



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

November 14, 2021

Twenty-Fifth 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.

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 "Dear Lord We Break the Bread"

Greetings – Announcements – 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 #50 "Great is the Lord"

Gathering Our Hearts before God

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Gracious God, help us to kindle your spark within us.

Many: Fill us with new life inspired by the promise that all the earth rests on the pillars of your love. Unfold our hands and hearts so that we may reveal your good news to all people. Wrap us in the wisdom that sees all the abundance around us as a blessing from you. In thanksgiving we humbly 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

We offer humbly open our hearts to God:

Lord, we confess that we fail to appreciate all the ways that you seek to be present in our lives. Too often we are quick to feel like we lack enough, and we are slow to offer thanksgiving for all that we have. Forgive us our failures to see, and hear, and breathe in the abundance of your blessings. We hear the words and the songs, yet stubbornly go our own way. Today, Lord, we confess our sin and want to be made right with our brothers and sisters. Give us ears to hear You and open hearts to accept Your loving grace.

God's grace is abundant and offered to all. In Christ we find the guide and strength to know and speak eternal truth. Know that you are Christ's beloved; you are forgiven that you may find your way with God. Amen!

↑Act of Praise #338

“King of Kings”

King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

↑The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Youth Choir (9:30)

“John 3:16”

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

Blessing of The Hats and Mittens Project

One: We gather to bless these gifts of our congregation's hands.

All: With love and prayers they have been carefully crafted.

One: We offer them to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

All: God, we ask that you bless these caps, mittens, and scarves. Bless them with warmth and the steadfastness of your Love. Bless them with the witness that we are all knit together as one family of your children. Grant that they may be received as offerings of the light of faith and the hands of Christ. Amen

↑Hymn #478

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

OT Lesson

[1 Samuel 1:1-20](#)

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[1 Samuel 2:1-10](#)

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Sermon

"Beyond Lament"

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved 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

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

†Hymn

“Go Make Disciples”

F C/E F Gm F/A C

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C/E, F, Gm, F/A, and C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Dm C Bb Bb/C F

teach - ing them. Go, make dis -

The second system of musical notation. Chord symbols are Dm, C, Bb, Bb/C, and F. The lyrics continue from the previous system.

C/E F Gm F/A

ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the

The third system of musical notation. Chord symbols are C/E, F, Gm, and F/A. The lyrics continue.

Bb C Bbmaj7 Am

end of time. Go, be the salt of the earth.

The fourth system of musical notation. Chord symbols are Bb, C, Bbmaj7, and Am. The lyrics continue.

Gm Fmaj7 Dm

Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a

The fifth system of musical notation. Chord symbols are Gm, Fmaj7, and Dm. The lyrics continue.

Postlude

Lectionary for November 21: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) • Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93 • Revelation 1:4b-8 • John 18:33-37

Today's Altar Flowers are from JoAnn and Robert Manthei in honor of Becky Manthei on her birthday. Happy Birthday, Becky!

Correction: OOPS, **There will be NO Thanksgiving Services at Peace Church on November 25th** – our apologies for the typo in the Tidings.

SERVING TODAY

Litanist: (9:30) Nancy Panzer
Organist and Youth
Choir Director: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – November 14- 20

Nov. 14 Becky Manthei, Eric Ogi
Nov. 15 Karen Kivell, Megan Ogi, Kathy Thomas
Nov. 16 Brandon Schreffler
Nov. 17 Katrina Wiedmeyer
Nov. 18 Samanth Staffin
Nov. 19 Claire Lemke, Cole Lemke
Nov. 20 Mark Bocher, Kelly McCurdy

Happy Anniversary – November 14 - 20

Nov. 16 Brad & Jennifer Preder

NEWS & NOTES

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.

Kewaskum Cookie Hunt Peace Church will be participating in the Kewaskum Cookie Hunt on December 5th. We are looking for volunteers to bake unfrosted cutout cookies for this event. Cookies will need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, November 28, 11:00 a.m. when adults and teens are invited to frost and decorate the cookies. Lunch will be provided! Please call or email the office if you will be baking cookies – office@peace-ucc.org OR 262-626-4011.

Connecting with Elderly and Shut-In Members of Peace Church
Thursday, September 2, 2021 Time 1:00 PM

Peace Church offers a lay visitation ministry program for members who are willing to visit one or more shut-in members on a once-monthly basis (in agreement with COVID protocol), and a vital phone call ministry for those who prefer to make phone calls. Groups meet quarterly (December 2 of 2021, and March 3 and June 2 of 2022) to discuss caring relationships and receive education on topics of interest.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities of service or would like to start contacting shut-in members, please attend on Thursday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at church, or notify the church office (262-626-4011) if you would like the Zoom or phone link. Please join us!!!

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. You are welcome to join the conversation at any time.

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!



Middle School Youth Group

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

- Friday, November 19 – movie and games in Fellowship Hall
- November 25 – 27th – Thanksgiving service project – day and time TBD

Movies and Munchies

Our November movie is “Little Women” (2019). Hope you will come and join in on the fun and bring a friend! We gather upstairs in the Youth Room with the “big screen” and awesome speaker system! All movies begin at 7:00 p.m. and our upcoming dates are: November 19 – Little Women (2019), December 17 – TBD.

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!

Gingerbread House - Giving Tree

Every year Peace Church participates in the Gingerbread House Giving Tree. Last year, because of circumstances, Peace Church gave gift cards instead of purchasing presents for families. We will be doing that again this year. It is suggested to purchase a gift card (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Piggly Wiggly, Kohls, etc...) and either mail it to Peace Church at PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 or drop it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office. We will collect the gift cards and deliver them to the Gingerbread House, which is part of The Youth and Family Project of Washington County. If you cannot get out to purchase a gift card, you may send a check to Peace Church and we will purchase the gift card for you. Please make sure you note that the donation is for the Gingerbread House program. The deadline is December 15, 2021. Last Christmas Peace Church donated a total of \$1,075 in gift cards that were given to the Giving Tree! Thank you all for participating in this very worthy program!

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

Jon Herbst

Mugs McFadden

Jackie McCurdy

Marilyn McIntosh
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
Lynn Rusch
John Schmahl
Michael Schmidt

Mary Tessar
Spencer Volm
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Jenna Butchlick
Eric Covington (Fleury)
Howard Floeter (Lemke)
Klaine (Lemke)
Jason Lemke
Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)
Ginny Kettling (Lindgren)
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)
Sandy John
Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behr)
Susan Tolonen

Those in Hospice care and their families:

Nancy Brodzeller, Sandy John

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)

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister (920-279-0816)

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

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on [Facebook](#) On YouTube at:
[Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

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 ½ inch pots and come with foil wrap. Cost per plant will be \$17.00. 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 25th 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, or mail: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 by November 29th. Plants must be paid for in advance. When ordering please indicate whether you will take your plant home or if you would like your plant taken to the sick, shut-in, or those unable to come to Church at Christmas. If you are willing to help deliver plants, please inform Robin in the church office. Thank you!

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Christmas Poinsettia Order

Please order _____ Plant(s) for me:

Name _____

Amount of Check _____ (\$17.00 per plant – payable to Peace UCC)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other Designation _____

____ I will take my plant home

____ I would like my plant(s) delivered to those unable to come to Church on Christmas

____ I will help deliver plants