



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
October 2, 2022  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Vandall

## GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

\*HYMN 696 ["Come, Share the Lord"](#)

### Turning 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: 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 uniquely made in the image of God.**

One: We are all one family, all over the world. Rich and poor, hungry and over-fed.

**All: We are all one family 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: 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. 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.**

↑A Response of Halleluja "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja"

↑The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

**Special Music (9:30 am)** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Kendrick/Schrader  
Chancel Choir

**Lesson** [Leviticus 19:13-18](#) (Page 88)

**The Children’s Time-** As the children come forward, we sing 🎵 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1 (*Sunday school students are dismissed at 10:45*)

## **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 share in 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 Señor.*

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.**

**Hymn 699**                    **[“Let Us Break Bread”](#) (1<sup>st</sup> verse)**

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

**Hymn**                        **[“Let Us Break Bread”](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> verse)**

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

**Hymn**                        **[“Let Us Break Bread”](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> verse)**

## **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**

**Gospel**    **[Luke 17:5-10](#)**    (Page 800)

**Epistle**    **[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)**    (Page 906)

**Sermon**                    “Grace given before the ages began...”

**Special Music**            “Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah”            arr. Shafferman

**↑Prayer of Dedication** – a prayer from Haiti

**Lord, I heard a man say, “I give You my heart.” But this morning I feel I cannot give only my heart – I offer my whole self. Amen**

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer - The Lord's Prayer**

***“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, for ever. Amen.”***

## **Benediction**

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.



**All: We go with God's steadfast love before our eyes, God's faithfulness beneath our feet, God's justice burning in our souls. Amen!**

**\*Hymn 698**      ["Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"](#)

**Lectionary for October 9:** Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 • Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9 • 2 Timothy 1:1-14• Luke 17:5-10

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

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### **Happy Birthday October 2 - 8**

Oct 2 Gary Fisher (83), Fred Krieser, Howard Zemlicka (89)  
Oct 3 Russ Vey  
Oct 4 Jennifer Scannell  
Oct 5 Jack Chamberlain, Judy Christensen, Sherry McElhatton  
Oct 7 Liza Rosenthal, William Wiederanders (88)  
Oct 8 Betty Fleury, Hunter Rahmer, Katheen Roesel (80)

### **Happy Anniversary October 2 - 8**

Oct 2 Scott & Terry Buss (23)  
Oct 6 Brian & Debbie Keller (32)  
Oct 7 Dale & Jennifer Scannell (22)

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### **Calendar for the Week of October 2**

10/2 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm  
10/4 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm  
10/5 XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 am  
10/6 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 pm

**Neighbors In Need** – TODAY!!! Please join us in supporting the 2022 Neighbors In Need Special Mission offering on October 2, 2022. Special envelopes will be available today in the pews.

**Prayer Shawl Group** – will meet the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

**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.

**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.



**Spotlight Productions Presents** *Beauty & the Beast* on October 6, 7, 8, & 9– Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m./Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Show performed at the Silver Linings Art Center (WB High School). To reserve tickets: [wbspotlight.com](http://wbspotlight.com). Those from Peace UCC involved in the production are Pastor Eric and Sherry McElhatton.

**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.

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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:**

For Christ Gudex, who will be having a cardiac catheterization procedure at St. Agnes in Fond du Lac on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.



For Idelle Breitbach, who recently underwent cardioversion at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

For Caroline Rusch, 19-year-old granddaughter of Lynn and Ron Rusch. Caroline will be having surgery on October 3rd to remove a large tumor from her abdomen.

Please continue to pray for Aaron Baker, family friend of Tricia and Eric Walker, who, after suffering from a head injury, is still struggling with recovery.

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

For the friends and family of Sandra Senn. Sandra, a classmate of Paul Behring, entered into Eternal Life on Wednesday, September 20, 2022, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Please pray for the people of Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Canada who are experiencing the most dramatic flooding from Hurricane Fiona.

Please pray for the people of Pakistan, as they continue to recover from deadly flooding. Pakistan's catastrophic floods have inundated one-third of the country—displacing over 33 million people and pushing more than 600,000 people into relief camps, and so far, has claimed more than 1,600 lives. You can donate to the UCC Pakistan Relief Fund by clicking here: <https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/pakistan-emergency-appeal/>

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*Mission Statement: To empower those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault by offering safety, support, and community awareness.*

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Domestic Violence

Is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate manner.

#### Types of Domestic Violence:

- Verbal / Emotional: name calling, threats, yelling, intimidation, isolation, and silent treatment.
- Financial: direct or indirect domination of finances.
- Physical: restraint, slapping, pushing, forcing consumption of or withholding medication, aggravated assault, and intentional damage to property.
- Sexual: forced sexual activity, demeaning sexual names, grabbing, threats of infidelity, and coerced sexual contact.
- Technological: can be used in all forms of abuse

### The Cycle of Abuse

There is one constant in abusive relationships: the Cycle of Abuse. Phases of the cycle vary in length of time and severity but continue to follow the same pattern. These phases include:

- the calm phase
- building tension through yelling or criticizing
- exploding with attacks (physical, emotional, or sexual)
- the honeymoon phase (apologizing, buying gifts, etc.).

*Start by  
Believing!*



## FRIENDS, Inc. Is Here to Help

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