



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

March 20, 2022

Third 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. Jim Schleif served in the Navy and had a 28-year career in commercial nuclear power before pursuing a true sense of calling to ministry. He served as pastor at St. John's UCC in Hartford and Slinger. Rev. Schleif currently serves at the UCCI (United Church Camps Inc.) Director of Ministry and Site Operations. (3/20, 4/24, 5/22)*

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Draw Me Nearer”

arr. Vandall

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ 🎵 Hymn #473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 63:1-8

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

And also with you.

O God, you are my God,

Earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

The Prayer of Confession

We come before our God as a people longing to be made whole, hungering for God's love. We open our hearts and lay our sinfulness before God in prayer.

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Beloved God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us.

Hear us as we 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.”

†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)**

Proclaiming God’s Grace

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthens us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. AMEN

†The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Special Music “Old Rugged Cross” arr. Bernard

Epistle [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#) (Page 874)

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

Gospel [Luke 13:1-9](#) (Page 797)

Sermon

↑  Hymn 471

“As the Deer”

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 – Handley C. G. Moule, 1841-1920

The blessing of the Lord rest and remain upon all his people,
in every land and of every tongue;
The Lord meet in mercy all who seek him;
The Lord comfort all who suffer and mourn;
The Lord hasten his coming, and give us, his people, peace by all means.
AMEN

↑  Hymn

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Do-na no-bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

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DONA NOBIS PACEM
irregular

Postlude

Lectionary for March 27: Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Delores Terlinden's 98th birthday on March 23rd from her daughter-in-law, Donna Kogler.

SERVING TODAY

Musician: Sherry McElhatton
Video: Jake Lemke

Litanist: Chris Rode
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 20- 26

March 22 Finley Martin, Barbara Panzer, Julann Zemlicka-Retzlaff
March 23 Delores Terlinden (98)
March 25 Heidi Leithold, Emil Radeztsky, Steve Volm
March 26 Sandi Radeztsky

Happy Anniversary March 20 - 26

March 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei (11)

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 20, 2022

3/22 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.

3/23 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class – 4 p.m. Holden Prayer service – 7 p.m.

3/27 – Rev. Andrew Warner, Visiting Minister

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship - 7:00 p.m. March 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), 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)

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)

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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