



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

February 27, 2022

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."

Visiting Minister: Rev. Julie Jennings is the current Vice President of Spiritual Care and Wellbeing at Cedar Community in West Bend. Rev. Jennings previously served as the Chaplain at Every Child's Hope in St. Louis, MO, which is dedicated to preventing child abuse, treating emotional trauma and mental health issues, and providing aftercare and follow-up services.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Jesu" By Jim Brickman

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ ♪ Hymn # 481 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Turning Our Hearts to God

One: Let us worship thankfully.

Many: For God has enriched our lives

One: Let us worship humbly,

Many: For we come into the presence of God who is holy and just.

One: Let us worship expectantly,

Many: For God will fill with good things those who come in faith.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

All: Whether it is day or night, whether the room is light or dark, we know that you see us just the way we are; we cannot hide from you. You know the deepest impulses of our hearts, our secret desires, the thoughts that we hide from our closest human companions...; and you are not always pleased by what you see. Cleanse and free us Lord, from the dark side of our lives. Forgive what is hidden, and illumine our dark places, that we might radiantly shine with your light.

You have called us to be people not bound by our failings, or by the ways of the world. Guide us toward your grace as we humbly 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.”

One: God alone is our salvation, God alone is our light, God alone is our pardon, God alone is our life. Hear the good news: in the love of Christ Jesus we are forgiven and offered life that is truly life. Rejoice in the promise.

↑ 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

Gospel

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

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

↑ ♪ Hymn 492

“Spirit of the Living God”

Old Testament

[Exodus 34:29-35](#)

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Epistle

[2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2](#)

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Sermon

Special Music

“Christ, Be Our Light”

by Bernadette Farrell

Prayer of Dedication

You have encouraged us, O God, to listen to your message of hope and peace. We respond with gratitude. You have surrounded us with blessings, guiding us to know that we are your beloved daughters and sons. We offer a portion of all that we have as a witness to your command to love you and to love one another. Bless these gifts to your service that your peace and hope may fill all the earth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: For all that God can do within us,

for all that God can do without us,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Listen, Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship.

All: We go into this day to serve the Lord. Amen.

↑ ♪ Hymn #319

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Postlude

Lectionary for March 6: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans
10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13

SERVING TODAY

Musician: Sherry McElhatton
Litanist: Chris Rode

Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday February 27 – March 5

Feb 27 Hanna Bruenn (81), Levi Wiedmeyer

Feb 28 Scott Stern

March 1 Jessica Klahn, Randy Thull

March 2 Madilynn Jacobs, Gloria Liepert (91), Judy Nonhof (85)

March 3 Christ Gudex, Matthew Leithold

March 4 Harper Retzlaff, Waylon Weinreich, Warren Weinreich

March 5 Jennifer Krebs, Sheri Rehn

Happy Anniversary February 27 – March 5

Feb 28 Jeffrey & Julann Retzlaff

March 3 John & Shelly Oswald

NEWS & NOTES

Meal Making!

Peace Church's 9th Grade confirmation class will be assisting during the Lenten Holden Prayer services on Wednesday evenings from March 2nd through April 13th. This group of students will be at Peace Church from 4:00 p.m. through the Holden Prayer service---around 8:00 p.m. We are looking for church members who would be willing to make a meal for the students to enjoy in between their confirmation class and the start of Holden Prayer service. The meal would need to feed 8 persons. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 262-626-4011 or office @peace-ucc.org

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 27, 2022

3/1 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.

3/2 Wednesday – Ash Wednesday service – 7 p.m., XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 a.m., 9th Grade Confirmation Class – 4 p.m.

3/3 – Lay Caregiving 1 p.m., Prayer Shawl, 1 p.m., KEYS

3/6 – Women's Sunday – Jane Anderson, Visiting Minister

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship - 7:00 p.m. March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th – Holden Evening Prayers_with reflections by this year's 9th grade Confirmation Class. Music by Greg Ogi, Eric Ogi, Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, and Ellie Baldus



Middle School Youth Group

Karla and Josh Spaits are leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

- Friday 3/4 Fellowship, Games, and Dinner at Church (5-8pm)
- Saturday 3/12 Altitude Trampoline Park in Appleton (TBD)

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 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.

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

Janette Loomis

Mugs McFadden

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)

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 Chris Rode, on the passing of her dear friend, Mia.

To the family and colleagues of Dr. Paul Farmer, who died unexpectedly on 2/21/2022. Dr. Farmer was a champion for the poor around the world, and an instrumental force in expanding healthcare in Haiti.

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

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