



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

8 November 2020

Twenty-third 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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WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Blessed Assurance” arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 350 “The Summons”

Unison



1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't
call your name? Will you care for cruel and
call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same? Will you
kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
free and nev - er be the same? Will you
you and nev - er be the same. In your



let my love be shown, will you let my
risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
prayer in you and you in me?
mean in you and you in me?
grow in you and you in me.

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Inviting God into our Lives – based on Psalm 78:1-7

One: O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth

Many: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old – what we have heard and know, what our fathers have told us.

One: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Many: He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them.

One: Even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Many: Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: Let us join in confessing our sins.

All: Gracious God, we confess how inadequately we have honored the talents you have given us. Some of the blessings you have bestowed upon us, we have chosen to ignore, intentionally deny, or hide. Instead of being a blessing to others, we bring glory only to ourselves. Fear of scarcity makes us focus on our own survival while weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith. Forgive our unfaithfulness, our doubt, our fear, our timidity, and our self-serving ways. Forgive our broken promises, and the sin which separates us from you.

One: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ. Praise God for the gift of love to us.

One: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: “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”

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

O.T. Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

The Children’s Time

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

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 84 "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past"

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. Psalm 90
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft (1678-1727)

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 ST. ANNE
 C.M.

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.
 be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

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Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

"How Do We Focus on the Important Stuff?"

Special Music "We Are Marching in the Light of God" arr. John Carter

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**

Prayer of the People

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.**

PLEASE DON'T SING ♪ "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Sing Ho-sanna, sing Ho-sanna

Sing Hosanna to the King of kings.

Sing Ho-sanna, sing Ho-sanna

Sing Hosanna to the King.

I sing praise and give thanks for Your blessings.

I sing praise every day I live.

I sing praise and give thanks for Your blessings.

For the blessings You alone can give.

Sing Ho-sanna, sing Ho-sanna

Sing Hosanna to the King of kings.

Sing Ho-sanna, sing Ho-sanna

Sing Hosanna to the King.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton

Elsa Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for November 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123 • Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar today from Alec & Karen Taylor in honor of their 52nd anniversary. Happy Anniversary Alec & Karen!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

Lectionary group at Peace Church – November 10 - 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.

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, November 11 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

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 requested: 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

November 8 - 14

November 9

Lindsey Krebs

November 10

Megan Roehrig

November 11

Vicki Fenrick, Brad Rodenkirch, Jeff Steger

November 12

Lia Piittmann, Kevin Stautz

November 13

Emmett Staffin

November 14

Becky Manthei, Eric Ogi

Happy Anniversary November 8 - 14

November 9 Alec & Karen Taylor (52)

November 13 Michael & Kelly McCurdy (27)

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

Howard Zemlicka

Carol Gardner

Nancy Panzer

Sharon Zolp

Marian Herriges

Judy Price

Nancy Laguna

Lucille Swanson

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)

Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)

Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)

Debbie (Hallen)

Jessica (DeLaurier)

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)

Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)

Judy Gambino (Bobb)

Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)

Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)

Izzy Straub (McElhatton)

Norbert Gudex (C. Gudx)

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

Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Jan (D. Stangl)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paige More (Pearson)

Paula Hader (Adler)

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, Tony Zancanaro

Prayers of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn and family, Rev. Jerry O'Connor, and extended family and friends, on the death of beloved Sister in Christ, Rev. Kathryn Kuhn, on Monday, following a grace-filled, courageous, and decade-long walk with cancer

Family and friends of Bob Neumann, on Bob's death on Saturday, following illness and a journey in Hospice care

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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