



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

28 February 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

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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*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“March Jubilant”

arr. Lorie Lane

### PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #254 “Step by Step”

G D F# C E D7 G

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. O

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chord symbols.

G D F# C E D7 G

God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. I will

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chord symbols.

Em C E D C Am C D

seek you in the morn-ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chord symbols.

G D F# Am7 D7 C D G

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chord symbols.

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Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 22:23-31

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**Many: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**Many: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

One: May your hearts live forever!

**Many: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

**All: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

The Prayer of Confession

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.*

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We humbly offer our confession to you...**

*(Silence for personal reflection and repentance)*

The Lord's Prayer and an Assurance of Pardon:

In your mercy, hear us 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.”**

With the Lord there is mercy and full redemption. What seems impossible within our lives is made possible with God. Seek mercy and know the good news of forgiveness.

**AMEN**

**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 17:1-7, 15-16

The Children's Time

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

# PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 350 "The Summons"

*Unison*

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but  
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you  
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?  
 prayer in you and you in me?  
 mean in you and you in me?  
 grow in you and you in me.

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Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

“Why do it?”

Special Music

“I Can Only Imagine”

arr. by Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

**Many:** Beautiful Lord, gracious Savior, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Bless our gifts and guide us as your servants. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction – The Book of Ceme, 10<sup>th</sup> Century

May God the Father bless us;

May Christ take care of us;

The Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life.

The Lord be our Defender and Keeper of body and soul, both now  
and forever, the ages of ages.

**AMEN**



# PLEASE DON'T SING #436 "Grace Alone"

*Unison*

C Dm7 C/E Am C/G G/F C Dm7 C/E Cmaj7/E

1 Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
 2 Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we

F G Am G/F F C/E F

step of faith; ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
 hope to teach; ev - ery - where we share his peace

Dm7 Gsus G C Dm7 C/E Am

is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing

C/G G/F C Dm7 C/E Cmaj7/E F G

we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine;  
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way;

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Am G/F F C/E F Dm7 Gsus G7

ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by his  
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by his

*Refrain*  
 C C/E F G/B C C/E

grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies; strength un -  
 grace.

F G/B C C/E F E7/G#

known he will pro - vide. Christ in us, our cor - ner -

Am C/G Dm7 Gsus Fmaj7/G G7 C

stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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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, March 7 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:  
Third Sunday in Lent - Exodus 20:1-17 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
• John 2:13-22

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF February 28, 2021*

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**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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – Class will meet on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 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 continuing our 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 are regathering at church with capacity limits of 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, worship leaders are in addition to that number). With our increased capacity, we are discontinuing the sign-up for services – we'll 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](mailto:pastor@peace-ucc.org) or [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto: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 worshiping 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.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>February 28 – March 6</b>
February 28	Scott Stern
March 1	Jessica Klahn, Randy Thull
March 2	Madilynn Jacobs, Gloria Liepert (90), Judy Nonhof (84)
March 3	Christ Gudex, Matthew Leithold
March 4	Kiley May, Harper Retzlaff, Waylon Weinreich, Warren Weinreich
March 5	Jennifer Krebs, Sheri Rehn
March 6	Todd Stern
<b>Happy Anniversary</b>	
February 28	Jeff & Julann (Zemlicka) Retzlaff (34)
March 3	John & Shelly Oswald (48)

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## ***PRAYER LIST***

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

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)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)  
Russell Will (Will)

**Prayers of Comfort:** To Betty Hallen on the passing of her cousin, Dorothy Sturz last week. Dorothy was 99 years old and would have turned 100 in May.

To David and Kathy Rockhill on the passing of Dave's mother on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

To Donna and Bruce Steinhardt and family on the passing of Donna's father, Richard Schilter, on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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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**PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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