



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

February 6, 2022

Fifth 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."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" R. Vandall

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn #652 "This is the Day"

Turning Our Hearts to God – Psalm 138

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

People: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, For great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Most merciful God, humbly we offer our confession to you:

All: Loving and merciful God, our lives do not always reflect the praise we sing to you. We confess that we often forget that you are the source of our power and strength. Forgive us for the times we turn to you last instead of first, for believing we are self-sufficient, for failing to be compassionate messengers of your healing and hope. We confess that we are so mired in our own limitations that we cannot trust in your future. Forgive our blindness to your grace. Restore hope in us, as we humbly offer ourselves to you praying the words Jesus 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.”*

†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

Special Music

“I’ll Always Love Jesus”

William Mertz

Soloist – Roger Mertz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembering our Story

“Jesus took the Bread”

by Ruth Duck

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

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

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

↑ 🎵 Hymn 347 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Gospel [Luke 5:1-11](#) (Page 786)

Sermon “Listen! And Go Deep”

Special Music “Rondeau” arr. Weekley & Arganbright

Prayer of Dedication

You have encouraged us, O God, to listen to your message of hope and peace. We respond with gratitude. Bless our offerings that your peace and hope may fill all the earth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Christ beside us; Christ before us; Christ beneath us; Christ above us. Surround us with your presence and inspire us with your purpose. Confirm us in your love, and send us out into the world in peace to serve. Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn #5 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Postlude

Lectionary for February 13: Jeremiah 17:5-10 • Psalm 1 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 • Luke 6:17-26

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Pastor Eric Kirkegaard

Video: Jake Lemke

Musicians: Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton

Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday –February 6 – February 12

Feb 6 Barbara Breitag, Katie Singer
Feb 8 Holly Henk, Colleen Roe (86), Ethan Singer
Feb 9 Jennifer Bayer, Amanda Herbst, Melissa Polzin, Ashley Thull
Feb 11 Julaine Ogi, Sharon Rauch, Ari Schemelin
Feb 12 Nelle Ogi

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of February 6, 2022

2/6 Sunday – Pastor Eric starts his sabbatical following the 9:30 service

2/8 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m., Consistory Meeting 6:30 p.m.

2/9 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class

2/10 Thursday – Grief Group 1:00 p.m.

2/12 Saturday – Youth Group- St. John's UCC in Hartford Clean-up Day



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!

- **February 12 – Service project with St. John's UCC in Hartford**

Peace Church Kitchen Remodeling Project Update

For the last couple of years, there has been a committee that has been working diligently on a plan to remodel our church kitchen. When the time comes to dismantle the kitchen, we would like to find a new home for the existing cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dishes, and cups. If you would like to bid on these items or know someone that does, please write your name and phone number on a piece of paper along with your bid and put it in an envelope. Drop this off at the church office.

If you have any questions, the committee consists of Mary Billman, Kathy Mertz, Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi, Clark Pearson, Pastor Eric, and Karen Kletti.

Soap Sale!

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. The bars of soap, at a cost of \$5.00 per bar, are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours (delivery is an option). All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!

Volunteers Needed – St. John’s UCC Hartford

St. John’s UCC Hartford has closed, and they are in need of assistance in preparing the building for the upcoming sale. Peace Church’s Youth Group will be assisting with that clean-up on Saturday, February 12th from 10 – 2 p.m. More volunteers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212. The address of the church is 228 W. State St., Hartford.

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

Jon Herbst

John Kletti

Lauren Krebs

Jackie McCurdy

Marilyn McIntosh

Jinny Michaels

Don Neitzel

Darrell Nonhof

Judy Nonhof

Dennis Novotny

Sharon Ostermann

John Schmahl

Greg Vorpahl

Bev Winninghoff

Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ellen (Swanson)

Ezekiel

Gene

Pat Beal (N. Krahn)

Harry Gall (L. Swanson)

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)

Pat Jordan (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

Colin Volm

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)
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: To the friends and family of Ruth Whyte. Ruth passed into the Lord's arm on Saturday, January 30, 2022, at the age of 100.

To Betty Hallen's friend, Pat Jordan, who passed away last month after a long illness.

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)

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Sharon Stier, Interim Visitation Minister, 414-531-0837 - sstier@outlook.com

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

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