



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after 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.”

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

Beyond a Dream

Line

Greetings – Prayer Requests – Announcement

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

***HYMN 649**

[Gather Us In](#)

INVITING GOD INTO OUR LIVES

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let the Mystery of God draw us in:

All: **Beautiful, Just, Merciful!**

One: Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:

All: **Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!**

One: Let the Glory of God shine through our work:

All: **Salty, Bright and Good!**

One: In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God

All: **Let us worship!**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Humbly we confess our sin before God and one another:

All: **Lord, you ask us to live our lives rooted in your values and not merely the values of the world. You ask us to live our lives with justice, seeking to create a world where all have enough. You ask us to embrace truth, even when it is inconvenient for our desires. You ask us to love and live as you did in Jesus Christ; with generosity and selflessness that challenged the powers of the world. It's a tall goal God, and we know we fail to reach it. For what we do, and for what we fail to do, have mercy on us. Touch us with your forgiving grace and remind us that**

you haven't given up on us, so we shouldn't give up on trying to live in your image.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Friends, the love of God revealed to us in Jesus, forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up our lives as witnesses of hope for ourselves and for new generations.

***HYMN 338**

King of Kings

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! (2x)

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (2x)

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION – *all God's children are welcome to receive communion with us regardless of denomination or creed. This is Christ's table where all are invited to come and share God's love.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Response 737 “Santo, Santo, Santo”

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi Corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

CHANCEL CHOIR *A Communion Meditation* Besig

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

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

HYMN 389 [Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands](#)

EPISTLE [1 Corinthians 2:1-12](#) (Page 869)

GOSPEL [Matthew 5:13-20](#) (Page 740)

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Let Us Break Bread Together* Vandall

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

O God, take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

"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."

BENEDICTION

One: Let the Mystery of God send us into the world:

All: Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

One: Let the Wisdom of God surprise us in the world:

All: Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

One: Let the Glory of God shine through our work in the world:

All: Salty, Bright and Good!

One: In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God

All: Let us rejoice!

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

***HYMN 698** [Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ](#)

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Sherry McElhatton,
Litanist: Jackie McCurdy, **Audio:** John Bliese, **Video:** David
Dorn, **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Kim Bocher, Josh & Taylor
O'Brien Flasch, Melissa Polzin

Lectionary for February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or
Sirach 15:15-20 • Psalm 119:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 •
Matthew 5:21-37

Happy Birthday February 5 - 11

Feb 5 Henry Ogi
Feb 6 Barbara Breitag, Katie Singer
Feb 7 Bonnie Rindt
Feb 8 Holly Henk, Colleen Roe (87), Ethan Singer
Feb 9 Jennifer Bayer, Amanda Herbst, Melissa Polzin,
Ashley Thull
Feb 11 Julaine Ogi, Sharon Rauch, Ari Schemelin

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of February 5, 2023

2/7-2/16 Pastor Eric will be out of the office. Please contact the
church office – 262-626-4011 or Sharon Stier 414-531-0837 in case of
an emergency.

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

2/7 Lectionary 10 am

2/8 XYZ Cards

2/9 Grief Group 1 pm

Peace Church Banned Book Group – will meet on
Wednesday, February 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the church music
room. We will discuss Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye".
Books are on reserve at the Kewaskum Library and can be
picked up starting January 15th. If you need assistance with
obtaining a book, please contact the church office.

Art/Craft Sale: Take a look at the tables near both
entrances at church to find hand crafted items for sale! Items
will change monthly, and proceeds will go towards a

designated fund at church. If you are interested in being one of the 'vendors', talk to Karla Spaits, Nancy Stoffel, or Sandi Radeztsky. To date, \$734 have been collected.

2023 Canada Wilderness Canoe Trip - This coming August, Peace Church will be heading north to the Canadian wilderness to the White Otter Wilderness area in Ontario. Our trip will take place August 12 (leave Kewaskum early that morning), be on the water Aug. 13-17, and drive back to Kewaskum on Friday Aug. 18.

The trip is open to youth who have finished their freshman year in high school (and above) and all young adults and adults. Approx. cost for the trip will be between \$450 - \$550 depending on our final trip itinerary, number of participants and any fundraisers we might do between now and the trip. This cost covers all the trip outfitting (including canoes, tents, equipment, food, etc.). It also includes all traveling costs. All you need to bring with you are your clothes, personal items, and a willingness to participate in a new adventure!!

There is a Canoe Trip sign-up sheet in the parking lot entry area. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric, Karla Spaits or John Kletti.

Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper - February 22:

5:30 p.m. Free Simple Supper – Soup & Bread ~ All are welcome. 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayers Worship Service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Model Railroading is Fun! In November 2022, the Middle High Youth Group travelled to Germantown to run trains on my model railroad. I wonder if there might be a few adults that would like to do the same? On Saturday, March 4, starting about 10:00, I will host an operating session for those adults (male or female) that are interested in discovering the joy of model railroading. We will run trains until about noon, then take a lunch break and come back in the afternoon to run so more. For more information and

directions to our home, contact **Russ Knoth** (262-832-4083). No experience is necessary, just a willingness to have fun.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to 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 Healing:

For Dean Roe, who is now in Rehab at the Pavilion.

For Sandi Rosenthal, who was hospitalized at St. John's in Hartford.

For Howard Zemlicka, who underwent hip replacement surgery on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Prayers of Gratitude:

For Denise Leong, friend of Connie Zemlicka, who recently had her lower lung lobe removed, fortunately the mass that was discovered is not cancerous.

Prayers of Comfort:

For Bill Loser, father to Bill and Jessie Loser, who has entered hospice.

For Betty Fleury, who is in hospice at Serenity Villa.