



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

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

GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

*Hymn 72

[“Great is Thy Faithfulness”](#)

The Prayer of Invocation and Our Lord’s Prayer

God of all creation, claim us again as your own. You are the God of hope and healing, vision and wholeness. As we journey into this day move our hearts to worship you! Footstep and sigh, laughter, and song, all we are is worship to you!

Guide us as 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.”*

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: We draw near to God and confess our sin.

All: Gracious Lord, you bestow upon us unexpected blessings, but we often fail to live thankful lives. We struggle to live boldly for you; stumbling through our doubts, and perhaps stumbling even more through our perceptions of certainty.

For what we do and for what we fail to do, hear the confession of our hearts. For how we treat our neighbors, the stranger, and ourselves, remold us in your ways.

One: God is gracious and merciful and forgives us our sin. Rejoice and claim the wholeness that Jesus’ faithfulness offers to each of us! Thanks be to God.

↑The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Psalm 66:1-12 (responsive)

One: Make a joyful noise to God,

All: All the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

One: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

All: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

One: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

All: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

All: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Lesson [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

The Children's Time- As the children come forward, we sing 
"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

***Hymn 29** ["God of the Sparrow"](#)

Gospel Lesson [Luke 17:11-19](#) (Page 800)

Sermon "Gratitude and Happiness"

↑Prayer of Dedication

Lord, remind us again that everything that is, is yours.
Through our gifts refocus our hearts so that we may
become proclaimers of your Good News to all of creation.
Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

***Hymn 443** ["Trust and Obey"](#)

Postlude

Lectionary for October 16: Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104
• Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Litanist: Mugs McFadden
Audio: Josh Spaits Video: David Dorn

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday October 9-15

- Oct 9 Char Keller (83)
Oct 11 Duncan Kivell, Alaina Rosenthal
Oct 12 Olivia Herbst
Oct 14 Karlee Herman, Carson Strom
Oct 15 Jay Tessar

Happy Anniversary October 9-15

- Oct 10 Doug & Judy Christensen (58)
Oct 11 Jessica & Kevin Klahn (19)
Oct 13 Nicole & David Brei (10)

Happy Belated Birthday to Dane Piittmann! Dane celebrated his 12th birthday on October 6th!

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of October 9

- 10/9 9th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm
10/11 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm
Consistory Meeting 6:00 pm
10/12 XYZ Cards
10/13 Grief Group 1 pm
10/14 Tidings Deadline

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 or Chris Rode at 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.

New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 16 following the 9:30 a.m. service. (approx. 10:45 a.m.) in the library on the 2nd floor. If you are interested in being part of this meeting, please contact the church office to RSVP – 262-626-4011. We hope to see you there!

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.

Roof Repairs - There will be a short presentation regarding the roof repairs that are needed, followed by a vote **TODAY**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service. Ballots and ballots boxes will be available for anyone attending the 8:00 a.m. service as well. If you are unable to be present today, you may vote by emailing the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or by calling the church office at 262-626-4011. Robin Mock, office manager, will anonymously cast your vote.

Peace UCC on Local Cable – We are blessed to now be able to share our worship with the local community via cable television. This week's service will be broadcast on Monday afternoons at approximately 1:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings the prior week's service will be broadcast in sequence with other area congregations at approximately 10:15 (it depends on the length of the services before us). This will be on Spectrum channel 987, and AT&T channel 99. Please let us know how this works for you.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to 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:

We pray for Carol Gardner, who is experiencing an eye issue and has been hospitalized at Froedtert since last week.

Prayers of Comfort:

We pray for the family and friends of Patricia Reigle, who went to her heavenly home on Monday, October 3, 2022. A funeral service was held at Peace Church on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

We pray for the family and friends of Aaron Baker, who passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Aaron Baker was a friend of Eric and Tricia Walker.

We continue to pray for Jinny Michaels as she continues her long journey with Hospice.

Contact Peace Church

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