



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

November 7, 2021

Twenty-Fourth 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 #273 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Confession and Assurance

One: O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our small words fit the magnificence of your kindness. Yet, into our tiny hearts and in silence you come close and repair us.

Many: O God of life grant us your forgiveness.

One: For our careless thoughts, our thoughtless deeds, our empty speech, and our words with which we wound.

Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.

One: For our false desires, our hateful actions, our wastefulness, and for all we left untended

Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.

One: For our clutching hands that hold on to your gifts as though they were ours alone, reluctant to share with our neighbors.

Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.

One: For our stubbornness that shuts out your truth, your love and your grace.

Many: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.

All: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's forgiveness.

One: Christ's love is in the small details – two coins, one mustard seed, a simple promise of love and grace. We are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.

↑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

Anthem (9:30)

“A Communion Meditation”
 Chancel

Besig/Price

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, 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 Senor.*

Sharing Christ's Story

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 hungering 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

Lesson

[1 Kings 17:8-16](#)

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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

†Hymn #695

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Gospel Lesson

[Mark 12:38-44](#)

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Sermon

"What's Left"

Special Music

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Robert Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, you nourish our lives and refresh our spirits. Transform our gifts, both spiritual and material, given from our hearts, so that they might nourish and transform the world through the ministry of this church and the United Church of Christ. Make us a generous and faithful people. Amen.

Pastoral 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

Leader: Go forth from this place to sing God's praise in your life, by living each day in the light of God's abundant grace.

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

Announcements

↑Hymn #39 "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"

Postlude

Lectionary for November 14: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16 • Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 • Mark 13:1-8

Today's Altar Flowers are from Gayle Van Ess in honor of all military veterans.

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

SERVING TODAY

Guest Pastor: Rev. Russ Knoth

Litanist: Gayle Van Ess

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Musician: Karla Spaits

Choir Director: Bill Stangl

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – November 7 - 13

Nov. 9 Lindsey Krebs

Nov. 10 Megan Roehrig

Nov. 11 Vicki Fenrick, Brad Rodenkirch, Jeff Steger

Nov. 12 Lia Piittmann, Kevin Stautz

Nov. 13 Emmett Staffin

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 9 Alec & Karen Taylor (53)

Nov. 13 Michael & Kelly McCurdy (28)

NEWS & NOTES

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.

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.

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!

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!



We will Dedicate Hats, Mittens, And Scarves that have been knitted, crocheted, or purchased during the year with the prayers of the congregation next Sunday, November 14th. The items will then be delivered to organizations for distribution to children in need. If possible, please bring your items to church by Thursday, November 11th.



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

- Saturday, November 13 – Raking leaves service project – during the day (TBD)
- Friday, November 19 – movie and games in Fellowship Hall
- November 25 – 27th – Thanksgiving service project – day and time TBD

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)
Tom Hills (Kirkegaard)
Klaine (Lemke)
Jason Lemke

Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
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)

Those in Hospice care and their families:

Markus Frank, Nancy Brodzeller

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 (currently on medical leave)

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 1/2 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