



Peace United Church of Christ

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Transfiguration

Our mission: Love like Jesus...

Welcome all, love all, grow in faith together, and seek justice for all.
“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” – John 13:34

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

*Our vision: “Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God's extravagant love and
together serve all of God's children and creation.”*

Welcome visitors! Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information card in the pew racks in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests - As we gather together as one family in Jesus Christ, we covenant to hold one another’s joys and concerns. Please share your prayers with us by writing them on the “Prayer Request” slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

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****Please stand***

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Vandall

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

One: Speak to us, Mighty One,

All: for we are eager to listen.

One: Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people.

All: Save us now.

One: You have sent prophets to change the world.

All: Change us now.

One: You have granted light in Jesus Christ.

All: Shine on us now.

One: Let us see your glory, let us listen to your way. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of worship and prayer. **Amen.**

***HYMN 653** “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

GATHERING OUR HEARTS BEFORE GOD-Psalm 50:1-6

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

All: And also with you.

One: From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God, the LORD God, speaks, calling out to the earth.

All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

All: God calls out to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

One: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

All: *The heavens proclaimed his righteousness, for God himself is judge.*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The demands of our lives can become so all-consuming that we forget our origins. Our inattentiveness separates us from the knowledge of God's glory reflected in the face of Christ. In these quiet moments, apart from our everyday distractions, we seek to renew our relationship with God and to be restored to wholeness.

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and fail to hear your call. At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of the day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with busy-ness that does not feed our souls, we fail to leave time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our distractions. We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and would offer new meaning to our lives. Praise God.

***A RESPONSE OF 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

CHILDREN’S CHOIR “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (Page 881)

LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Page 272)

The Children’s Time – As the children come forward,
please sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

(9:30 service) The Sacrament of Baptism

This morning we receive into the Christian family:

*Clyde Ermer and Eleanor Ermer
Children of Daniel & Paige Ermer*

***All: We receive these children in Christ’s name
as we have been received, promising to
support them with constant love,
wholesome example, Christian teaching and
faithful prayer. We promise to their parents
our friendship in Christ, gladly sharing in
the burdens and joys of Christian nurture.**

HYMN 680 “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 (Page 772)

SERMON

CHURCH CHOIR “This Little Light of Mine”

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Lord, giver of all things, we give you our hands that we might reach out and help each other, our hearts that we might find compassion and understanding for all people, and our minds to create a peaceful world. Bless these gifts and continue to guide us that we might live out Your will in the world. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER – OUR 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

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord

All: We go with God's steadfast love before our eyes, God's faithfulness beneath our feet, God's justice burning in our souls. Alleluia and Amen!

***HYMN 319** “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker; Video: David Dorn

Altar Flowers- the flowers on the altar are from Joanne Amerling in memory of deceased Rauch & Amerling family members.

Lectionary for February 18 - Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15

Happy Birthday Feb 11 - 17

2/11 Julaine Ogi, Sharon Rauch, Ari Schemelin

2/14 Miles Kedroske

2/16 Judy Lehmann

2/17 Joe Billmann (83) , Aidan Polzin

Calendar for the Week of February 11

2/11 9th grade confirmation 5:30-7:00pm

2/12 Pastoral Relations Mtg 6:30 pm

2/13 Lectionary 10am, Church Council Mtg 6pm

2/14 XYZ Cards, Soup Supper 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

2/16 Youth Faith Formation Retreat (2/16-2/18)

Altar Flowers – Peace Church, once again, needs sponsors for the altar flowers. The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday. Please contact Robin in the church office if you are interested. Thank you!

Thank You! – A huge thank you to Mark Bocher and John Kletti for their work in replacing the church's sump pump and for cleaning out the grease trap. These were dirty jobs, but they got it done!

Peace T-Shirts - Last chance to order a Peace Church polo or T-shirt. Signup sheets are at the church entrance. We will place the order on Feb 19th. Payment will be collected when the shirts arrive. Lots of colors to choose from. You can also call or email if you would like more information or if you would like us to sign you up.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper – will be held on Ash Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. A meal of soup and bread will be served. All are welcome!

We are in need of SOUP! If you are willing to make a pot of soup please let Robin in the church office know. (office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011)

Habitat Trip – The intergenerational Peace Church Habitat trip will take place June 9-14 in Red Wing, Minnesota. The cost per person is \$75.00. Contact the church if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Lenten Services - Holden Prayer Services will take place on Wednesdays from February 21 – March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Peace Church. Ash Wednesday service (with communion and ashes) will be on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Prayers of Celebration to Clyde Daniel Ermer and Eleanor Paige Ermer on their baptism today at Peace Church. Clyde and Eleanor's parents are Paige and Daniel Ermer. Godparents are Jake Ermer, Montana Ermer, & Ryan Ermer for Clyde and Weston Rodenkirk & Cassandra Immel for Eleanor.

Prayers of Healing

Prayers of continued healing to Joe Billmann, who suffered a brain bleed after falling last week. Bill is currently in the ICU at Froedtert in Milwaukee with hopes of moving to rehab at Froedtert within the next day or two.

Prayers of healing to Harvey Brodzeller, who is currently hospitalized at Froedtert West Bend after complications from an infection in his colon.

Prayers of healing to Jackie McCurdy who is recovering from breaking her kneecap.

Prayers of healing to Betty Graff, who has struggled with illness for most of January and is on the mend.

Prayers of Comfort

Continued prayers of comfort to Jill Rhoads, as she continues her journey with pancreatic cancer. Jill has entered hospice at Kathy Hospice in West Bend.