



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
November 20, 2022
Reign of Christ Sunday

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.

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

*** Stand if you are able**

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Vandall

Greetings – Prayer Requests

***Hymn 342**

[“Rejoice, The Lord is King”](#)

Turning Our Hearts to God - in response to Luke 1:68-79

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

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Beloved God, you have raised up a mighty savior before us.

Many: **You have remembered us O God, and shown us the mercy promised to our ancestors. You rescued us from the hands of our enemies that we might serve you without fear, in holiness and righteousness, for all our days.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Many: **We come to be messengers of a new king, of a new salvation. With yearning hearts, 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, for ever. Amen.”**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: We gather our hearts as we confess our sin.

All: **God, you challenge us to have a new and radically different vision of authority. We live in a world addicted to self-serving power... How do we embrace a humble king? How do we align our lives with a God whose power is self-sacrifice?**

Our confidence stumbles when we try to believe in the power of humility.

We fail to trust in our own power and prophetic witness for the good of all. Perhaps, if we were honest with ourselves, we might admit that our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. God has given us the capacity to be the change

we long for in the world, but we confess that we often shy away from that call.

Forgive us, for what we do and for what we fail to do. Forgive us the frailty of our thoughts and actions. Walk with us and guide us that we might once again find our way with you. Amen

One: The Lord hears our prayers. God journeys with us in grace at all times, in all places. Through God's love and Christ's sacrifice we are invited to be made new. Embrace God's mercy and be bold followers of Christ our King!

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**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

9:30 Anthem "All Good Gifts"
Choir

Lesson [Matthew 2:7-11a](#) (Page 737)

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

Hymn 337 ["We Will Glorify"](#)

Lesson [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) (Page ??)

Gospel [Luke 23:33-43](#) (Page 807)

Sermon "Kingship and Reimagining Power"

Special Music "Crown Him King of Kings" Damazio

***Prayer of Dedication**

Call to us constantly, Beloved Lord, and remind us that you are King.

As we raise our hands in offering, help us to see and know your hands at work among us. 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 712** ["Sent Forth by God's Blessing"](#)

Postlude

Lectionary for November 27: Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday November 20 – November 26

Nov 20 Mark Bocher, Kelly McCurdy
Nov 21 Marian Herriges (81), Lenore Resch (85)
Nov 23 Shelley Oswald, Hunter Roehrig, Tricia Walker
Nov 24 Deanne Mielke
Nov 25 Cheryl Ammel, Pat McFadden
Nov 26 Lorelei Walker, Auden Walker

Happy Anniversary November 20 – November 26

Nov 24 Brenda & John Gitter (38)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of November 20

11/20 9th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm
11/22 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm,
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service – Cedar Ridge 7 pm
11/23 XYZ Cards, Adult Faith Formation 7-8:30 pm
11/24 Happy Thanksgiving-office closed 11/24-25

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service – Peace Church will be participating in Thanksgiving Service with our ecumenical partners in West Bend: Holy Angels Catholic Church, 5th 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!

Peace Church Choir for Christmas - the choir will be having short rehearsals after church on Sundays for those in the congregation who would like to sing with us. Days and times to follow.

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 \$579!

Peace UCC on Local Cable – In the West Bend service area we are now on 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.

Kitchen Committee: We offer a profound thank you to all of the kitchen committee for doing such a faithful job in crafting this new resource for our congregation. Deep thanks to the congregation to all who helped and to all who donated time and resources for our opening celebration. Your generosity provided another \$1111 to our Kitchen project. Thank 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 Bev Winninghoff, who has recently undergone many hand surgeries.

We pray for Amy Ogi, daughter-in-law to Shirley Ogi, who was in a car accident on Monday, November 14th. Amy is at home and recovering from her injuries.

We pray for Addison, seven-year-old niece of the Bocher family. Addison is undergoing tests for complex migraines.

Prayers of Comfort:

We pray for Katie Leigh, as she helps council students at University of Virginia, after the on-campus shooting that took place earlier this week. We pray for all the students, faculty, staff, and families that are affected by this tragedy.

We pray for Rev. Bill Wiederanders, as he makes a new home at Ivy Manor.

We pray for Mary Gantner (Bill and Nancy Grahl's sister) who is in hospice.

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

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 \$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 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 December 5th. Plants must be paid for in advance. Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettia Order

Please order _____ Plant(s) for me:

Name _____

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

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other Designation _____

Free Community Meal at Peace Church – The Peace Pantry Committee will be starting up a free Community Meal on the first Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Our goal is to build our community within the church as well as the greater community. If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal and /or serving, please contact Robin at the church office – 262-626-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org

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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**

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