



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

25 October 2020

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

"Beautiful Isle" arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 273 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race, neighbors are near us and far a - way.
love, all these are neighbors to us and you.
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin (1925-2000)

MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-2000); arr. Charles H. Webb (1933-)

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Being Gathered to God – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Many: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.” For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Many: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

One: Turn, O LORD!

Many: How long?

One: Have compassion on your servants!

Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: Let us join in confessing our sins.

All: Merciful God, we stand before your radiant light knowing that we have not been fully faithful to you. You ask us to offer

you our whole heart, our whole mind, our whole soul, and yet so often we only commit a little part of ourselves to you. Beloved God, we have not fully loved You, nor have we fully accepted the depths of Your love and care for us. As we struggle with our own love, we fall short of fully loving our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways with that perfect love which casts out all fear. Together we pray as Jesus taught us: *“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: Hear these words of forgiveness: If you repent and embrace God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Claim anew the life that really is life. Trust in God's grace, Alleluia!

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

Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Children's Time

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

Love God with all your heart (gesture to heart)

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love God with all your mind (gesture to head).

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love God with all your strength (make a muscle)

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We worship God with our whole being (designate whole body),

Love your neighbor as yourself.

PLEASE DON'T SING - read as poetry Hymn 593 "Lord, Speak to Me"

N.C. G B7/F# Em Am7 D7 G G/B

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

C D7/A G/B A/C# D A7 D G B E Am7

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

D7 G G/B C D7/A G/B Am/C G/D D G

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
 MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

“Aim at the Center, Repeat”

Special Music

“Prayer of St. Francis”

arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Many: 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 – from *A Black Rock Prayer Book*

One: The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your* love, changes everything.
And may the blessing of the God who created you, loves you, and sustains you, be with you now and always.

Many: May it be so. Amen

PLEASE DON'T SING ♪ Hymn 709 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain Am G C G

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

D G Am G G7/B Am G Am/C

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

G/D Em D G/D Am/D G

prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Am G C G D G Am G

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

to Refrain (after repeat)
G7/B Am G Am/C G/D Em D G/D Am/D G

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for November 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 • Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43 • 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12

CALENDAR – WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

Lectionary group at Peace Church - October 27 - 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 9th 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=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

9TH Grade Confirmation – 9th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

7th & 8th 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!!!

Worship at Peace Church

We are currently 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- <https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com>

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

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 [GIVE](#) 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 25 – October 31

October 25	Susan Chesak, Betty Skaug (84)
October 26	Bradley Preder
October 27	Kelly Schreffler
October 28	Roger Lindgren, David McIntosh
October 29	David Frei, Joel Hauch
October 30	Vance Reif
October 31	Wayne Kirst, Stuart Van Ess

Happy Anniversary October 25 – October 31

October 26	Olivia & Beau Backhaus (2)
October 26	Gordon & Cheryl Dickman (41)
October 26	Jori & Steve Schmeling (35)

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	Marilyn McIntosh	Betty Skaug
Debbie Butzlaff	Don Neitzel	Mark Steinhardt
Barry Clark	Dennis Novotny	Alec Taylor
John Coulter	Donna Ogi	Greg Vorpahl
Carol Gardner	Mitch Ogi	Rev. Bill Wiederanders
Betty Graff	Nancy Panzer	Bev Winninghoff
Marian Herriges	Chris Rode	Sharon Zolp
Nancy Laguna	Carol Sedgwick	
Les Martin	Lucille Swanson	

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)
Caelyb (Bocher)
Jessica (DeLaurier)
Judy Gambino (Bobb)
Ron Geurts (Stern)
Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex)
Norbert Gudex (C. Gudex)
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

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.

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