



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
13 December 2020
Third 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

“Once in David’s Royal City”

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

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

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

1-3 4 afraid.

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MUSIC: John Carter (1930-)

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Irregular

Am $\frac{G7}{B}$ C C#dim7 $\frac{G}{D}$ Em Am $\frac{D7}{G}$ *to Refrain*

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

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Lighting the Advent Candle

O Holy One, we light this third candle,
 And delight in the sparkle of its outrageous reminder
 to "rejoice"!
 Let its flame cast light into shadowy places
 and show where work is to be done.
 Let a community of builders be formed in
 The Light of Joy.
 Let Joy find home in our hearts,
 And make space for your presence there,
 As we work for justice and peace in the service of Love.

People: *God be with us in this Light of Joy.*

Call to Worship

Rejoice!
 The spirit of God is sending us:

People: *to bring good news to the oppressed,
 to comfort the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 to proclaim the year of favor among God's people.*

Rejoice!
 The work of the Spirit is calling us:

People: *To rebuild ancient relationships ruined by injustice,
To repair the cities as places of hope,
To restore land devastated across generations.
to proclaim the year of favor among God's people.*

Rejoice!

The Glory of the Spirit is leading us:

People: *To cast off any faint spirit
and put on the mantle of praise,
To take root as the plantings of the HOLY ONE,
to display God's glory.*

Come, let us worship in Joy!

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One : We offer our confession to God:

All: **Beloved Lord, you often beckon to us, giving us challenges which seem too great to bear. You steadily trust in us, and still we doubt in ourselves and in you. Tender Christ, we fall short of your ways in thought, word and deed. We fail to fully use the gifts with which you have blessed us to serve you. For what we do, and for what we fail to do we ask your forgiveness.**

**Lord, speak to our brokenness with the power of your grace!
Amen.**

One: God our creator leads us toward new pathways. God our redeemer, offers healing to our brokenness and forgiveness for our sins. God our comforter lifts us up and carries us in hope and love. In God's mercy all is made new. Amen

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

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
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

O.T. Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Children's Time

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

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn #162 "Like a Child"

Unison Gm C Am Dm

1 like a child love would send to re-veal and to mend, like a
 2 like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt-y feet, like a
 3 like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F $\frac{F}{E\flat}$ D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim-ing heart soul and mind, like a
 child we once knew com-ing back in-to view, like a
 child we re-ceive all that love can con-ceive, like a

Gm7 $\frac{B\flat}{C}$ F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

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Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28
The Magnificat Luke 1:46–55
Sermon “Who Are You?”
Special Music “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Many: Gracious God, we give thanks for all the ways you bless us, we commit to using our 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 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Don’t suppress the Spirit. Don’t brush off Spirit-inspired messages, but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. Avoid every kind of evil. Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ’s coming. The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Postlude “Carol of the Bells Fantasy” arr. Robert Vandall

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for December 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 • Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 •

Romans 16:25-27 • Luke 1:26-38

CALENDAR – WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Lectionary group at Peace Church – December 15 - 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 16 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Sunday School Students and Families: Have you checked out the Peace Church YouTube channel lately? There are new intro videos for classes, Read With Me books, and previously recorded lessons. Some even have special guests that are pretty entertaining!!! We'll let you know as soon as it

is safe to return to our classrooms! In the meantime, stay safe, stay positive!!!

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” 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>

PLEASE USE THIS LINK FOR ALL SERVICES AFTER JANUARY 1

<https://peaceuccservices2021.eventbrite.com> (thru 5/30/2021)

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.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday	December 13 - 19
December 13	Grace Lee, Eli Ogi
December 14	Jason Piittmann, Samantha Wiskirchen
December 16	Nicole Stern
December 17	Rachel Ogi, Mary Steger
December 18	Tim Jankowski, Olivia Krautkramer, Karen Paul, Gayle Van Ess
December 19	Karla Spaits

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

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)	Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)	Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Debbie (Hallen)
Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)	Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Judy Gambino (Bobb)	Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Griffin (Radeztsky)	Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)

Izzy Straub (McElhatton)

Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)

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

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Jan (D. Stangl)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)

Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

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.