



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
20 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 "What Child Is This" arr. Lorie Line

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

Refrain

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

weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -

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

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)

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*
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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

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O Holy One, we light this fourth candle,
 And marvel at your desire to be one with us.
 Let its flame summon hearts grown cold
 Into the warmth of a people living in
 The Light of Love
 Fill our lives with Love,
 making room there for friends and strangers,
 all who desire to know you, God with us,
 As we work for justice and peace in the service of Hope.

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

Call to Worship (with The Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55)

One: May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lord of mystery come and inhabit our lives anew.

Many: **Fill us with your spirit and open our hearts to hear the challenge you have offered to your people throughout the ages.**

One: When we call out: Come, O come Emmanuel! We are asking for you to be God with us.

Many: **Come, O come Emmanuel and let our lives and our world be transformed.**

One: We speak again Mary's response to the radical "Yes" that she offered to God:

Many: **"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

One: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Many: **His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

One: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

All: *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.*"

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace

God you seek to include us in giving birth to your kingdom in our world; yet our fear and our lack of confidence hinders us. Forgive us our failures to trust in the power with which you have created us; we doubt our own capacity to serve your transforming vision. Claim us again and ignite your spirit-fire within us. Guide us in preparing our lives for you. With longing we pray: *"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."*

Our God, who has been with the people since the beginning, is with us now offering grace that is more than we can ask or imagine. God's love frees us from the past, and helps us move forward into a new future. Let us thank God-with-Us, Emmanuel, for faithful love.

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 12/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,". The second system continues the melody and lyrics: "glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is". The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics: "with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.".

Chord progressions are indicated above the treble staff: Eb, Gm, Fm, Fm, Bb, Ab/Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb, Gm, Fm, Bb7, Eb.

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The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

OT Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The Children's Time

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

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 191 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

B \flat B \flat + $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat $\frac{F9}{A}$ B \flat E \flat $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{G}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ C7 F

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

N.C. B \flat B \flat + $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat $\frac{F9}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$ E \flat F7 B \flat

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav-en-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world;
 when, with the ev-er-cir-cling years, shall come the time fore-told,

N.C. D $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\mathbb{b}}$ D Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\mathbb{b}}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, from heaven's all gra-cious King":
 a-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,

F7 B \flat B \flat + $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat $\frac{F9}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$ E \flat F7 B \flat

the world in sol-ern still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

WORDS: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)
 MUSIC: Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)

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Gospel Luke 1:26-38
Sermon "Who Me? How?"
Special Music "Gesù Bambino" arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Many: Gracious God, we dedicate 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

Benediction – Romans 16:25-27

May the glory be to God who can strengthen you with my good news and the message that I preach about Jesus Christ.

He can strengthen you with the announcement of the secret that was kept quiet for a long time. Now that secret is revealed through what the prophets wrote. It is made known to the Gentiles in order to lead to their faithful obedience based on the command of the eternal God.

May the glory be to God, who alone is wise! May the glory be to him through Jesus Christ forever! Amen.

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

We go to love and to serve for we are the church! Alleluia and Amen!!

Postlude Duet Fantasy on "Joy to the World" arr. Robert Vandall

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Eric Heidenreiter
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Christmas Eve we will be streaming an indoor service at 4:00 p.m. (the in-person sign up has already reached capacity)

We will have two services in the parking lot at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. where we will be able to join together in singing some carols. All the Christmas Eve services will be candlelight services. We will stream the 6:30 service. Christmas day will be strictly virtual.

Friday, Christmas Day – Join us for a Virtual Service on YouTube
Isaiah 62:6-12 • Psalm 97 • Titus 3:4-7 • Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Sunday, December 27 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Peace Church
First Sunday after Christmas
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100 • Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46

CALENDAR – WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2020 – 1/3/2021. The office will reopen on 1/4/2021. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Bob Blackburn at 920-279-0816. Please feel free to leave a message on the church's answering machine and we will get back to you when we return.

Lectionary group at Peace Church – December 22 - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. This group will not meet on December 29, but will resume on January 5, 2021.

9TH Grade Confirmation – There will be no 9th Grade Confirmation classes on Wednesday, December 23 or Wednesday, December 30. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 6th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux:

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will not be meeting on December 29th, but will resume meeting on January 5th. 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

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!

All 2020 contributions must be in the church office on December 30th to be credited in 2020.

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 20 - 26

December 20	Julia Beasley, Corbin Walker
December 21	Kathy Danielson
December 23	Nolan Bocher, Carl Eisen, James Gardner (87)
December 24	Elly Fochs
December 25	Betty Spaltner (80)
December 26	Anna Piittmann

Happy Anniversary December 20 - 26

December 20	John & Margaret Schmahl
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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	Tom Schleif
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Mark Steinhardt
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Alec Taylor
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Howard Zemlicka
John Kletti	Judy Price	Sharon Zolp

Friends & Family:

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

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Mark Rosenthal (Craig)
Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

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)

Prayers of Comfort:

Tom and Joan Schleif and their family on the peaceful passing of their son, Doug, on December 13, 2020.

Family and friends of Helen Reinke, who died at home on December 14, 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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