



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

October 24, 2021

Twenty-second 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 "Autumn" by Chaminade

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #507 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – from Psalm 34

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

Many: And also with you.

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Many: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**Many: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from
all my fears.**

One: Look to him, and be radiant; so Your faces shall never be ashamed.

**Many: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved
from every trouble.**

One: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**Many: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take
refuge in him.**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Forgiving Christ, our lives of faith have become confused. We long to see you for ourselves, yet we settle for what others say about you. We cry out to you in the desperation of pain and sadness, yet we fail to lift our voices in proclamation when we are made well. We ask for forgiveness, yet we fail to allow your grace to transform us.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Give us the strength not only to feel but to do, not only to think but to speak. May we be made well in our faith, that we might follow you more closely and bear your light into the world.

We call out to you with our 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, forever. Amen.”

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.

†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

OT Lesson

[Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#)

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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

†The Covenant of Reception of New Members (in unison)

Filled with joy, we the members of Peace Church welcome you anew into this community of faith. As disciples of Jesus Christ we pledge you our friendship and our prayers that together we may grow in lives of true faith and Christian service. May God confirm the covenant made here this day, and bless our ministry and witness to the risen Savior.

†Hymn #491

“Open Our Eyes”

Gospel Lesson

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

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Sermon

“Who Isn’t Longing to See?”

Special Music

“Arioso”

Handel

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: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

†Hymn #668

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Postlude

Lectionary for October 31: Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 • Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8 • Hebrews 9:11-14 • Mark 12:28-34

SERVING TODAY

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

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – October 24 – Oct 30

Oct 24 Jared Polzin, Alec Taylor

Oct 25 Susan Chesak, Betty Skaug (85)

Oct 26 Brad Preder

Oct 27 Kelly Schreffler

Oct 28 Roger Lindgren, David McIntosh

Oct 29 David Frei

Oct 30 Vance Reif

Anniversaries – October 24 - 30

Oct 24 Amanda & Jon Herbst (12), Gary & Kathy Panzer (41)

Oct 26 Olivia & Beau Backhaus (3), Jori & Steve Schmeling (36)

NEWS & NOTES

Welcome to our New Members!

A warm welcome to our new Peace Church members!

- ♥ Chris De Laurier
- ♥ Janel Gassner and son, Jared
- ♥ Nancy Krahn
- ♥ Sara Lehner and daughter, Grace
- ♥ Tim and Robyn Nichols and daughter, Lizzie
- ♥ Jeff & Jean Reigle
- ♥ Todd and Kristina Schmidt and daughter, Elizabeth
- ♥ Steve & Whitney Volm and their daughters, Madison, and Rosie and sons, Carson and Spencer
- ♥ Jim & Idelle Breitbach
- ♥ Sharon Stier

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.



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.

Annual Congregational Meeting October 24, 2021 – The meeting will take place **TODAY** immediately following the 9:30 service. We will also be live-streaming the meeting. It will be available to view on YouTube for the next couple of weeks.

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!

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.

Adult Faith Formation We have resumed our evening classes at a new time: the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. We have just begun a series with Sr. Joan Chittister on the Ten Commandments. Her dynamic insights challenge us to let these laws of love guide our everyday relationship with our faith.

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

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.

October 30

Halloween Party after Kewaskum Trick or Treating

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
Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
Lynn Rusch
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel

Gene

Joy Brott

Lorrie (H. Bruenn)

Jenna Butchlick

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

Prayers of Comfort: To Harold Ramthun, Kathy and Tim Danielson, and family on the passing of Harold's wife and Kathy's sister, Eileen Ramthun on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. The family will greet relatives and friends on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home (215 Forest Avenue – Kewaskum) from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday, October 25, 2021 at Peace United Church of Christ from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:00 am at Peace United Church of Christ. Interment will be at Peace United Church of Christ Cemetery following the service.

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)

In Celebration

To Steve, Whitney, Madison, Carson, and Rosie Volm on the baptism of their son and brother, Spencer Volm. Spencer was born on September 10, 2021, and will be baptized at Peace Church on October 24, 2021. Congratulations to the Volm Family!

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 medical leave)

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

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