



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
November 6, 2022
Twenty-second 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

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.

*** Stand if you are able**

Prelude

“Come, Share the Lord”

by Leech

Greetings – Prayer Requests

***Hymn 618**

[“Go Down Moses”](#)

Inviting God Into Our Lives – from Psalm 145

One: I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! And I'll bless your name into eternity.

Many: **I'll bless you every day and keep it up from now to eternity.**

One: God is magnificent; he can never be praised enough.

Many: **There are no boundaries to his greatness.**

One: Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

Many: **Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking; I compose songs on your wonders.**

One: Everything God does is right--- the trademark on all his works is love.

Many: **God's there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it.**

One: He does what's best for those who fear him--- hears them call out and saves them. My mouth is filled with God's praise.

Many: **Let everything living bless him, bless his holy name from now to eternity!**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: Let us join in confessing our sins.

Many: **Gracious One, we confess how inadequately we have honored the talents you have given us. Some of what you have seeded in our beings as glorious potential, we have chosen to ignore, to intentionally deny, or to hide. O God, in some instances, we have developed our abilities to serve our own purposes and bring glory only to ourselves. We confess that we have neglected to fully develop your greatest gift, your gift of faith. Forgive our unfaithfulness: our doubt, fear, timidity, and self-pride. Forgive our broken promises, and the sin which separates us from you.**

One: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ. Praise God for the gift of love to us.

One: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: **“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”

***A Response of Halleluja “Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”**

***The Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation – *all God's children are welcome to receive communion with us regardless of denomination or creed. This is Christ's table where all are invited to come and share God's love.*

Prayer of Consecration

Response 737 “Santo, Santo, Santo”

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.
Mi Corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!**

Preparation of the Table

as Communion is distributed, please sing **hymn 482** [“Sanctuary”](#)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Special Music “Ten Commandments” Jean & Jim Strathdee
(9:30) Sunday School Students

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

***Hymn 346** [“O Come to Me, the Master Said”](#)

Gospel [Luke 20:27-38](#) (Page 804)

Sermon “Questions of Life and/or Death”

Special Music “Praise and Thanksgiving” Bayly

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and loving God, you have poured out your blessings before us in myriad surprising ways. We give you thanks for all that you offer to us. We remember with our offerings that everything is a gift from you. Transform these gifts, both spiritual and material, given from our

hearts, so that they might nourish and transform the world. Build us into a generous and faithful people. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: God's blessings are abundant, constant and surprising. May God put a fresh heart in us, invigorate our work, and enliven our speech, as we are called into the world to share the Good News. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen!**

*Hymn 709 ["Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"](#)

Postlude

Lectionary for November 13: 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: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker Litanist: Mugs McFadden Audio: Josh Spaits Video: David Dorn

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday November 6 – November 12

Nov 6 Alex Bayer, Rachel Mielke, Paul Reinders (100)

Nov 9 Lindsey Krebs

Nov 10 Megan Roehrig

Nov 11 Vicki Fenrick, Brad Rodenkirch, Jeff Steger

Nov 12 Lia Piittmann, Kevin Stautz

Happy Anniversary November 6 – November 12

Nov 9 Alec & Karen Taylor (54)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of November 6

11/6 9th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm

11/8 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm, Consistory 6:30 pm

11/9 XYZ Cards

11/10 Grief Group 1 pm

Pancake Breakfast – The Kitchen Remodel Committee will hold a Pancake Breakfast to celebrate the grand opening of the newly

remodeled kitchen on Sunday, November 13th from 9:00 am – Noon. This will be a free-will offering.

Finishing Touches: At the Peace Church Pancake Breakfast, on November 13th, 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 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 sent 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.

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 in the West Bend service area. Please let us know how this works for you.

Food with Friends –Remember the Dinner for Six (or Eight) that our congregation enjoyed before COVID? It is coming back a bit revamped as "Food with Friends". The premise will be basically the same – you can sign up to be a host or a guest. Everyone will bring a dish – appetizer, dessert, or veggie side dish. The host will provide the main entrée. We hope to have the first event this Fall. Watch for sign-up sheets to be coming soon!

Adult Faith Formation Group **Please note the change of day.** We will continue meeting on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm.

We will finish up the program that we had begun last year with Joan Chittister, OSB and a discussion of "The Ten Commandments: Laws of The Heart" We will continue exploring questions like:

- Are the Ten Commandments antiquated and obsolete?
- Do they have anything useful for us in the 21st century?
- How did they come to be, and what was their original purpose?
- Have the 10 commandments evolved?

We will be picking up with the 8th Commandment. Anyone is welcome to join us to finish this series and then to be a part of what we choose to study next. Please contact Pastor Eric with any questions.

Chili Dinner at New Horizon UCC: Dine in or Drive-thru on Wednesday, November 16th 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.

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 John & Karen Kletti’s brother-in-law, Lance Gruebling, who is recovering at home after suffering from low blood pressure and kidney issues following prostate surgery.

We pray for Pastor Bob Blackburn, who has developed an infection and was hospitalized.

We pray for Rachel Ogi, who is suffering from long-term covid chronic fatigue and depression.

We pray for Marian Herriges, who suffered a stroke and is recovering.

We pray for Joyce Kral, friend of Bob & Joann Manthei, who is recovering from foot surgery.

We pray for Idelle Breitbach, who was hospitalized with internal bleeding and low blood pressure, but is now healing at home.

Jeanne Wood, who had successful surgery, but now has been dealing with covid.

We pray for Chad Bindrich, who is recovering following from surgery, following a work-place accident.

Prayers of Comfort:

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

Contact Peace Church

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

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