

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 18 October 2020 Twentieth 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

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story/Tell Me the Story of Jesus" arr. Lorie Line **PLEASE DON'T SING** Hymn 569"God of Grace and God of Glory"



WORDS: Harry E. Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932) Used by Permission CCLI #1619690 CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7. Being Gathered To God

One: May 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.
- One: Stir our hearts again, O Lord, that we may be opened to your wonder.
- Many: Precious Lord, gather us into your spirit of worship.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

- One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- All: But if we confess our brokenness, God who is faithful and just, will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- One: Let us confess before our God and one another.
- All: Gracious Lord, we gather as a people longing for your wisdom and transformative spirit. We desire to know you as a friend who reaches out to us with tender care. Help us to lay down our barriers; free us from our stubbornness and forgive us for our sinfulness. We have broken our lives and scattered the pieces; we have failed to love you, our neighbors and ourselves as you would have us do. Come Lord, hear our prayers and gather us in your mercy. 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."

One: O God, we proclaim You again as Lord of our lives. Shape us with your will, write on our hearts what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight.

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

## All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

# 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

Exodus 33:12-23

The Children's Time

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

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 667 "God Has Spoken by the Prophets"



Words © 1953, Ren. 1981 The Hymn Society (Admin. Hope Publishing Company)

Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon "Always Idols! What's With the Idols?"

## Special Music "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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

- One: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
- Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

PLEASE DON'T SING J Hymn 719 "Go My Children with My Blessing"



Words © 1983 Jaroslav J. Vajda

<sup>8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.</sup> 

Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Musicians: Karla Spaits Sherry McElhatton Elsa Kirkegaard Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for October 25 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 • Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1 • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • Matthew 22:34-46

CALENDAR – WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

**Lectionary group at Peace Church** - October 20 - 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFP WE9EQT09 Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117 Passcode: 655329 **9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation –** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday, October 21 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 continue regathered for worship in our church building. Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Reservations are 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. While the risk level is "Very High" we will be limiting attendance to 20 people per service, in addition to the worship leadership.

8:00 am. worship- <u>https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com</u> 10:00 am. worship- <u>https://peaceucc10amworship.eventbrite.com</u>

### 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 <u>GIVE</u> 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 18 – October 24
October 18	Nicholas Luther, Jessica Manogue
October 19	Eileen Ramthun
October 20	Tyler McElhatton, Jamie Piittmann, Martha Wilson
October 21	Krysten Ammel, Terry Koch
October 24	Janine Lemke, Jared Polzin, Alec Taylor

#### Happy Anniversary October 18 – October 24

October 20	Tim & Nancy Stoffel (36)
October 23	Eric & Laura Kirkegaard (27)
October 24	Amanda & Jon Herbst (11), Gary & Kathy Panzer (40)

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

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen) Ruth Betts (M. McFadden) Caelyb (Bocher) Jessica (DeLaurier) Ron Geurts (Stern) Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex) Norbert Gudex (C. Gudx) Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl) Debbie (Hallen) Larry Haas (Lemke) Eric Haas (Lemke) Heidi (C. Manthei) Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch) Mason Hollbrook (Bocher) Robin Kann (Atwater) Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke) 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

Sharon Zolp

# **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.

# PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Church Office – Robin Mock 262-626-4011 - office@peace-ucc.org Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816 Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304 faithformation@peace-ucc.org Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

On the web @ <u>www.peace-ucc.org</u>

Find Peace on Facebook



On YouTube at: Peace UCC Kewaskum