with every day. You challenge us to dip into the wisdom and power of your story as it has been told through the ages. Your word challenges us to follow a better way, a different way than that of the world, yet we often close ourselves off to hearing fully. Our hearts ache with a longing for you and with the deep wisdom of your love, and yet we stop them up with the noise of our own desires. How O Lord do we clear the way for your ways? How do we relax into the broadness of your generous grace?**

**Beloved Lord, forgive us for all that we have done and for all that we have failed to do. Forgive us the frailty of our thoughts and actions. Walk with us and guide us that we might once again find our way with you. We 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.”***

The Lord hears our prayers. God journeys with us in grace at all times, in all places. Through God's love and Christ's sacrifice we are invited to be made new. Embrace God's mercy.

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**(Hymn #142)**

***“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**↑The Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

9:30 Anthem

“I Feel the Spirit”  
Churchmen

Price/Besig

Lesson

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

**The Children’s Time-** As the children come forward, we sing 🎵 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

**\*Hymn #664**

[“Thy Word”](#)

Gospel

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

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Lesson

[2 Timothy 3:14–4:5](#)

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Sermon

“Itching Ears”

**↑Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, you have given us everything we need, and yet, we hold back from You. Help us to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, wherever they are. Help us to teach them of your love and hope with these gifts offered to your service. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

***Benediction***

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

**\*Hymn 393**

[“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”](#)

***Postlude***

**Lectionary for October 23:** Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65 • Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

**Serving Today:** Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Lia Piittmann Litanist: Jackie McCurdy Audio: Josh Spaits Video: David Dorn



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Eileen Ramthun  
from Harold Ramthun and Heidi & Kyle Kedroske ❤️

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday October 16-22**

Oct 16 Jackie Taylor  
Oct 17 Linda Kirst, Tim Stoffel  
Oct 18 Nicholas Luther, Jessica Manogue  
Oct 20 Tyler McElhatton, Jamie Piittmann  
Oct 21 Terry Koch (80)

### **Happy Anniversary October 16-22**

Oct 17 John & Arlene Lemke (58)  
Oct 20 Tim & Nancy Stoffel (38)  
Oct 21 Todd & Kris Schmidt (16)

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## ***NEWS & NOTES***

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### **Calendar for the Week of October 16**

10/16 New Member Orientation 10:45 am,  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm  
10/18 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm  
10/19 XYZ Cards



**Sunday School Needs YOU!** - Peace Church Sunday School rooms need bean bag chairs! To help off-set the expense, please consider donating towards the chairs. Please look in your pew for the envelope with the bean bag chair on it. Thank you!!

**New Member Orientation** will be held on Sunday, October 16 (TODAY) following the 9:30 a.m. service. (approx. 10:45 a.m.). If you are interested in being part of this meeting, please join us in the youth room, (upstairs at the end of the hall). We hope to see you there!

**Art/Craft Sale:** Take a look at the tables near both entrances at church to find hand crafted items for sale! Items will change monthly, and proceeds will go towards a designated fund at church. If you are interested in being one of the 'vendors', talk to Karla Spaits, Nancy Stoffel, or Sandi Radeztsky.

**Roof News** – Repairs on the roof will start soon. Thank you to the congregation for voting YES on the roof expenses. 79 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain.



**Band Together for Banned Books** – Peace Church will be starting a monthly “Banned Book Club” in January of 2023. Once a month we will meet to discuss classic and contemporary titles that have been banned by various school districts around the country. Titles such as “To Kill a Mockingbird”, “The Outsiders”, “The Hate U Give”, “Maus”, and many more. Dates and time TBD. If you have an interest in joining, please contact either Mugs McFadden at 262-339-8690 or [serendipity33@frontier.com](mailto:serendipity33@frontier.com) or Chris Rode at [rustypeaches1966@gmail.com](mailto:rustypeaches1966@gmail.com) Watch the upcoming Tidings and bulletins for more information.



**Annual Congregational Meeting October 23, 2022** – Our annual meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service. We will also broadcast this on YouTube and allow members who cannot attend to vote until October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mitten Ministry News:** We are collecting mittens for those in need on October 23rd. We will have the dedication/blessing on October 30, and plan to distribute to the schools and pantries the first week of November. If you are taking part in this ministry, I would love to hear from you. If you would like to learn how to knit, I would love to hear from you too - the more the merrier!! You can reach me (Heidi Rodenkirch) at 920-602-1184.

**Peace UCC on Local Cable** – We are blessed to now be able to share our worship with the West Bend area through their community cable television. This week’s service will be broadcast on Monday afternoons at approximately 1:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings the prior week’s service will be broadcast in sequence with other area congregations at approximately 10:15 (it depends on the length of the services before us). This will be on Spectrum channel 987, and AT&T channel 99. Please let us know how this works for you.

**Food with Friends** – **Food with Friends** – Remember the Dinner for Six (or Eight) that our congregation enjoyed before COVID? It is coming back a bit revamped as “Food with Friends”. The premise will be basically the same – you can sign up to be a host or a guest. Everyone will bring a dish – appetizer, dessert, or veggie side dish. The host will provide the main entrée. We hope to have the first event this Fall. Watch for sign-up sheets to be coming soon!

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## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

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*Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org) or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests 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.*

### **Prayers for Healing:**

We pray for Anna Piittmann, who continues to deal with eye issues and is consulting with more specialists.

For Jamie Piittmann's mother, who fell and broke her hip that required surgery.

For Carol Gardner who is now home from a prolonged stay in the hospital trying to diagnose and treat her eye.

For Idelle Breitbach who continues to deal with efforts to resolve heart issues.

### **Prayers of Comfort:**

We continue to pray for Jinny Michaels as she continues her long journey with Hospice.

### **Contact Peace Church**

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