



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
29 November 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Oh Come Little Children" arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 165 "When God is a Child"

Refrain

C G7/C C Em7 Am G

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the

a tempo

C Am7 D7 G C/E Am Dm7 G7

weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -

1-3 4 Am E

C C C C

fraid.

1 Hope is a star that
2 Peace is a rib - bon that
3 Joy is a song that
4 Love is a flame that

fraid.

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MUSIC: John Carter (1930-)

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Irregular

to Refrain

Am G7 C C#dim7 G Em Am D7 G

rit.

shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright. When
 cir - cles the earth, giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth. When
 wel - comes the dawn, tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born. When
 burns in our heart, Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part. When

rit.

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Prayer of Hope – adapted from UCC Worship Ways

One: God of justice and of peace — You have woven into the fabric of the world threads of mercy and kindness.

Many: **We hunger for the awe and wonder revealed in your marvelous artistry.**

One: God of promise and of love — You beckon to us in the beauty of sunset and darkness, of daylight and lengthening shadows.

Many: **We rejoice in the majesty of your creation.**

One: The spectrum of your love spills forth all around. The hues of your love warm our spirits. The vibrancy of your love saturates us with hope.

Many: **Blessed is the God of love whose art expressed in Christ we anticipate.**

One: We light this candle in abundant hope that the radiance of you, O God, will be kindled in our hearts, filling us with hope, as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.

Many: **We who wait on the Lord are filled with hope.**

The Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon

One: As we begin our advent journey, our days grow shorter, the sacred-darkness longer. We turn to symbols of candles, evergreens, and wreaths to proclaim our belief in the unquenchable light that shines in the darkness. In confession we offer our darkness trusting in God's Reign of light.

All: We confess that our lives are not always lived in ways pleasing to you, God. Our shame has left us feeling distant from you who are both Mother and Father to us all, the One in whose hands we are like clay. We know that you love us just as we are, but we also know that you love us too much to have us remain merely as we are. Forgive us O Lord, for what we do and for what we fail to do. Guide us with your light that we might become a light to the nations. We humbly pray in your name O Christ, our Lord. Amen

One: God, our Creator, has given us the ultimate gift. God's gift to us is grace - everlasting love offered in startling and unexpected ways. Alleluia, Amen.

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 177 Jesus, Name Above All Names

Je - sus, name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful Sav - ior,

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Fm Bb $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb

glo-ri-ous Lord. Em-man-u-el, God is

Gm Fm Bb7 Eb

with us, bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.

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The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

The Children's Time

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 163 "All Earth is Hopeful"

Unison

D D G G/B A7

1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:

1 To - da la tier - ra es - per - ra al Sal - va - dor
 2 Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pueb - lo de Is - ra - el:

D F#m G Em7 A A7

Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -

yel sur - co g - bier - to, la o - bra del Se - ñor; es el
 "De ma - dre vir - gen ya vie - ne Em - man - u - el," se - rá

Bm F#m G C#dim D F#m

E F# A

la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -

mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 "Di - os con nos - tros," her - ma - no se - rá, con

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 MUSIC: Alberto Taulé (1932-); arr. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)

TAULÉ
 11.11.12.12.

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God's truth and jus - tice set ev - ery - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth. (4) ev - er sets us free.
cla - ma ju - sti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad.
él la es - per - an - za al mun - do vol - ve - rá. (4) dar - nos lib - er - tad.

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3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
 new highways opened, new protocols declared.
 Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
 All clear every gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
 This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
 in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
 our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.*

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,
 pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
 Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
 y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.*

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

O.T. Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon

“What a Strange Journey”

Special Music

“Coventry Carol”

arr. Chip Davis

Prayer of Dedication

Many: Gracious God, we bring these gifts as a sign of our love for you and one another. Bless us with your presence as we give ourselves to you and to your people. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – 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 – a Franciscan Blessing

Leader: The worship is ended, now the service begins. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **We go to love and to serve for we are the church!**

All: **Alleluia and Amen!**

PLEASE DON'T SING ♪ Hymn #176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty"

C G7 C C F G7 C G Am G/B
 D E D

1 Lift up your heads, O might - y gates: be - hold, the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart: make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 4 So come, my Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Let new and

Csus C Dm C Dm C G G/B D G G/B
 F E

King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
 you: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me your in - ner
 no - bler life be - gin! Your Ho - ly Spir - it

C G D7 G G C Dm C Dm C G7 C
 D F E

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel: your grace and love in me re - veal.
 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Josh Spaits - sound
Eric Heidenreiter - video

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar today from Karen & John Grundahl in honor of their 49th anniversary. Happy Anniversary Karen & John!

Lectionary texts for December 6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 40:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Peter 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8

CALENDAR – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

Lectionary group at Peace Church – December 1 - 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:

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - We are continuing to study 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, December 2 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Christmas Services will necessarily look different this year...

We will be offering three in person services on **Christmas Eve**, they will all be candlelight services of lessons and carols. We will stream the indoor service and one of the outdoor services.

4:00 p.m. - **Christmas Eve inside service** - The service will be limited to 20 people and will be streamed online. We will not be doing any singing during this service, instead we will be relying on our musicians and treating hymnody as poetry.

6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve outdoor services** - We will also be offering two abbreviated candlelight services held in our church parking lot. Being outside will allow us to sing together more safely some of our beloved carols. It will still be required that people wear masks over their mouths and noses throughout these services (an easy thing to do outside at this time of year.) And equally important we ask that people still practice social distancing. A mask does not remove the guidance for distancing! This is Wisconsin, if people can bundle up to share in a Packers' game than they can certainly do it for a celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Day will be strictly Virtual this year. We will continue our tradition of lifting some special Christmas cheer, but this year you can stay home and watch the celebration in your pajamas with a hot mug in your hands! We will plan to post this service by 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day

This has been a year of many changes – Remember, Christmas is surely about the inbreaking of the unexpected changing the world. This year we will continue in celebrating together God's light and love dwelling among us in unusual ways. Imagine, God as a baby. Imagine, Christmas Eve with a parking lot full of little group of candles and gentle singing... imagine.

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" (or "Critically High" as it now is) 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>

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. worship -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-130573184911>

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

November 29 – December 5

November 29

Mason Vey

November 30

Tami Staehler

December 1

Croix Kivell

December 2

Virginia Michaels (92), Dan Rundquist

December 3

Matthew Gill, Art Schmidt (83)

December 4

Ralph Faisst (92), Steve Falk, Kathy Schreffler,
Brian Weinreich

December 5

Betty Hallen (94), Kyle Henk

Happy Anniversary November 29 – December 5

December 1

Rosemarie & Clifford Maeder (68)

December 5

Harvey & Nancy Brodzeller (56)

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	Nancy Laguna	Judy Price
Hanna Bruenn	Jackie McCurdy	Kathy Roesel
Debbie Butzlaff	Marilyn McIntosh	Lucille Swanson
Cliff and Kim Clark	Don Neitzel	Betty Skaug
John Coulter	Cheryl Novotny	Mark Steinhardt
Carol Gardner	Dennis Novotny	Alec Taylor
Marian Herriges	Donna Ogi	Howard Zemlicka
John Kletti	Shirley Ogi	Sharon Zolp

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)	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)
Griffin (Radeztsky)	Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)
The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)	

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	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Jan (D. Stangl)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Paige More (Pearson)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)	Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Paula Hader (Adler)	Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

Prayers of Comfort

The family and friends of Les Martin, who passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020.

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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