



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

4 October, 2020

Eighteenth 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.

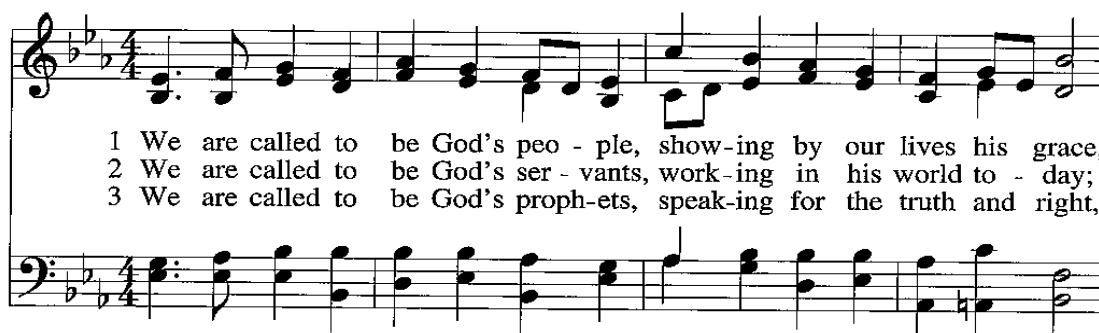
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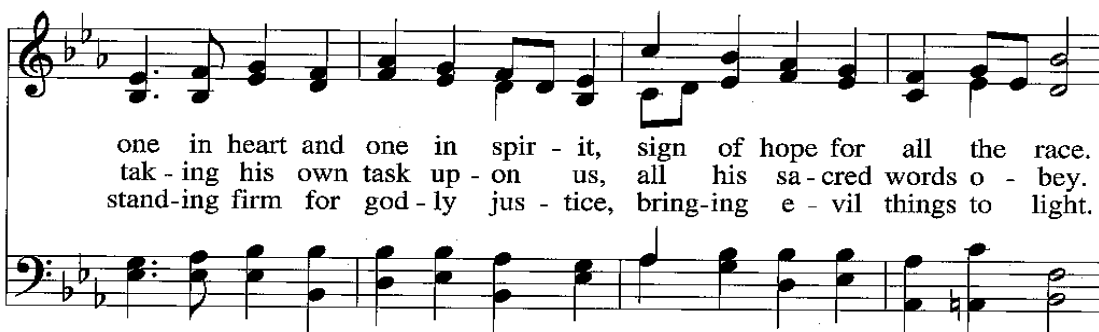
Prelude

Greetings

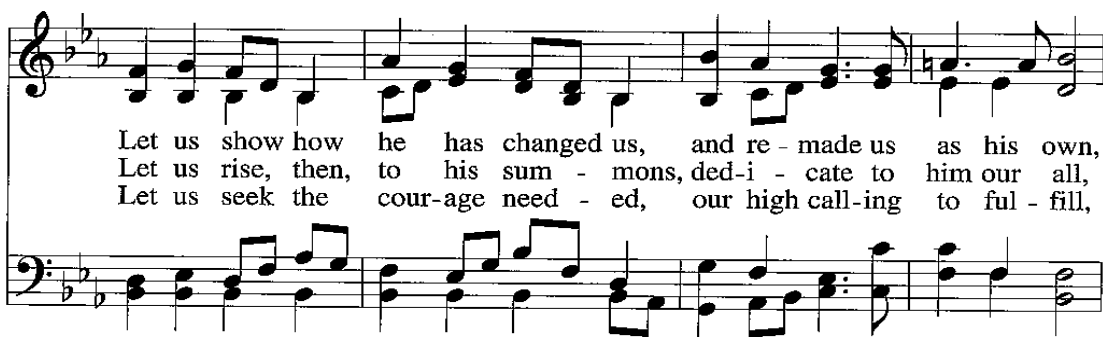
Hymn 580 "We Are Called to Be God's People"



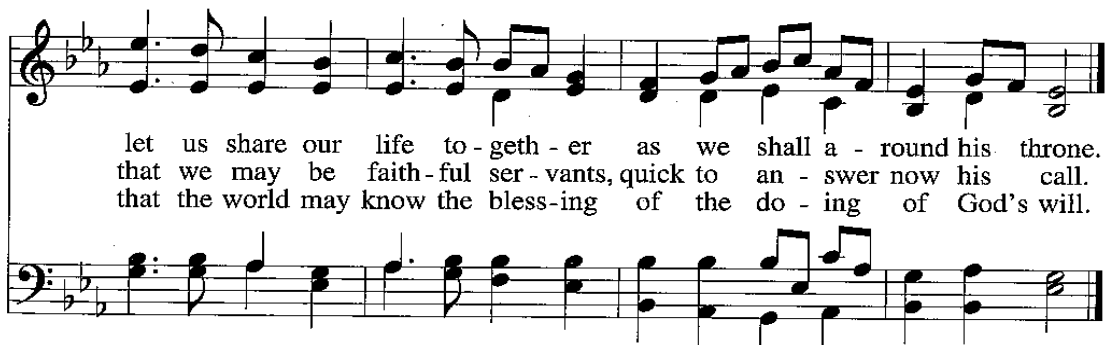
1 We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives his grace,
2 We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in his world to - day;
3 We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.
stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded-i - cate to him our all,
Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call-ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.
that the world may know the bless-ing of the do - ing of God's will.

A Prayer of Self Dedication

One: This is our church,

All: We make it what it is.

One: Others will feel welcomed,

All: If I am welcoming.

One: It will do a great work,

All: If I work.

One: It will make generous gifts to many causes,

All: If I am a generous giver of my time, talents, and treasure.

One: It will be a sanctuary for social justice and peace,

All: If I advocate for marginalized communities and practice peace in every setting of my life.

One: It will be a church that embraces all, builds community, grows faith, and transforms lives,

All: If I, who make it what it is, practice these things.

One: Therefore, with the grace of God, we shall be a safe and inclusive church, living God's message of radical hospitality and unbounded mercy.

All: And I shall dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be. Amen.

Psalm 19

One: The heavens declare the glory of God;

All: The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

One: Day after day they pour forth speech;

All: Night after night they display knowledge.

One: There is no speech, there are no words;

All: No sound can be heard.

One: Their voice goes out into all the earth,

All: Their words of the ends of the world.

One: In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,

All: Which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his wedding canopy, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

One: It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;

All: Nothing is hidden from its heat.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

All: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

All: The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

One: They are more precious than gold,

All: Than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb,

One: By them is your servant warned;

All: In keeping them there is great reward.

One: Who can discern his errors?

All: Forgive my hidden faults.

One: Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

All: Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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 sin by claiming our differences as more important than our oneness. We fail daily in living our lives as a reflection of our relationship with God.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we fail to support one another. Forgive us for failing to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we fail to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours. You have offered us simple instructions for living our lives with right thoughts and actions. But when they are inconvenient, we easily disregard your commands. Forgive us as we pray for your kingdom-ways to guide 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.”*

(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.

♪ 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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The Children’s Time – let the child in each of us join in singing

♪ Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

🎵 Hymn 705

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” vs 1-3

Refrain (Unison)

Db Bbm Dbmaj7 Ebm Fm Bbm Ebm Ebm7 Fm Gb Db Db
Ab Gb Ab

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

Ab Bbm Ebm Fm Fm7 Bbm7 Ebm7 Ab Db2 Db
C Gb Ab

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Db Bbm Ab Ebm Fm7 Db Fm Gb2 Gb Ab Bbm
Ab Gb F Ab

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude,
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

Fm Ebm Gb Ab Ab2 Ab Ebm7 Gb
Bb Db Bb C

to Refrain
Absus Ab

so when you call your fam-ily, Lord, we fol-low and re-joyce.
 that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Epistle Philippians 3:1-14

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon "Mistaking Stewardship for Ownership"

Special Music "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr by John Carter

Prayer of Dedication

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

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.

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: 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 714 "Shalom, My Friends"



1 Sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, sha - lom.
1 Sha - lom cha-ve-rim, sha - lom cha-ve-rim, sha - lom, sha - lom.
2 Share peace, dear friends, share peace, dear friends, God's peace, God's peace.

WORDS: Israeli round; English tr. Donald P. Hustad (1918-)
MUSIC: Hebrew melody
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Postlude "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. John Cater

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Musicians:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for October 11 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 • Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23 •
Philippians 4:1-9 • Matthew 22:1-14

We celebrate the baptism of Sophia Rae Schlice, daughter of Jessica & Anthony (TJ), granddaughter of Randy & Michele Schlice and great-granddaughter of Shirley Schlice, on October 4, 2020.

CALENDAR – WEEK OF OCTOBER 4

Lectionary group at Peace Church - September 6 - 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 7 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. COVID guidelines will be practiced – so please wear your mask!

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, and we look forward to seeing you at the outdoor church services in River Hill Park on Sundays!!!

Worship in the Park –October 11th worship will be held at River Hill Park in Kewaskum. (1150 Parkview Dr.) There will be two services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Please conduct a self-check and stay home if you or a household member have symptoms of COVID-19 (Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea).
- If you or a household member are at higher risk for severe illness you are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- Please wear a face covering or mask over your mouth and nose.
- Please maintain a 6 feet distance from other people – even if you are wearing a face covering or mask.
- We ask that you refrain from singing. Singing is a higher-risk activity, as it more forcefully expels respiratory droplets than speaking.
- Please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

We will begin regathering for worship in our church building on Oct. 18th.
Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Reservations will be 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.

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 4 – October 10

October 4	Charles Anderson, Jennifer Scannell
October 5	Eliza Anderson, John Chamberlain, Judy Christensen, Sherry McElhatton
October 6	Dane Piittmann
October 7	Chase Clark, Liza Rosenthal, William Wiederanders (86)
October 8	Betty Fleury, Pam May, Hunter Rahmer, Kathy Roesel
October 9	Paul Behring, Char Keller (81)
October 10	Thomas Bier

Happy Anniversary October 4 – October 10

October 6	Brian & Debbie Keller (30)
October 7	Dale & Jennifer Scannell (20), Josh & Jennifer Stangl (14)
October 10	Doug & Judy Christensen (56)

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
Marion Doms
Carol Gardner
Betty Graff
Marian Herriges
Nancy Laguna
Les Martin
Marilyn McIntosh
Jim Meinberg
Robert Neumann

Don Neitzel
Dennis Novotny
Donna Ogi
Mitch Ogi
Nancy Panzer
Chris Rode
Carol Sedgwick
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)
Valerie Knurr (Kletti)
Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)
Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)
Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)
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

We hold in our prayers the family and friends of those who have

entered eternal life: John Waskiewicz, who passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Our prayers are with John's family and friends.

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)

Neighbors In Need

“I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

The Neighbors in Need special mission offering supports the United Church of Christ’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need helps fund ministries that address poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns, and public advocacy. The theme for this year’s Neighbors in Need offering is “All children have the right to simply be children.”

With our generous gifts to Neighbors in Need, the United Church of Christ is offering hope to millions of people; we are transforming lives, the nation, and our world. In 2020, more than ever, contributions to the Neighbors in Need offering are needed. Our country is experiencing unprecedented needs in this time of the Covid-19 crisis. **Our congregation will be receiving and dedicating this special mission offering on Sunday, October 4, 2020.**

Two-thirds of the offering given to Neighbors in Need is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news update, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, environmental justice, and poverty.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), which is the voice for American Indian people in the United Church of Christ. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to supporting these local churches and their pastors, CAIM strives to be a valuable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.

God calls us to imagine and boldly believe that another world is possible, A Just World for All . . . a world without hunger - a world without poverty - a world without discrimination – a world without oppression - a world without violence.

Through our gifts to Neighbors in Need on October 4th, we have the opportunity to make a difference and help make A Just World For All possible. Let us give generously to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all of our neighbors.

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