



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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."

Visiting Minister: Rev. Franz Rigert served as pastor to Pilgrim UCC in Grafton for nearly 20 years until he was called by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ to serve as our Conference Minister.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Life A River Glorious" arr. J. Purifoy

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Inviting God into our Lives Jeremiah 17:5-8

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

Many: They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

One: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

Many: They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

All: *Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.*

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Too often we fail to follow God's ways. Together we offer our confession and turn back to the way of God's abundant love:

God, we confess that we too easily fail to trust in you. We are tempted by our own desires, distracted by the ways of the world. We

strain our relationships with you, one another, creation, and ourselves, both through what we do, and through what we fail to do. You encourage us to put down deep roots into the source of living water, but we get anxious and merely pursue what sits on the surface.

We share thoughts, words, and actions that are not bold enough to embody your grace. Both in what we do, and in what we don't do, we fall short of loving you with our whole heart; and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, we pray to know your forgiveness and renewal. Lead us again that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will. Humbly 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.”*

God's love is without limits. Turn back to God's grace and know God's embrace. In the love of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen

† Act of Praise #338

“King of Kings”

King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

† The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Psalm

[Psalm 1](#)

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Children's Time - Please sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

† 🎵 Hymn 109

“O, How I Love Jesus”

Gospel

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

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Sermon

“Blessed Are You!”

Special Music

“Deep River”

arr. W. Felton

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of Your will in the world. Guide us to offering in love our whole selves to You. In Christ's light we pray: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Christ beside us; Christ before us; Christ beneath us; Christ above us. Surround us with your presence and inspire us with your purpose. Confirm us in your love, and send us out into the world in peace to serve. Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn

“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today.
Go and tell gospel news everywhere.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today
to bring truth and love to every nation.

Postlude

Lectionary for February 20: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 • Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 • 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 • Luke 6:27-38

SERVING TODAY

Visiting Minister: Pastor Franz Rigert

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday February 13 – February 19

Feb 14 Shelly Heaslip
Feb 15 Louis Berres
Feb 16 Owen Horning, Judy Lehmann
Feb 17 Joe Billmann (81), Lauren Chamberlain, Aidan Polzin
Feb 18 Brianna Taylor

NEWS & NOTES

Altar Flowers – Peace Church has not received donations for altar flowers for quite some time and your assistance is needed to continue the tradition of fresh flowers on the altar. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

Calendar for the Week of February 13, 2022

2/15 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.

2/16 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Peace Church Book Group

The Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday morning, March 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The group will be discussing "In an Instant" by Suzanne Redfearn. Books for the remaining months of the 2021 - 2022 Book Group year are:

April 6: "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabelle Wilkerson

May 4: "Infinite Country" by Patricia Engel

June 1: "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall

For more information on the Peace Church Book Group please contact Lynn Rusch (262-306-4025) or lynnrusch@yahoo.com.

2022 High School Youth Habitat Trip – June 5th-10th

This year we are headed to Frankfort, Indiana

Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed 9th Grade.

The Cost: \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members

Please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the parking lot entrance to let us know you plan to participate or contact the office by email: office@peace-ucc.org

Peace Church Kitchen Remodeling Project Update

For the last couple of years, there has been a committee that has been working diligently on a plan to remodel our church kitchen. When the time comes to dismantle the kitchen, we would

like to find a new home for the existing cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dishes, and cups. If you would like to bid on these items or know someone that does, please write your name and phone number on a piece of paper along with your bid and put it in an envelope. Drop this off at the church office.

If you have any questions, the committee consists of Mary Billman, Kathy Mertz, Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi, Clark Pearson, Pastor Eric, and Karen Kletti.

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:

Rev. Bob Blackburn
Jon Herbst
John Kletti
Lauren Krebs
Jackie McCurdy
Pat McFadden
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Don Neitzel

Darrell Nonhof
Judy Nonhof
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
John Schmahl
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Chris (Stier)
Ellen (Swanson)
Ezekiel
Gene
Pat Beal (N. Krahn)
Harry Gall (L. Swanson)
Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Jenna Butchlick
Julie (Breitbach)
Eric Covington (Fleury)

Howard Floeter (Lemke)
Klaine (Lemke)
Jason Lemke
Patricia Hohl
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Gerald Piittmann
Babette Rhoads
Josie Schoneman
Colin Volm

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)
Betty (J. Michaels)
Kathy (Augustin)
Heidi (Manthei)

Henry (Meinberg)
Caitlyn Z (Stier)
Mia (C. Rode)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Alan Floeter (Lemke)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)
Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behr)
Susan Tolonen

Prayers of Comfort to Michelle Gerlach and family on the passing of Michelle's husband, Michael Gerlach on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Funeral services will be held at Peace Church on February 19th.

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)
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 Stowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)
Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sharon Stier, Interim Visitation Minister, 414-531-0837 - [sstier@outlook.com](mailto:ssstier@outlook.com)

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

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Pastor Eric will be on Sabbatical from February 7, 2022, through June 4, 2022.

From June 5 through June 10, Pastor Eric will be helping to lead the High School Habitat Trip. He will return to the pulpit on June 12, 2022.

While Pastor Eric is gone, if you have an emergency and need to reach a pastor, please call either the church office at 262-626-4011, or Rev. Sharon Stier at 414-531-0837.