



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard - Pastor
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March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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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One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

One: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION

We reach deep within our hearts and offer our confession to our God:

Forgive us for we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We are quick to lift you up in praise, happy to offer a kind word or gesture in your name. We are content to celebrate Jesus' kingship as long as it's on our terms. We find it so much more difficult to live on Your terms. We are uncomfortable when it comes to boldly speaking your peace, justice, and non-violence to a power-addicted world. We are timid when we consider the possible cost. Forgive us Lord. Guide us, strengthen us, bind us to yourself on faith's journey that we might be bearers of your light.

(Silence for personal reflection and repentance)

#266 Hosanna – verse 1

(We sing “Hosanna” as a prayer to God that God would “save us” from our brokenness)

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.”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ comes, not to condemn, but to forgive. God frees us, not to condemn others, but to forgive them according to the grace we have received. Be at peace and claim your place as children of light.

AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

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The Children’s Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

HYMN 265

“All Glory, Laud and Honor

HEARING THE PROPHECY

2 Kings 9:12b-13

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Zechariah 9:9-10

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GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

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SERMON

“Beyond Expectations”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“March Jubilant”

Line

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beautiful Lord, we offer these gifts in love, trusting that you will transform this humble offering to bring light to darkness, hope to despair, wholeness to brokenness, and peace to all people.

Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER

BENEDICTION

And now may God bless you and keep you,
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
And give you peace, now and always.

Go in peace and serve the lord!

We go to love and to serve, for we are the Church. Amen and Amen!

HYMN “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Canon 1



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

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

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

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

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

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DONA NOBIS PACEM
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POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Kaylee Flood, Brady Flood, Coralee Flood; Video: David Dorn; Audio: Joshua Spaits

Today's Altar Flowers are from Cheryl Ammel in memory of Larry Ammel. The flowers next to the altar are from Donna Terlinden in honor of Delores Terlinden's 100th birthday. (3/23)

Lectionary for March 28 – Exodus 12:1-14 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Lectionary for March 29 – Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42

Lectionary for March 31 - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Happy Birthday March 24 - 30

Mar 25 Heidi Leithold
Emil Radeztsky (81)
Mar 26 Sandi Radeztsky
Mar 28 Erin Backhaus
Mar 29 Arlene Lemke (82)

Happy Anniversary March 24 - 30

Mar 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei (13)
Mar 29 Kathy & Fran Charland (44)

Calendar for the Week of March 24

3/26 Public Library Book Club 9:30 am, Lectionary 10 am,
Stewardship Mtg 5:30 pm
3/27 XYZ Cards
3/28 Living the Question 10 am, Grief Group 1 pm
Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
3/29 Good Friday Service 1:00 pm
3/31 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am.
Easter Breakfast 8:00 am, Sunday Service 9:30 am

Easter Breakfast – Peace Church will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 31st, following the 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen/Fellowship Hall during the meal. Please contact Robin at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011 if you can help!

Thank you!

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!

Prayers of the Family of God

Prayers of Healing to Doug Christensen who will be having surgery for bladder cancer on March 27th.

Prayers of Healing to Paul Behring, who will be having surgery on Monday, March 25th to remove a mass by his jaw.



The flyer features a central wooden cross decorated with white lilies and green leaves. Below the cross, the text "EASTER SUNDAY" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the word "Breakfast" is written in a large, elegant, purple cursive font. A light pink ribbon banner contains the date and time: "SUNDAY, MARCH 31" and "8:00 A.M." in a dark blue, sans-serif font. Below the banner, a list of menu items is centered: "Breakfast Casseroles", "Hashbrown Casseroles", "Fresh Fruit", "Pastries", and "Beverages". At the bottom, the name "Peace Church" is written in a large, purple cursive font.

EASTER SUNDAY
Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
8:00 A.M.

Breakfast Casseroles
Hashbrown Casseroles
Fresh Fruit
Pastries
Beverages

Peace Church



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