



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

21 February 2021

First Sunday in Lent

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

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Tom Fettke

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #254 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

1 Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, he had to
2 Je - sus prayed for his dis - ci - ples; he prayed a -
3 Je - sus died on Cal - vary's moun - tain; he died a -
4 Je - sus rose from death's dark pris - on; he lives a -

walk it by him - self; O, no - bod - y else could walk it
lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bear such
lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could die for
gain for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bring us

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
sor - row; he prayed a - lone for you and me.
sin - ners; he had to die for you and me.
vic - tory; he is a - live to set us free.

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LONESOME VALLEY
Irregular

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 25:1-10

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

All: *Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.*

Leader: Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old.

People: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

People: The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.

All: *All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

We reach deep within our hearts and offer our confession to you, O God:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Together 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 is with us. God's love reaches out to us. God's promise is forgiveness for all who turn their hearts and seek God.

PLEASE DON'T SING -Hymn # 378 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (twice)

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you
And also with you

Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

The Children's Time

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 38 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Unison

Bb *Fsus Bb* *F A* *Gm* *Dsus G* *Dm F*

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

Eb *F Eb* *Bb D* *Cm7* *Fsus* *F*

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,

Bb *Fsus Bb* *F A* *Gm* *Dsus G* *Dm F*

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

Eb *Bb D* *Gm* *Cm7* *F*

1-3
<i>Bb</i>

4
<i>Bb</i> (no3)

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

“It’s Come Near?”

Special Music

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. by Dick Bolks

Prayer of Dedication

Many: Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of God’s will in the world. Guide us in 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: We go with God's steadfast love before our eyes, God's faithfulness beneath our feet, God's justice burning in our souls. Amen!

PLEASE DON'T SING #244 "Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad"

D Bm A D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D

1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his
 4 For us to e - vil power be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ A D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{E7}{G\#}$ A D

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 deep, so high, so broad— the Trin - i - ty whom

G $\frac{G}{B}$ D Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ D Am $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G A D

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to com - fort, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 15th c.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.
 MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th c.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);
 harm. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

PUER NOBIS
 L.M.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Eric Heidenreiter
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, February 21 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**: First Sunday in Lent - Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15

CALENDAR – WEEK OF February 14, 2021

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet on February 16th

9TH Grade Confirmation – Class will meet on Wednesday, February 24th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Adult Faith Formation, Book of Ruth:

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on March 2nd. We will be doing a study of the Book of Ruth.

Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

Worship at Peace Church

Effective immediately we will be regathering at church with capacity limits of 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, worship leaders are in addition to that number). At this time, we will discontinue the sign-up for services and see how that works.

We are continuing to require masks that cover the mouth and nose at all times, for people to practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and all those other mitigation measures to which we have all become accustomed.

Sunday mornings we will continue to offer worship at 8:00 and 10:00 - though after a couple of weeks we consider combining services if our attendance numbers continue to be as low as they have been.

We will continue streaming all worship services to YouTube – We are planning on that being a part of our reality from now on.

We know that we are not yet out of the woods, and we would encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

If you have questions, please call Pastor Eric or the church office or e-mail pastor@peace-ucc.org or office@peace-ucc.org

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 [GIVE](#) 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.

Lent Services – It is strange to realize that we have been living in our present reality as “church” for almost a year. It was just as we had begun Lent that we needed to shift to worshipping Online. We are going to try a couple of different things to feed our souls and center us through this year's Lenten Season.

- **Midweek Lenten services - Holden Evening Prayer** – For many years we have cherished this musical setting of a vespers service. Because this is a sung service, we will be recording the service in advance and then posting it online each week to be available for viewing by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are planning to have reflections from this year's confirmation students included in each of these services.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday	February 21 - 27
February 21	Eva Pendowski
February 23	Ellen Hembel (94)
February 24	Barbara Westra (80)
February 25	Dana Fochs, Angelena Thull
February 27	Hanna Bruenn (80), Levi Wiedmeyer

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	Marilyn McIntosh	Shirley Schlice
Debbie Butzlaff	Gretchen Martin	Michael Schmidt
Cliff and Kim Clark	Don Neitzel	Jeff Steger
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Lucille Swanson
Betty Fleury	Jerry O'Connor	Betty Skaug
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Mark Steinhardt
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Alec Taylor
John Kletti	Judy Price	Dolores Terlinden
Nancy Laguna	Calvin Rauch	Howard Zemlicka
Jackie McCurdy	Kathy Roesel	Sharon Zolp

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	Judy Gambino (Bobb)
Beau (Rauch)	Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)
Jim Bertram (K. Roesel)	Griffin (Radeztsky)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)	The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)
Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)	Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)	Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)
Sue Karbon (Kletti)
Diane Kraus (Meinberg)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Dane Martin (Van Ess)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)
Betty Sook (J. Christensen)
Izzy Straub (McElhatton)
Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

Betty (J. Michaels)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jan (D. Stangl)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

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)
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)

Thank you to our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Peace Church will be hosting a blood bank on March 3, 2021. Please sign up on at [Redcross.org/give](https://www.redcross.org/give).

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