



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

February 20, 2022

Seventh 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.”

Interim Associate Minister: Rev. Sharon Stier is a recently retired pastor who served congregations in Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin. Worship leadership, Christian Education, Youth, Family Life, Pastoral Care and Mission ministries were included in her work with these churches. She also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Washington and Dodge Counties.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Prelude in C Major" Bach

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #664 "Thy Word"

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: Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong, because they will fade fast, like grass; they will wither like green vegetables.

Many: Trust the LORD and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfully. Enjoy the LORD, and he will give what your heart asks.

One: Commit your way to the LORD! Trust him! He will act and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like high noon.

Many: Be still before the LORD, and wait for him. Don't get upset when someone gets ahead— someone who invents evil schemes. Let go of anger and leave rage behind! Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil.

One: Because evildoers will be eliminated, but those who hope in the LORD— they will possess the land. In just a little while the wicked won't exist!

Many: If you go looking around their place, they won't be there. But the weak will inherit the land; they will enjoy a surplus of peace."

All: "The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their refuge in times of trouble. The LORD will help them and rescue them— rescue

them from the wicked— and he will save them because they have taken refuge in him.”

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 gather longing for your love to transform our hearts, even while we struggle to let your love flow through us to transform the hearts of those with whom we struggle. We confess that we fail to trust in your ways when they get in the way of our own ways. Hear the deep longing of our souls, O God. Give us the strength and courage to love our enemies, to forgive generously, to release our brokenness into Your grace.

For what we say and do, and for what we leave unsaid and undone, forgive us. For our failures to love ourselves as much as you love us, and for our difficulties in loving all our diverse neighbors as ourselves, forgive us. Trusting in the way 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...

With humble hearts we pray as you've 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.”***

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

OT Lesson

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

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

↑ ♪ Hymn 515

"Hymn of Promise"

Gospel

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

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Sermon

"Tough Stuff"

Special Music

"Invention No. 8"

Bach

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, with love we offer simple gifts to You. Remind us of Your invitation to be part of Your will in all the world. Guide us in humbly offering our whole selves to You. In Christ's light we pray - Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: . . . Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Hymn

"Go Make Disciples"

**Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you 'til the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light of the world.
Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you're
serving me. Go, make disciples.**

Postlude

Lectionary for February 27: Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

SERVING TODAY

Interim Minister: Rev. Sharon Stier
Litanist: Chris Rode
Musician: Karla Spaits

Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday February 20 – February 26

Feb 20 Kathy Charland, Cole Loser, Mike McElhatton, Lily Van Beek
Feb 21 Eva Pendowski
Feb 24 Barbara Westra (81)
Feb 25 Angelena Thull

Happy Anniversary February 20 – February 26

Feb 25 Gretchen & Dane Martin (10)

NEWS & NOTES

Ash Wednesday Service - Holden Evening Prayer Service with Communion:
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers – Peace Church has not received donations for altar flowers for quite some time and your assistance is needed to continue the tradition. 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).

Delivering Altar Flowers – Please consider delivering altar flowers to a loved-one or a Peace Church member shut-in. Flowers will be available after the 9:30 service. See Roger Lindgren and he will assist you with the flowers and/or getting a shut-in name and address. Thank you!

Calendar for the Week of February 20, 2022

2/22 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.
2/23 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class
2/27 Sunday – Visiting Minister – Rev. Julie Jennings

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



Middle School Youth Group

- Friday 2/18 Fellowship, Games and Dinner at Church (5-8pm)
- Friday 2/25 Making Clay Pottery with Mary Steinhart (5-8pm)
- Friday 3/4 Fellowship, Games, and Dinner at Church (5-8pm)
- Saturday 3/12 Altitude Trampoline Park in Appleton (TBD)

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
John Kletti
Janette Loomis
Pat McFadden
Marilyn McIntosh
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

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

For Kathy and Roger Mertz and family on the passing of Kathy's mother, Anna Thill. Anna was called to the Lord, at the age of 103, on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Prayers for a peaceful journey for Gary, uncle of Laura Kirkegaard, who has entered hospice.

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 Stolowski (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.