



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

October 17, 2021

Twenty-first 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

“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 "Cranes for Eliana" arr. Lorie Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

A Prayer of Self Dedication

One: This is our church,

All: We make it what it is.

One: Others will feel welcomed,

All: If I am welcoming.

One: It will do a great work,

All: If I work.

One: It will make generous gifts to many causes,

All: If I am a generous giver of my time, talents, and treasure.

One: It will be a sanctuary for social justice and peace,

All: If I advocate for marginalized communities and practice peace in every setting of my life.

One: It will be a church that embraces all, builds community, grows faith, and transforms lives,

All: If I, who make it what it is, practice these things.

One: Therefore, with the grace of God, we shall be a safe and inclusive church, living God's message of radical hospitality and unbounded mercy.

All: And I shall dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be. Amen.

Hymn #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We come together celebrating our blessings and acknowledging our brokenness. Humbly we confess our sin before our God.

Forgive us Lord, for our arrogance, for our words and actions that dishonor you. Challenge us with the breadth of your compassion and forgiveness. Help us to peer into the darkest depths of our world and our own souls and call forth your light. Help us to see with your eyes what we have done and what we have failed to do in thought word and deed. In your mercy guide us O God in reordering our lives and reorienting our hearts to you.

A Moment of Silence

God's grace is abundant and offered to all. In Christ we find the guidance and strength to know and speak eternal truth. Know that you are Christ's beloved; you are forgiven that you may find your way with God. With humble longing 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.”***

God's grace is never far away, God's love never forsakes us. Trust in Christ's promise of hope and forgiveness and claim your life made new again! **Amen**

†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

Gospel

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

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

†Hymn #29

“God of the Sparrow”

OT Lesson

[Job 38:1-7, 25-38](#)

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Sermon

“More of an answer than they'd bargained for...”

Special Music

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Robert Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

↑Hymn #59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Postlude

Lectionary for October 24: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) • Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126 • Hebrews 7:23-28 • Mark 10:46-52

SERVING TODAY

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

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Musician: Karla Spaits

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – October 17- 23

Oct 17 Linda Kirst, Tim Stoffel

Oct 18 Nicholas Luther, Jessica Manogue

Oct 20 Tyler McElhatton, Martha Wilson

Oct 21 Krysten Ammel, Terry Koch

Anniversaries – October 17-23

Oct 17 John & Arlene Lemke (57)

Oct 20 Tim & Nancy Stoffel (37)

NEWS & NOTES



Mittens, Hats, Scarves Donations

Mitten Ministry will be collecting mittens, hats, and scarves from the congregation starting on Sunday, November 7th. There will be a table set up in the Narthex for you to drop off your donations. All items will be dedicated with the prayers of the congregation on November 14th and then delivered to organizations for distribution to children in need.

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.

New Members Invite – **TODAY** - On October 17th, Peace Church will be holding a class for new and potentially new members of the church. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our church, to ask questions that you may have of us, and also to get to know others who are new to our fellowship. The class will begin after church at 10:45 a.m. with some background on the UCC and Peace Church. There will be time for questions and discussion. This class will take place in the library upstairs near the offices.

New members will be publicly celebrated and welcomed to Peace on October 24th during our worship services.

Annual Congregational Meeting October 24, 2021 – The meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service. We will also be live-streaming the meeting.

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!

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.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Peace Church will be hosting a blood bank on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please sign up at [Redcross.org/give](https://www.redcross.org/give). If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Kathy Charland at charland22056@gmail.com

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.

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:

Rev. Bob Blackburn
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Dave Domasky
Markus Frank
Jon Herbst
Mugs McFadden
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
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)

Those in Hospice care and their families:

Markus Frank, Nancy Brodzeller

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)

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister (currently on a medical leave)

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

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