



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

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. Kim Henning served as the beloved head pastor at Grace Congregational UCC in Two Rivers for over 33 years until his retirement in August 2021.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	8:00 a.m. "Near the Cross"	arr. Lorie Line
	9:30 a.m. "Slumber Song Piano: Jackie McCurdy	arr. Ira B. Wilson

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ 🎵 Hymn #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Invocation

Enter among us this day, O God.
Where we are barren of faith,
Perform your miracle of truth.
Where we are barren of love,
Perform your miracle of grace.
Where we are barren of energy,
Perform your miracle of renewal. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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

And also with you.

We come before our God as a broken people. We open our hearts and lay out in prayer our sinfulness.

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 pray to you...

(Silence for personal reflection and repentance)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, 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)

Gracious Christ,

Have mercy upon us.

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. Christ claims us as his beloved children. Turn away from your sin and believe the good news. **AMEN**

† Act of Praise # 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

Epistle

[Philippians 3:17– 4:1](#)

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

† ♪ Hymn 477

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Gospel

[Luke 13:31-35](#)

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Sermon

“Your Choice: The Fox or The Hen”

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.

Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret place of his tabernacle he shall hide me; he shall set me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice!

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When you said, “Seek my face,” my heart said to you, “your face, Lord, I will seek.” Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!

Special Music – 9:30 a.m. (Chancel Choir) "His Beautiful Hands" by Nygard

Prayer of Dedication

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 Cerne, 10th 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**

↑ ♪ Hymn #494

“Step by Step”

Postlude

Lectionary for March 20: Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Edward Lehmann from Della Lehmann.

The flowers on the piano today are in honor of Mia Dornacker’s golden birthday – 14 years old on the 14th of March. Mia’s flowers are donated by her grandparents, JoAnn and Robert Manthei.

SERVING TODAY

Musician: Sherry McElhatton
Choir Director: Bill Stangl
Audio: Joshua Spaits

Litanist: Jerry O'Connor
Video: Jake Lemke

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 13 - 19

March 13 Lisa Atwater, Mark Steinhardt
March 14 Mia Dornacker
March 15 Kathy Hughes
March 16 Cheryl Novotny, James Roe, Diane Stangl, Donna Steinhardt
March 18 Logan O'Brien-Flasch, Robert Schreffler, Sr., Trent Webster
March 19 Nicole Brei

Happy Anniversary March 13 - 19

March 13 Ruth & Kenneth Henk (28), Jared & Melissa Polzin (18)

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

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 March 13, 2022

3/15 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.

3/16 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class – 4 p.m. Holden Prayer service – 7 p.m.

3/20 – Rev. Jim Schleif, Visiting Minister

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

Helping Hands Fish Fry – Sponsored by Faith UCC, benefitting Albrecht Free Clinic, Casa Guadalupe, Elevate, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Caregivers. Friday, March 25, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at The Columbian – 3245 Lighthouse Lane, West Bend. More information here: <https://www.faithslinger.org/serve.html>

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, April 6th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The group will be discussing "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. Books for the remaining months of the 2021 - 2022 Book Group year are:

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.

Peace Church Scholarship: Peace Church will be awarding up to fifteen \$750 scholarships to eligible applicants this year. Did you know that the birthday envelope in your giving packet can be used to strengthen the Scholarship fund (you'll probably have to put some money in it!) Already thrown it away? You can use your regular giving envelope to contribute to the Scholarship fund too!

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, Greg Vorpahl, Bev Winninghoff, Connie Zemlicka

Family & Friends: 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, Caitlyn Ziegelbauer (Atwater)

Prayers of Comfort for Laurie Struck and the family of Jean Kochanski, on her passing on March 4, 2022. Jean is the mother of Laurie. Funeral services will be held at Peace Church on Monday, March 14, 2022. Visitation is from 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. will the service at 3:00 p.m.

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 Stolarski (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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