



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

27 December 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

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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*

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

"I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Lorie Line

## PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 223 "Star Child"

D A C# Bm G B D F#m Em7

1 Star - Child, earth - Child, go - be - tween of God, love Child,  
2 Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child,  
3 Grown child, old child, mem - ory full of years, sad child,  
4 Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more, wise child,  
5 Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign, down - to -

D F# G Em Bm Asus A D A C# Bm A7 C#

*Refrain*

Christ Child, heav-en's light-nig rod:  
used child no one wants to know:  
lost child, sto - ry told in tears: This year, this year let the day ar -  
faith child know-ing joy in store:  
earth Child, Star of stars that shine:

D D F# G A7 D D F# G Asus A7 D

rive when Christ-mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

## Turning Our Hearts to God – Psalm 148

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

**Many: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

One: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

**Many: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

One: He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

**Many: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds,**

One: Stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle,

**Many: Small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations,**

One: You princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.

**Many: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

One: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

**All: Praise the LORD.**

## Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness – from *UCC Worship Ways*

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**Many: God is there.**

One: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**Many: God is there.**

One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**Many: God is there.**

One: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**Many: God is there.**

One: This very morning,

**Many: God is here.**

One: In the future we cannot see,

**Many: God is there.**

**Many: Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide.**

One: As Jesus' parents were asked to offer what was most precious to them at the temple,

**Many: you ask us to offer our hearts to you. We often fail to do this.**

One: As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people,

**Many: we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow.**

One: As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people,

**Many: we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news.**

**Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. 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.”***

Assurance of Pardon

One: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new.

God, the one who tenderly created all that is, has proclaimed compassion for a broken world, and its broken people. Jesus is born as witness to the world that love is real and new life is for each of us. Rejoice and sing, for Christ has come, Emmanuel!

**PLEASE JOIN IN RHYTHMICALLY PROCLAIMING Halleluja**  
**“Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”**

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

OT Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

The Children’s Time

**PLEASE DON’T SING** Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

# PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 217 "No Obvious Angels"

Dmaj9      G6      Dmaj9      G6      Dmaj7      Em7

*Introduction/Interlude between stanzas*

1 No ob - vi - ous an - gels sing  
 2 Our an - gel po - ten - tial is  
 3 Who - ev - er will take it is

$\frac{D}{F\#}$       G6       $\frac{D}{A}$        $\frac{G}{B}$        $\frac{Am}{C}$       D

through the night skies, no thun - der - struck shep - herds tell out their sur - prise, for  
 wait - ing to start! The Spir - it will teach us the song of the heart, for  
 giv - en the role: the fruit - ful, the faith - ful, the joy - ous of soul, for

Bm       $\frac{F\#m}{A}$       G       $\frac{D}{F\#}$        $\frac{F\#m}{A}$

Christ - mas comes in - to the here and the now through  
 Christ - mas comes in - to the here and the now through  
 Christ - mas comes in - to the here and the now when

star-sight-ed peo - ple, the watch-ful and hope-ful, who wake us to  
 peace-mak-er peo - ple, the just and the gen - tle, the stars who will  
 we are the an - gels who dream and de - liv - er, who rise and cre -

see a new world.  
 light the new world.  
 ate this new world!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

“Hope Fulfilled”

Special Music

“Carol of the Manger”

arr. Dale Wood

Prayer of Dedication

**Many: We draw near to the newborn Lord. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to the service of God's love. Bless and guide us that our lives may reflect God's light to the world. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

**One: And now may the glory and love of God surround you. May the peace and grace of Christ dwell deep within you. May the**



**power and presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you. Go in peace, serve the Lord.**

**Many: We go to love and to serve for we are the church!**

**All: Alleluia and Amen.**

# PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #218 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

## Refrain (Unison)

F B $\flat$  F Dm Gm  $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{C}$  C F  $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{C}$

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

F B $\flat$  F Dm B $\flat$ 6  $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{C}$  C7 (F)

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

## Parts

F  $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{C}$  C7 F

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

## to Refrain

F  $\frac{Am7}{E}$  Dm7 G G7 C  $\frac{C7}{E}$

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, January 3 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**  
Second Sunday after Christmas: Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 •  
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 • Ephesians 1:3-14 •  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020*

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- Pastor Eric will be off from December 27<sup>th</sup> after worship through January 4<sup>th</sup>. In case of Pastoral emergency, please contact: Pastor Bob Blackburn Visitation Minister 920-279-0816.
- The Church office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- All contributions to the Church for 2019 must be in the Church Office by December 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in 2020.

**Lectionary group at Peace Church** – 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.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – There will be **no 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation classes on Wednesday, December 30**. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, but **will resume meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>**. We are continuing to study the confirmation materials used by our 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 the 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.

**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 27 – January 2**

December 27	Scott Buss
December 29	Damian Koch, Cathy Stern
December 30	Taylor O'Brien-Flasch
January 2	Laurie Struck

### **Happy Anniversary      December 27 – January 2**

December 30	Matthew & Rachel Schemelin (20)
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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	Mark Steinhardt
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Alec Taylor
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Gayle Van Ess
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Howard Zemlicka
John Kletti	Judy Price	Sharon Zolp

### **Friends & Family:**

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

Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)  
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)  
Debbie (Hallen)  
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)  
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, Dean Roe

### **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)  
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)  
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)  
Russell Will (Will)

### **Prayers of Comfort:**

Dean and Colleen Roe and family, on the passing of Dean's brother, Wilfred, on December 17, 2020, due to Covid.

Craig Rosenthal and family on the recent death of Craig's brother, Mark.

### **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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## PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040**

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - [prayers@peace-ucc.org](mailto:prayers@peace-ucc.org)

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