



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

November 5, 2023

Celebrating 125 years!

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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****Please stand***

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "Minuet by Bach" Line

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

*HYMN 525 "When We All Get to Heaven" vs 1 & 2

BEING GATHERED TO GOD- in German and English

One: Wir feiern Gottesdienst im Namen des Vaters und des Sohnes und des Heiligen Geistes.

All: We are gathered in worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

One: Unsere Hilfe steht im Namen des Herrn, der Himmel und Erde gemacht hat.

All: Our help is from God who made the heavens and the earth.

One: Wir kommen zu dir, Gott, aus all unserer Unruhe, mit so vielen Gedanken, die wir uns machen über das Leben und unsere Welt

**All: We come before you, O God, out of all our unrest,
with so many thoughts that trouble us
about our lives and our world.**

One: Wir kommen zu dir mit unseren Sorgen und Ängsten,
mit Sehnsucht und Hoffnung.

**All: We come before you with our worries and fears,
with longing and hope.**

One: Hier ist ein Ort der Stille.
Hier ist ein Ort des Trostes und der Ermutigung.
So finden wir uns heute hier ein.

**All: Here is a space of quiet.
Here is a space of solace and encouragement.
Here we are gathered to you.**

One: Lass uns ablegen, was uns Unruhe macht und auf uns lastet. Lass uns aufatmen und darauf vertrauen, dass du, Gott, nahe bist.

All: Let us leave behind our anxieties and our burdens.

**Let us breathe anew and trust
in the comfort of your presence, O God.**

CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you more dearly and know your healing love more deeply. Let us join in confessing our sins.

All: God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what leave undone. We do not love you with our whole heart; nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

One: Hear these words of forgiveness: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

***RESPONSE 734 "Gloria Patri"**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Children's Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GERMAN LITURGY

Preface Prayer

Wahrhaft würdig ist es und recht, dass wir dich, ewiger Gott, immer und überall loben und dir danken durch unsern Herrn Jesus Christus. Ihn hast du gesandt zum Heil der Welt. Durch seinen Tod haben wir Vergebung der Sünde und durch seine Auferstehung das Leben. Darum loben die Engel deine Herrlichkeit, beten dich an die Mächte und fürchten dich alle Gewalten. Dich preisen die Kräfte des Himmels mit einhelligem Jubel. Mit ihnen vereinen auch wir unsere Stimmen und bekennen ohne Ende:

Translation:

Truly worthy it is, and right that we praise you, eternal God, always and everywhere, and we thank you through our Lord Jesus Christ. You sent him for the salvation of the world. Through his death we have atonement of sins and through his resurrection we have life. Thus, the angels praise your glory, the powers adore you and the principalities fear you. The powers of heaven praise you with unified exultation. We join our voices with them and confess without end:

Heilig, Heilig, Heilig

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist Gott, der Herre Zebaoth:
voll sind Himmel und Erde seiner Herrlichkeit.

Hosianna in der Höhe!

Gelobet sei der da kommt im Namen des Herren!

Hosianna in der Höhe!

Translation:

*Holy, holy, holy is God the Lord of hosts:
heaven and earth are filled with his glory.*

Hosianna in the highest!

Praise be to the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosianna in the highest!

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

(Words of Institution in German)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One^v: Lass uns beten, wie uns unser Herr und Bruder Jesus Christus gelehrt hat.

One^p: Let us pray as our Lord and brother Jesus Christ has taught us.

One: Vater unser im Himmel.

All: Our Father who art in heaven.

One: Geheiligt werde dein Name.

All: Hallowed by thy name.

One: Dein Reich komme.

All: Thy kingdom come.

One: Dein Wille geschehe.

All: Thy will be done.

One: Wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

All: On earth as it is in heaven.

One: Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Und vergib uns unsere Schuld.

All: And forgive us our sins.

One: Wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.

All: As we forgive those who sin against us.

One: Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung.

All: And lead us not into temptation.

One: Sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

All: But deliver us from evil.

One: Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

All: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Christe, du Lamm Gottes, der du trägst die Sünd der Welt,
erbarm dich unser!

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Christe, du Lamm Gottes, der du trägst die Sünd der Welt,
gib uns deinen Frieden!

Translation:

Christ, lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
Christ, lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
Christ, lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world, give us your peace!

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GOD - *today we will be receiving communion in the pews. All of the cups contain grape juice. If you need a gluten free wafer, please ask an usher.*

“This Bread, This Cup” arr. Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

HYMN 521 “Abide with Me”

**Abide with me, fast falls the even tide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Bleib bei mir, Herr! Der Abend bricht herein.
Es kommt die Nacht, die Finsternis fällt ein.
Wo fand ich Trost, wärst du, mein Gott, nicht hier?
Hilf dem, der hilflos ist; Herr, bleib bei mir!**

**I need your presence every passing hour;
earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Who, like yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

LESSON Joshua 3:7-4:7

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC “Find Us Faithful” Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

**Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER – REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

A Time of Remembrance:

One: At the rising of the sun and its going down,

All: we remember them.

One: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: we remember them.

One: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,

All: we remember them.

One: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

All: we remember them.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: we remember them.

One: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

All: we remember them.

One: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

All: we remember them.

All: As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

BENEDICTION

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

***HYMN 550** “We Are the Church” vs 1, 2, &4

POSTLUDE “Allegro Maestoso” (Hornpipe) by Handel

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker; Litanist: Vikar Jakob; Video: David Dorn

Today's Altar Flowers are in celebration of Alec & Karen Taylor's 55th wedding anniversary.

Lectionary for November 12 - Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 • Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43 • 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12

Happy Birthday Nov 5 – Nov 11

Nov 5 Kathleen Franke, Emma Klahn, Donna Ogi (95)
Nov 6 Paul Reinders (101)
Nov 9 Lindsey Krebs
Nov 11 Brad Rodenkirch, Jeff Steger

Happy Anniversary Nov 5 – Nov 11

Nov 9 Alec & Karen Taylor (55)

Calendar for the Week of Nov 5

11/5 9th grade Confirmation Class 5:30-7:00
11/6 – 11/21 – Vikar Jakob out of office
11/6 – 11/8 – Pastor Eric out of office – Rev. Sharon Stier is on call for us.
11/7 Lectionary 10 am, **No Faith Formation Tonight**
11/8 XYZ Cards
11/9 Living the Question 10-11:30 am
11/10 Church office closed.

A look ahead at what's happening at Peace:

- December 6th is the next Community Meal. Watch the Tidings and bulletins for the menu.
- December 10th – the Ecumen will be giving a performance at Peace Church at 2:00 p.m.
- December 17th is the Peace Church Children's Christmas program.
- December 24th – There will be the fourth Sunday of advent services at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and Christmas Eve services of lessons and carols at 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm
- December 25th – There will be one service at 9:30 am

Thanks Be to God! Today, we gather for 125 years of ministry in this place and in Christ's name. As we celebrate Peace UCC's founding, we ask that you please share words of gratitude and thanksgiving by writing words to complete the sentence, "We give thanks to God for _____" on the paper tree leaves at the ends of each pew. When finished, please bring them to today's celebration dinner and place them in the middle of your table or place them in the offering plate. Your words of gratitude and thanksgiving will become a part of a "tree" that will be in the sanctuary on Commitment Sunday next week as we celebrate Christ's church, all God has given, and all God will continue to give, to us.

Commitment Sunday, November 12, gives us the opportunity to further extend our thanksgiving to God for all God's gifts.

We'll celebrate God's incredible gifts God's to us by:

- bringing our financial commitments to church and offering them to God;
- rejoicing in God's leadership, presence and love in and through the life of Peace Church, its members and friends;
- enjoying a time of fellowship, cake and other treats in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Estimate of Giving Cards, which you should receive in the mail early this week, will be received and dedicated to God's purposes and use, during worship. If you choose, envelopes will be available in the pews for your use to maintain the confidentiality of your commitment.

Young Adult Habitat trip - is scheduled for January 1, 2024, to January 7, 2024. Any young adult (college-age and up) is welcome to come along. You don't have to be a member of our church. Pastor Eric and Sheri Rehn will be the chaperones. They will be going to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The cost is \$200.00 per person for the week, and this includes staying at the Volunteer Lodge, breakfast, lunch, and dinners. Meals on the way there and back, and on our off day, are not included in the cost. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please let Robin in the church office at 262-262-4011. If you have any

questions, please call Pastor Eric at 262-707-0758 or Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212.

Chili Supper: New Horizon UCC church will be hosting a Chili Supper on Wednesday, November 15th from 4:00-6:30 pm. All you can eat includes fixings and beverage. Adults \$10, Kids 5-10 years \$5.00.

Prayers of Comfort: to family and friends of Rosemary Frank, who passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Prayers of Healing:

To Reagan, great-granddaughter of Mary Tessar, who is a patient at Children's Hospital, awaiting a heart transplant.

To Neal Haught, friend of Eric Walker. Neal is scheduled to have surgery on November 7th to attempt to remove a brain tumor.

To Jack Gerlach, who was in a terrible car accident on the morning of November 1st and had brain surgery due to the injuries he suffered.

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... The special people who have touched our lives form a chain of witnesses that stretches through the ages. The blessings and the burdens continue year after year, often blurring together in the movement of time...

a moment, a year, a decade, a lifetime...

We take the time to hold all those saints close to our hearts in the affirmation of a love that never ends.

And we offer special prayers for those who have joined the heavenly chorus in this last year:

Virginia "Jinny" Michaels
Verna Faisst
Betty Fleury
Donald Sedgwick
Hann Bruenn
Herman Panzer
Daniel Panzer
Marlene Domasky
A John Scheidenhelm
Loretta Eimermann
Nancy Hovland
Rev. William Wiederanders
Rosemary Frank
Robbie Thomas
Tony Curerri
Marilyn Edwards
Bill Loser
Joan Bassill
Ron Joahnn
Wayne Bruggink
Tim Miller
Eric Rutkowski
Jennie Templeton
Donnie Miller
Meghann Reigle
Carol Lischka
Norma Rivera
Russ Oelhafen
Gary Pearson
Valen Kinsey
Bob Dei