

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 27 December 2020 First Sunday after Christmas 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

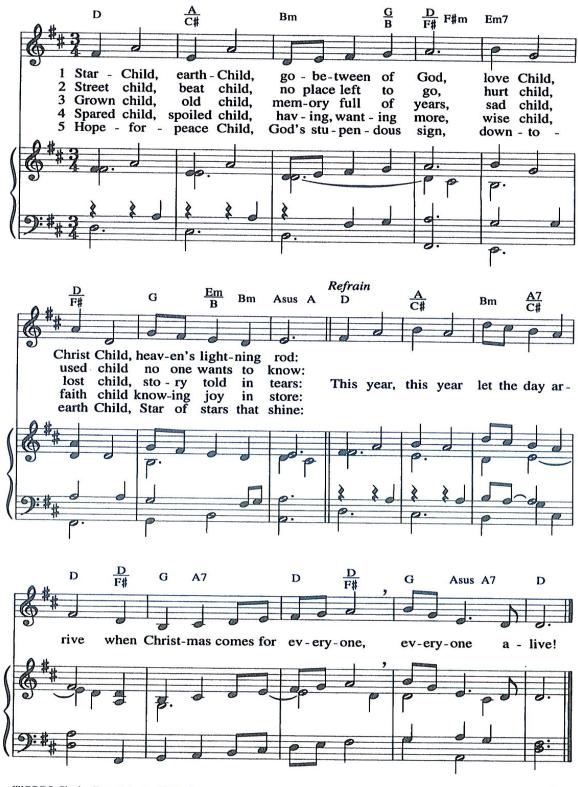
WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

"I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Lorie Line

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 223 "Star Child"



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

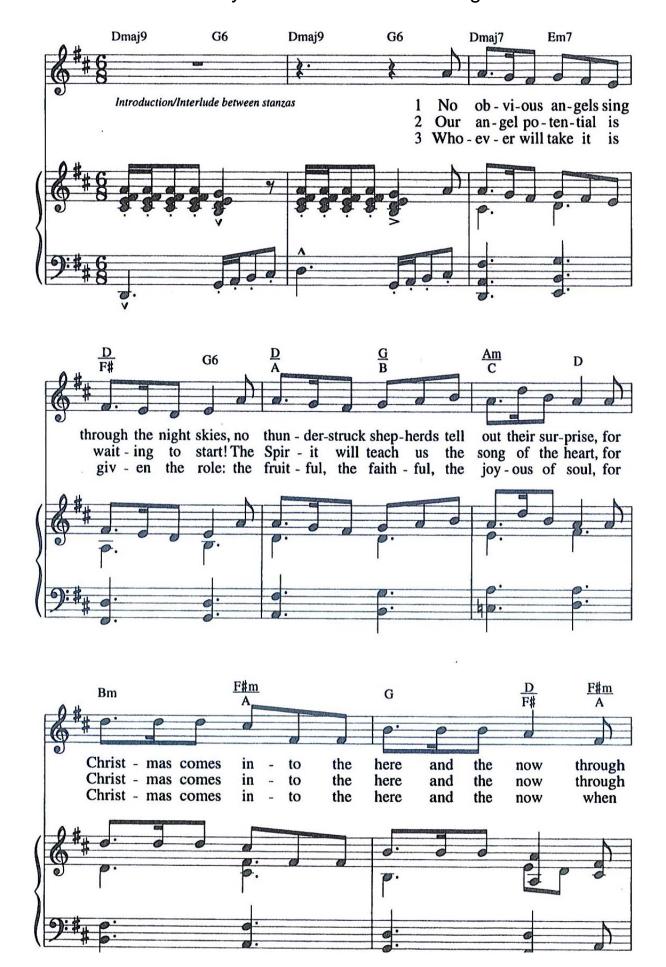
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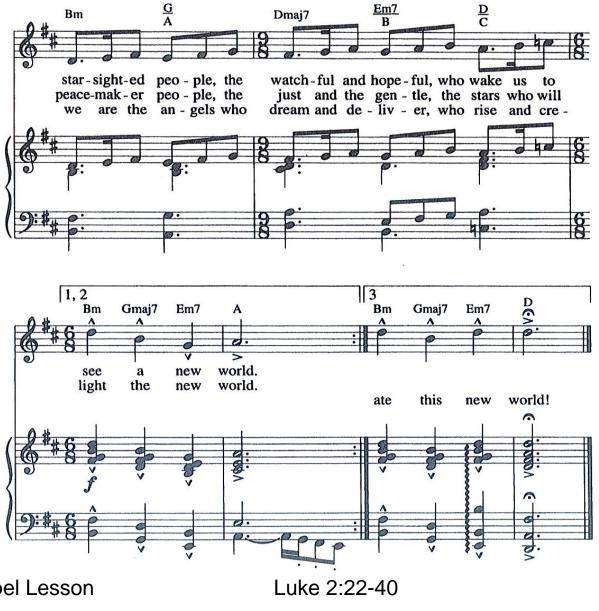
Epistle Galatians 4:4-7

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"





Gospel Lesson

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"



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SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits Sound: Josh Spaits

Sherry McElhatton Video: Eric Heidenreiter Elsa Kirkegaard Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

<u>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</u>

CALENDAR – WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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

<u>Lectionary group at Peace Church</u> – 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 9**th **Grade Confirmation classes on 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

<u>Sunday School Students and Families</u>: 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 <u>GIVE</u> 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)

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

Hanna Bruenn

Debbie Butzlaff

Cliff and Kim Clark

Nancy Laguna

Jackie McCurdy

Lucille Swanson

Betty Skaug

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) Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch) Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch) Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)

Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff) Debbie (Hallen)

Jessica (DeLaurier) Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke) Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke) Judy Gambino (Bobb) Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Ronald Graff (Betty Graff) Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke) Griffin (Radeztsky) Izzy Straub (McElhatton)

The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke) 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 Sue Mitchell (Rhoads) Paige More (Pearson) Jean Cornell (Herriges) Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges) Nephew of Beck Ehmer Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels) Kerri Estep (Atwater) Nancy Gruebling (Kletti) Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei) Paula Hader (Adler) Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will) Sheri Theep (Van Beek) Jan (D. Stangl)

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) Sqt. 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.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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