



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
November 13, 2022  
Twenty-third 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*

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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

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*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.

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**Visiting Minister:** Gregory Whelton, grew up in Michigan where he also served four churches before coming to St. John's UCC, Sheboygan. He helped raise his four children and shared his faith with the church and community for 31 years. He plays in the Delta-X band and rides his Harley and serves as an officer of Sheboygan Elk's Lodge #299.

**\* Stand if you are able**

**Prelude**

“We Gather Together”

Rochelle

**Greetings – Prayer Requests**

**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.**

**\*Hymn 355**

[“This is a Day of New Beginnings”](#)

**Inviting God into our Lives – Isaiah 12**

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: You will say on that day: “I thank you, Lord. Though you were angry with me, your anger turned away and you comforted me.

**Many: God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won’t be afraid. Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation.”**

One: You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation. And you will say on that day: “Thank the Lord; call on God’s name;” proclaim God’s deeds among the peoples; declare that God’s name is exalted.

**Many: Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things; proclaim this throughout all the earth.” Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion, because the holy one of Israel is great among you.**

**Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness**

One: O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our small words fit the magnificence of your kindness. Yet, into our tiny hearts and in silence you come close and repair us.

**Many: O God of life grant us your forgiveness.**

One: For our careless thoughts, our thoughtless deeds, our empty speech, and our words with which we wound.

**Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.**

**One:** For our false desires, our hateful actions, our wastefulness, and for all we leave untended

**Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.**

**One:** For our clutching hands that hold on to your gifts as though they were ours alone, reluctant to share with our neighbors.

**Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.**

**One:** For our stubbornness that shuts out your truth, your love and your grace.

**Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.**

**All:** In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we sin in thought, word and deed. We fail to love God, care for God's world, or respect God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's forgiveness.

**One:** Christ offers us a simple promise of love and grace: We are loved just as we are, and loved too much for God to allow us to remain just as we are. Forgiveness feeds hope, hope sustains transformation. We are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.

### ↑ The Gloria Patri


***“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”***

### \* The Passing of the Peace

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Lesson** [Matthew 2:1-12](#) (Page 737)

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

**\*Hymn 359** [“Give Thanks”](#)

**Gospel** [Luke 21:5-19](#) (Page 804)

**Sermon** “Alone in a Crowd”

**Special Music** “You Raise Me Up” Lorie Line

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, you have given us everything we need, and yet, we hold back from you. Help us to share all that you give to us with our brothers and sisters, wherever they are. Help us to teach them of your love and hope with these gifts offered to your service. Amen**

### Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

***“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.”***

## **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 523**

[“Soon and Very Soon”](#)

## **Postlude**

**Lectionary for November 20:** Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12 • Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98 • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19


**Serving Today:** Visiting Minister: Rev. Gregory Whelton

Musicians: Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker Litanist: Chris Rode

Audio: Josh Spaits Video: David Dorn

**Special Thank You** to Rev. Gregory Whelton for blessing us with his presence and sharing God’s Word with us today!



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Becky Manthei from her parents in celebration of her November 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Happy Birthday Becky!! 

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday November 13 – November 19**

Nov 13 Nancy Krahn, Emmett Staffin

Nov 14 Becky Manthei, Eric Ogi

Nov 15 Karen Kivell, Megan Ogi, Kathy Thomas

Nov 16 Brandon Schreffler

Nov 18 Samantha Steffin

Nov 18 Gerald Stern (84)

Nov 19 Cole Lemke, Claire Lemke

### **Happy Anniversary November 13 – November 19**

Nov 13 Michael & Kelly McCurdy (29)

Nov 16 Brad & Jennifer Preder (26)

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## ***NEWS & NOTES***

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### **Calendar for the Week of November 13**

11/13 Pancake Breakfast @ Peace Church- 9 am – noon.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm

11/14 Pastoral Relations at 6:30 pm

11/15 Lectionary 10 am, Men’s choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm,  
Tidings deadline for Dec/Jan issue

11/16 XYZ Cards, Adult Faith Formation 7-8:30 pm

**Pancake Breakfast** – The Kitchen Remodel Committee will hold a Pancake Breakfast to celebrate the grand opening of the newly remodeled kitchen **TODAY** from 9:00 am – Noon. There will be a free-will offering to support the kitchen.

**Finishing Touches:** At the Peace Church Pancake Breakfast, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be an opportunity to sponsor items that are needed to complete the furnishing of the new kitchen. There is a wide range of in prices. Some items will be on display, others will be listed. Sponsorships of any amount, for any item, will be gladly accepted. Donations can also be send to the Peace Church office.

**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. So far the crafters have raised \$545!

**Peace UCC on Local Cable** – We are blessed to now be able to share our worship with the West Bend area through their community 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.

**Chili Dinner at New Horizon UCC:** Dine in or Drive-thru on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dine-in is all you care to eat. Includes fixings and beverage. Adults \$10, children age 3-10 \$5, children under 3 are free. Drive-thru is chili only – 32 oz for \$10. New Horizon UCC, 9663 Hwy 144, Kewaskum.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service** – Peace Church will be participating in Thanksgiving Service with our ecumenical partners in West Bend: Holy Angels Catholic Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Methodist, Trinity ELCA Lutheran, and Cedar Community. The service will take place at Cedar Ridge on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. with a pie social to follow. Come and join in fellowship and thanksgiving!

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## ***PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK***

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*Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto: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 the following people as they continue to heal:

Marian Herriges  
Idelle Breitbach  
Pastor Bob Blackburn  
Rev. Bill Wiederanders  
Chad Bindrich

Lance Gruebling  
Rachel Ogi  
Joyce Kral  
Jeanne Wood

### **Prayers of Comfort:**

We pray for Carl Eisen, his wife Jen and their family, as they mourn the loss of Carl's son, John Eisen. John passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 2, 2022., November 9th.

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

**Job Opening at Peace Church** - Peace Church is seeking to hire a person for part time weekly custodial and general cleaning duties immediately. This position will begin at up to 8 hours per week (interim period from now through approximately March 30, 2023) assisting the current church part-time custodian. Following this interim period, if the candidate selected for this position has a positive performance review with the Peace Church Personnel Committee, the position could grow to approx. 16-20 hours per week as this person would take over all the church custodial duties upon the springtime (approx.) retirement of the current custodian.

During this interim period of up to 8 hours per week, the specific duties of this new position will include all cleaning of the two church restrooms, kitchen (general cleaning only – specific kitchen cleaning will occur after each use by the responsible church members who are using the facility), Fellowship Hall and small vestibule area and steps between the women's restroom, kitchen, and Fellowship Hall.

This position requires a person who is self-motivated, can work on their own, maintain a work schedule and be flexible to various church needs. This person will also need to work in harmony with the existing part-time church custodian who will be maintaining the remainder of the church building outside of this position's responsibilities. This position at a minimum requires the part-time custodian to bend, reach, kneel, scrub (rest room floors, partitions, sinks/countertops – minimum of twice monthly), vacuum, mop, sweep, wipe down walls, cabinets, tables, etc. and to move tables & chairs (in Fellowship Hall) as needed to support cleaning duties. This position will require that the part time custodian use existing church cleaning agent that are being used by the current custodian. The hours worked would be split between two cleaning days of Mondays and either Thursday or Friday. This would ensure that the areas of this position's responsibility get cleaned on Monday after the Sunday church services and again later in the week in preparation for the following Sunday services.

Additional hours may be required in the event of special church events (funeral, wedding, church dinner, etc.). The employee will need to communicate with the Church Office Manager / Pastor / Personnel Committee regarding specific needs, concerns, issues, etc. as needed.

Part Time Custodian Hourly wage:

Remainder of 2022 - **\$13.97**

Beginning Jan 1, 2023 - **\$14.67**

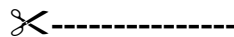
Please submit application to the church office in person or by emailing [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

**Poinsettias**

This year we again invite you to order a Christmas poinsettia through Peace Church. The plants will be identical in size and all of them red in color. They will be in 6 1/2 inch pots and come with foil wrap. Cost per plant will be \$20.00. These plants may be ordered in memory of loved ones, in honor of special moments or persons, or just love gifts. They will be placed in church on December 24th.



**After the service on December 25<sup>th</sup> you may take your plant home to enjoy.** Wouldn't you like to help beautify the church sanctuary with these traditional Christmas flowers? Please contact the church office 626-4011, email: [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org), or mail: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 by December 5th. Plants must be paid for in advance. Thank you!



**Christmas Poinsettia Order**

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) for me:

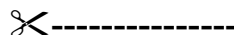
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Amount of Check \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per plant – payable to Peace UCC)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other Designation \_\_\_\_\_



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**Peace UCC  
Community Meal  
FREE for ALL!**



**Wednesday December 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Tomato Soup • Chicken Noodle Soup  
Dessert and Beverage**

**Peace UCC  
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