



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Day

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 "For All Saints" arr. J. Purifoy

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #531 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – from Psalm 146

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Many: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

Many: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

One: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Many: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Many: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

One: Today, in this place, God gathers us.

Many: Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God.

Confession and Assurance

All: God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people – courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so that we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time. *(silence for reflection)*

One: God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and to others again. Give glory to God, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

†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 Lesson

[Mark 12:28-34](#)

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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 #469

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Lesson

[Ruth 1:1-18](#)

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Sermon

“Lessons About Love”

Special Music

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

setting by John Carter

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 -

A Time of Remembrance:

One: At the rising of the sun and its going down,

All: we remember them.

One: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: we remember them.

One: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,

All: we remember them.

One: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

All: we remember them.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: we remember them.

One: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

All: we remember them.

One: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

All: we remember them.

All: As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

In the silence we lift our joys, our hopes, and longings... Together 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.”

Concluding Blessing

Leader: May Christ, who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you, that you may transform the world

All: Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

↑Hymn #557

“Pass it On”

Postlude

Lectionary for November 7: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127 • 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146 • Hebrews 9:24-28 • Mark 12:38-44

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Usher: Sandy Radeztsky

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – October 31 – November 6

Oct 31 Wayne Kirst

Nov 1 Nova Smith, Debra Stern

Nov 2 Rachel Schemelin

Nov 3 Susan Horning

Nov 4 Marlene Domasky (87)

Nov 5 Kathy Franke, Emma Klahn

Nov 6 Donna Ogi (93), Rachel Mielke, Paul Reinders (99)

Happy Anniversary

Happy belated 15th Anniversary to Todd and Kristina Schmidt!

NEWS & NOTES

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.

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.

Annual Meeting Info Sessions – There will be listening sessions after each service this morning where we will hope to answer questions that you may have, or receive feedback on the topics raised at our Annual Meeting last weekend. There will also be the opportunity to vote if you have not already.

Scholarship Committee Christmas Cookie, Coffee and Tea Sale

During fellowship time on December 12, there will be a Christmas Cookie Sale sponsored by the Scholarship Committee. Coffee and tea will also be available. Occasionally over the next few weeks during fellowship time between services, coffee and tea will be available for purchase. Thank you, Peace Church, for supporting this wonderful program!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Peace Church in the library. Peace Church distributes prayer shawls in the following ways: for those that are undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss, baptisms (the prayer shawl is wrapped around the parents and baby during the ceremony), during an illness and recovery; ministering to others or just socializing.

Please consider joining this group if you possess knitting or crocheting talents! **We are also looking for donations in order to purchase yarn.** Please direct your donation to Peace Church re: Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!

Middle School Youth Group



Karla and Josh Spaits have been leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

NOVEMBER

- Saturday November 6 - Trail clean-up, games and dinner after walk. 4-7 pm
- Saturday, November 13 – Raking leaves service project – during the day (TBD)
- Friday, November 19 – movie and games
- November 25 – 27th – Thanksgiving service project – day and time TBD

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
Dave Domasky
Markus Frank
Jon Herbst
Mugs McFadden
Jackie McCurdy
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)

Jason 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)

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

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

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We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... The special people who have touched our lives form a chain of witnesses that stretches through the ages. The blessings and the burdens continue year after year, often blurring together in the movement of time...

a moment, a year, a decade, a lifetime...

We take the time to hold all of those saints close to our hearts in the affirmation of a love that never ends.

And we offer special prayers for those who have joined the heavenly chorus in this last year:

*Ronald Amerling
Phyllis Bade
John Coulter
Marion Doms
Ellen Hembel
Pauline Jaeger
Allen Kuhn
Kathryn Kuhn
Kevin Lehmann
Vernon Ludwig
Les Martin
Robert Neumann
Cory Nuernberg
Mitchell Ogi
Eileen Ramthun
Helen Reinke
Doug Schleif
Donna Schmidt
Alice Stautz
Elfrieda (Heidi) Thomas
Tom Townsend*

and all those un-named whom we hold in our hearts...