



Peace United Church of Christ

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March 17, 2024

Fifth 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.”

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

PRELUDE

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

HYMN 296 "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

INVOCATION

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

All: And also with you.

One: Come, let us gather our hearts and souls in the worship of our God.

All: God, you are always present with us, still we hunger for the time to gather and reflect on how your spirit seeks to animate our lives.

One: You speak of writing your instructions upon our hearts; come, help us to read your ways.

All: Center us again in your love as we worship together with one another, and with you. Amen.

OFFERING OUR CONFESSION BEFORE GOD –

Psalm 51:1-12 - A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

One: We are mindful of all the ways that we cling to the patterns of the world and to our own brokenness.

All: Hear our prayer O Lord as we offer our confession to you.

One: We offer our confession with the words of the Psalmist. Speaking words attributed to King David's despair as he considered the brokenness of his actions, we lift up our need for God's salvation:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

All: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

(During Lent we sing Kyrie Eleison as a reminder of our need for God's mercy and the promise of God's gift of love and forgiveness.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

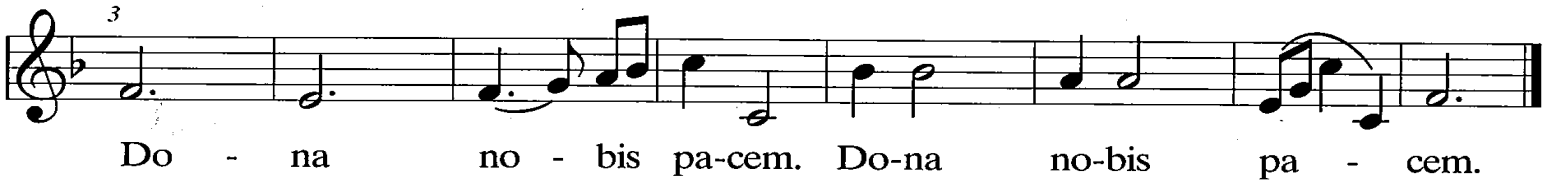
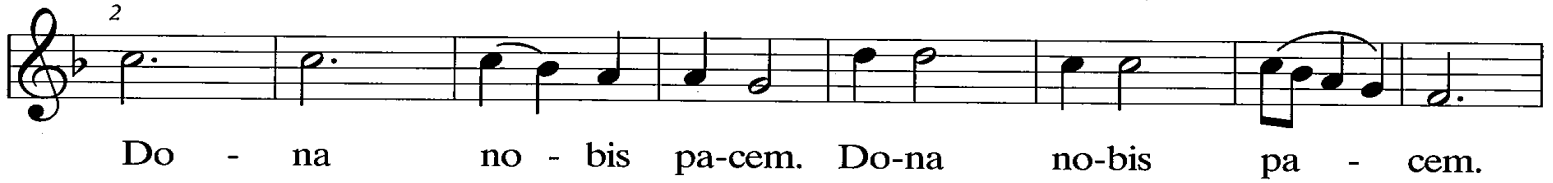
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

CHANCEL CHOIR

HYMN "Dona Nobis Pacem"

Canon



Latin pronunciation: *Dō-nā nō-bēs pā-chēm (Give us peace)*

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

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DONA NOBIS PACEM
irregular

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker; Video: David Dorn; Audio: Joshua Spaits

Today's Altar Flowers are from Robbie & Cheri Manthei in honor of Mia Dornacker's 16th Birthday.

Lectionary for March 24 - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Happy Birthday March 17 - 23

Mar 18 Logan O'Brien-Flasch
Robert Schreffler, Sr.

Mar 19 Nicole Brei

Mar 22 Kaylee Flood
Barbara Panzer
Julann Retzlaff

Mar 23 Dolores Terlinden (100)

Calendar for the Week of March 17

3/17 Confirmation 5:30-8:00 pm

3/18-3/24 Family Promise

3/19 Lectionary 10 am, Library Cookbook Club 1pm
Adult Faith Formation 7 pm

- 3/20 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club 1:30 pm,
Ecumenical Lenten Service at 12 pm
Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm
- 3/27 Palm Sunday Worship

Easter Flowers - We will not be having an Easter flower sale but will order some spring flower plants to decorate the sanctuary. Please consider donating towards the cost of the plants by sending a check to Peace Church re: Easter Flowers. Thank you!

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship

7:00 p.m. March 20 We will gather each week with the musical vespers setting: Holden Evening Prayers with reflections led by this year's 9th grade Confirmation Class
At noon each week, we will gather with other churches from the West Bend area to journey together in Lent. Each week a different congregation will host, and a different preacher will share the message.

March 20, 2023 - Fifth Avenue Methodist Church 323 S. 5th Ave, West Bend

Prayers of the Family of God

For Joe and Mary Billman – Joe returned home this past Wednesday after a long hospitalization and rehab.

For Laura Kirkegaard's Aunt Harriet who was hospitalized this last week.

For Bev Gagner, cousin of Joann Manthei who is struggling with health issues.

For Howard and Connie Zemlicka's niece Kristina and her family on the tragic death of her husband Dan in a traffic accident.

For the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Haiti, and all those suffering in the midst of violence and unrest.

Family Promise-in West Bend is in need of the following items: new pillows, bathroom cleaning products, Walmart gift cards, shaving cream, new twin XL comforters alternative down. Peace Church will be providing for Family Promise March 18 – 24, 2024. Mark Bocher will be coordinating getting meals to Family Promise.

Holy Week Schedule

- Thurs, March 28 – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, March 29 – Good Friday service at 1:00 pm
- Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m, Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am, Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Easy Online Giving! Just point your phone's camera at the QR Code and follow the link to electronically give to a number of Peace Church funds.



Sign-Up Today on Bulletin Board in Church Lobby!

- **Habitat for Humanity Trip** – Pack your bags and hit the road with Peace Church's Habitat for Humanity, as we travel to Red Wing, MN from June 9 – 14, 2024. Build a home, make new friends, help others. And while you're at it...have lots of FUN!
- **Canada Wilderness Canoe Trip Adventure** - Peace Church will be traveling to Atikokan Ontario again this summer for a 6-day/5-night wilderness canoe trip into the White Otter Wilderness – July 19 – 26, 2024. **APPROX.** Cost per person - \$650

For more information on either trip, please contact the church office at 262-626-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org