



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum” Claude Debussy

Piano solo – Elsa Kirkegaard

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #355 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

Unison

Eb Fm Gm7 Abmaj7 Ab6 Eb Fm
Bb Ab

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what
 *4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

Cm Bb Bb Ab Eb G Fm Gm7(b5)
Ab

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

C7(b9) C7 Fm Eb Abm6 Abm 1-3 4
G Bb Eb

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate text for Holy Communion

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 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young (1926-)

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BEGINNINGS
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Invocation

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

Many: And also with you.

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

Many: 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.

Many: 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

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

Many: 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.

Many: 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.

Many: 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.

Many: 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.

Many: 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.

Many: 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.

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

PLEASE DON'T SING -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)***

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

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

OT Lesson [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) (right click to open link in new tab)

The Children's Time

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 300 "In the Garden"

Ab Eb Ab Eb/Bb Ab7/C Db

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-round me be

Ab Eb7 Ab/C Eb Ab

ros-es; and the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Bb7 Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb Ab/Eb Eb7 Refrain Ab

Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

Eb7/Bb Eb7 Eb9 Ab

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

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Epistle [Hebrews 5:1-10](#) (right click to open link in new tab)

Gospel [John 12-20-33](#) (right click to open link in new tab)

Sermon "Wanting to See Jesus..."

Special Music "Near to the Heart of God" arr. by Lorie Line

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 – 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 – William Temple, 1881-1944

Leader: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;
 May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;
 May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls;
 And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you and abide with you always.

People: **AMEN**

PLEASE DON'T SING #495 "Stand By Me"

B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{F}{E\flat}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ F7 B \flat

1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac-cord,
 2 Lead your peo-ple in-to free-dom, from de-spair your world re-lease,
 3 All that kills a-bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned:
 4 You, Cre-a-tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;

B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ B \flat *Adim* $\frac{Gm}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ D Gm D $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

for a just and e-qual shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords.
 that, re-deemed from war and ha-tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta-tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob-scure your plan.
 for our grow-ing in your like-ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;

F B \flat B \flat 9 E \flat Cm Dm $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Gm F \sharp sus F7 B \flat

To a life of love in ac-tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how, through care and good-ness, fear will die and hope in-crease.
 In our com-mon quest for jus-tice may we hal-low life's brief span.
 that by our re-sponse and serv-ice earth its des-ti-ny may find.

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 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)
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SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, March 28 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:
Palm Sunday - [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#) • [Mark 11:1-11](#) or [John 12:12-16](#)

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. **The group will meet on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. This is a change from the normal Tuesday meeting date!**

9TH Grade Confirmation – Class will meet for its last time on Wednesday, March 24th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Adult Faith Formation, Book of Ruth: First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on March 31st. We will be continuing our study of the Book of Ruth.

Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

Church Clean-Up

Date: Saturday April 24th

Time: 9AM to noon

Place: Outside our church

Your help is needed to clean up all the winter debris around our church and get ready for Summer. We will be cleaning up the leaves around bushes, trimming bushes and possibly spreading mulch. Bring gardening tools (gloves, shovels, rakes etc.) All are welcome to help out!

Worship at Peace Church

We have regathered at church with capacity limits of 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, worship leaders are in addition to that number). With our increased capacity, we are discontinuing the sign-up for services – we'll keep an eye on how well that works.

We are continuing to require masks that cover the mouth and nose at all times, for people to practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and all those other mitigation measures to which we have all become accustomed.

Sunday mornings we will continue to offer worship at 8:00 and 10:00 - though after a couple of weeks we consider combining services if our attendance numbers continue to be as low as they have been.

We will continue streaming all worship services to YouTube – We are planning on that being a part of our reality from now on.

We know that we are not yet out of the woods, and we would encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

If you have questions, please call Pastor Eric or the church office or e-mail pastor@peace-ucc.org or office@peace-ucc.org

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

Upcoming Worship Services – It is strange to realize that we have been living in our present reality as “church” for over a year. It was just as we had begun Lent that we needed to shift to worshipping Online. We will offer streamed options on YouTube of each of the various Lent and Easter services (we have been recording and livestreaming the early service each week, available any time after that on YouTube).

- **Midweek Lenten services - Holden Evening Prayer** – For many years we have cherished this musical setting of a vespers service. Because this is a sung service, this is a pre-recorded posted online each week to be available for viewing by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays – and then any time after that. This year's confirmation students have been offering reflections for each of these five services.
- **Palm Sunday** – There will be Palm Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with the 50 persons per service limit in place. In addition, we will host a Palm Branch drive-thru on Thursday, March 25th from 10:00 a.m. – noon and again from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pull up to the parking lot entrance of the church and receive your palm.

- **Maundy Thursday** – We will have a service at 7:00 p.m. with communion.
- **Good Friday** – We will have one service at 1:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday** – Peace Church will offer three services on Easter Sunday – April 4th. A sunrise service will start at 6:30 a.m., followed by an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:00 a.m. service. No sign-up necessary. A limit of 50 persons per service is in place. Communion will be offered at each service. Online Easter services will be available on Peace Church's YouTube site.

Easter Lilies - We will not be having a huge Easter lily sale, but will order some lilies for the sanctuary. **If you would like to donate towards the cost of the lilies, please send a check to Peace Church re: LILIES.** Thank you!

Altar Flowers – Peace Church will resume taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

Sunday School

Attention Pre-K – 4th Grade Sunday School students: Please join your fellow students and teachers for a Sunday School meeting via Zoom on Sunday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. This gathering will include conversation, a skit and video about Palm Sunday and Resurrection Eggs. Watch your email for the Zoom Invite!

Birthday Envelope

Have you ever wondered what the Birthday Envelope is doing with our offering envelopes? No, it's not a reminder to buy a cake for someone special. But it is a reminder that the birthday envelope offerings go to our SCHOLARSHIP fund. As you may know, scholarships are awarded to all who desire financial aid from Peace Church and wish to continue their education. Scholarships are renewable each year. So give generously!! Lost your birthday envelope? There is a scholarship section on the regular giving envelope, too.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 21 - 27

March 22 Finley Martin, Barbara Panzer, Julann Zemlicka-Retzlaff
March 23 Delores Terlinden (97)
March 25 Heidi Leithold, Emil Radeztsky
March 26 Sandi Radeztsky
March 27 Olivia Backhaus

Happy Anniversary March 21 -27

March 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei (10)

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:

Harvey Brodzeller	Dennis Novotny
Judy Christensen	Jerry O'Connor
Marian Herriges	Michael Schmidt
Marilyn McIntosh	

Friends & Family:

Patricia Hohl	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Debbie (Hallen)	Betty Sook (J. Christensen)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)	

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

Betty (J. Michaels)	Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Bonnie E. (Winninghoff)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Vern Ludwig (Roe)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jan (D. Stangl)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

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)
Kyle Henk (Army)
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)

Thank you to our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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