



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
February 19, 2023  
Transfiguration Sunday

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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# WORSHIP SERVICE

\*Stand if you are able.

PRELUDE Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart Line

Greetings – Prayer Requests – Announcement

9:30 a.m. service - Stewardship/Mission Moment

\*HYMN 319

[Shine, Jesus, Shine](#)

**TURNING TO GOD – Psalm 99**

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**All: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

One: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

One: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**All: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

One: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**All: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

## **CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS**

One: When we encounter You in the depths of our own hearts: calling us to love and forgive, but we do not listen:

**All: God have mercy.**

One: When we encounter You in our common life: calling us to welcome the stranger and create community, but we do not respond:

**All: God have mercy.**

One: When we encounter You in our world: calling us to work for justice and to make peace, but we make excuses:

**All: God have mercy.**

One: Our gratitude is profound, yet our frailties often lead us astray. Losing sight of our oneness with you and one another, we turn from your presence and confine ourselves to narrow vistas and uncertain futures.

**All: Come, O God, be with us today, in this place, at this time. Be with us as we try to slow down enough to wait and listen, to let your presence lead us toward transformation. Give us wisdom and courage to hear your promise to all of creation of forgiveness and hope. Together we pray as Jesus taught us: "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."**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God offers us holy encounters at all times, for the word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips. In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **\*The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## **The Passing of the Peace**

**One:** Peace be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## **Chancel Choir**

*Peace Like a River/Amazing Grace* Raney

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** - As the children come forward, sing Hymn 437 "Jesus Loves Me" vs.1

**HYMN 94** [Shout to the Lord](#)

**OT LESSON** [Exodus 24:12-18](#) (Page 60)

**GOSPEL** [Matthew 17:1-9](#) (Page 751)

**SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Fur Elise Beethoven  
Piano Solo by Lia Piittmann

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Great are your works, O God! Even greater is your love for all of creation! We offer our gifts to you this day in grateful thanksgiving for calling us to follow you. Work with us and through us and through our offerings to strengthen your witness in the world. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**One:** May we go forth with our eyes, our hearts, our minds open to the radiance of God, to the presence of Christ, and to the life of the Spirit, as they encounter us and bless us at every moment of our lives. Go with the blessed light of God to serve the world.

**All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen.**

8:00 a.m. service - Stewardship/Mission Moment

\*HYMN 716

[God Be With You](#)

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Lia Piittmann, Mia Dornacker; Litanist: Jackie McCurdy; Audio: John Bliese; Video: David Dorn; Ushers/Greeters: Barbara Busch, Bonnie Busch, Bev Martel, Steve Spoerl

Lectionary for February 26: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • Matthew 4:1-11

Happy Birthday February 19 - 25

Feb 20 Kathy Charland, Cole Loser, Mike McElhatton, Lily Van Beek

Feb 24 Barbara Westra

Feb 25 Angelena Thull

## NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of February 19, 2023

2/19 Sunday School 9:30 am, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm

2/21 Lectionary 10 am, Adult Faith Formation 7-8:30 pm

2/22 XYZ Cards, Ecumenical Lenten Service at 12:00 pm. at Cedar Ridge – Pastor Eric preaching. Soup Supper 5:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Holden Prayer service 7:00 pm

2/23 Grief Group 1 pm

2/24-2/26 Confirmation Retreat

### Ash Wednesday Service and Simple Supper

On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Peace Church will be having a Simple Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a supper of soup, bread, and fellowship.

Peace Church Banned Book Group – will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the church music room. The group will discuss “1984” by George Orwell. Books are on reserve at the Kewaskum Library and can be picked up starting February 15th. If you need assistance with obtaining a book, please contact the church office.

Peace Church Community Meal –Our next Community Meal will take place on March 1st, and the first Wednesday of each month. The next meal will be a Meatloaf and Mashed Potato Dinner. All are welcome!! Please contact the church office if you have any questions or wish to help. We are always looking for volunteers and desserts!

Peace Church Food Pantry located in the parking lot of Peace Church, has been very busy lately helping individuals and families in need in our community. Please consider purchasing food or personal hygiene items (toilet paper, kleenex, bars of soap, liquid hand soap) for the pantry. Frozen food items can be safely kept in the pantry during cold weather, which we monitor. We also will take cash donations and will purchase items for the pantry. Thank you!

### Almost Train Time!

On Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the adults of Peace Church are invited to share in a model railroading experience. The train will leave the station about 10:00 a.m. in Germantown. For more information, for directions, and for reservations, contact Russ Knoth (262) 832-4083. All aboard!



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org) or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share *your prayer requests 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.

### Prayers of Comfort:

For the family of Ron Johann, who passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

For Bev Winninghoff and her family, as they mourn the loss of Bev's brother, Wayne Bruggink, who passed away on February 10, 2023. We also offer prayers to Bev and her family, who just found out that Bev's youngest brother, Butch, was diagnosed with dementia.

For Donald Sedgwick. Don is struggling with heart issues and has entered at-home hospice. Donald moved to Montana to live with his son and daughter-in-law after his wife, Carol, passed away in October of 2021.

### Prayers of Healing:

For Kathy Mertz, who has been released from the hospital in Arizona, after suffering from a small stroke. She is still dealing with vision and balance issues.

For Shirley Schlice, who is hospitalized at Froedtert Medical Center of West Bend after falling and breaking her hip.

For Mark Adams, who broke his hip while officiating a basketball game.

For Sandy Rosenthal, a former member of St. John's UCC in Harford, who at Cedar Community rehab after having her hand amputated.