



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of 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, Oneship, 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

**Stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE

Shepherd Me O God

Haugen

Greetings – Prayer Requests – Announcement

***HYMN 355** *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

TURNING OUR HEARTS TO GOD – Psalm 130

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

All: **Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy! If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**

One: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

All: **I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I put my hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,**

One: More than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord!

All: **For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is great power to redeem. It is God who will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

CONFESSING

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

Forgive us precious Lord, for we sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. We seek to deny our wounds, to hide our places of sorrow. We try to conceal our weaknesses from ourselves and from you; or, just as dishonestly, we claim only our weaknesses and fail to acknowledge how powerful you created us to be. God, in the depths of our need you are with us. In our

sorrow you shed tears of new life. Touch us, gentle Lord, with the water of healing, with the spirit of your deep love. Call us out of the dark and dead places of our lives that we may be more fully alive as your servants. Listen, gentle Christ, to the prayers of our hearts...

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
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.)

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

We reach out to you as our beloved friend and pray as you taught us saying: ***“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.”***

God hears our plea. God's love embraces our brokenness and offers us new life through the gift of grace. Repent and know God's forgiveness, Christ has made you whole. **Amen.**

The Passing of the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LESSON Romans 8:6-11 (page 862)

THE CHILDREN’S TIME - As the children come forward,
sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs.1

Hymn 118 Lord of the Dance

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-45 (page 820)

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Stickles

PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER BENEDICTION

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN

Dona Nobis Pacem

Canon

1
Do-na no-bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2
Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

3
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
irregular

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, Litanist: Mugs McFadden; Video: Katelyn Scannell; Ushers/Greeters: Kandy Lindgren, John & Sara Lemke, Karen & John Grundahl

Lectionary for April 2: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11 or Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-11 • Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Happy Birthday March 26 – April 1

Mar 26 Sandi Radeztsky
Mar 29 Arlene Lemke (81)
Apr 1 Shirley Reinders (86)

Happy Anniversary March 26 – April 1

Mar 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei (12)
Mar 29 Kathy & Fran Charland (43)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of March 26, 2023

3/28 Lectionary 10 am

3/29 XYZ Cards

West Bend Ecumenical Lenten Service at Noon.
Holden Evening Prayer at Peace UCC at 7:00 pm
with this year's Confirmands offering reflections.

Ecumenical Lenten Services – Each week during Lent we will gather with other churches from West Bend to share in a short midday Lenten service, at Noon. The final service will be March 29th at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church with a soup lunch to follow.



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

Peace Church Community Meal – Our next Community Meal will take place on April 5, and the first Wednesday of each month. **The next meal will be pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw.** All are welcome!! Please contact the church office if you have any questions or wish to help. We are always looking for volunteers and desserts!

2023 Canada Wilderness Canoe Trip - This coming August, Peace Church will be heading north to the Canadian wilderness to the White Otter Wilderness area in Ontario. Our trip will take place August 12 (leave Kewaskum early that morning), be on the water Aug. 13-17, and drive back to Kewaskum on Friday Aug. 18.

The trip is open to youth who have finished their freshman year in high school (and above) and all young adults and adults. Approx. cost for the trip will be between \$450 - \$550 depending on our final trip itinerary, number of participants and any fundraisers we might do between now and the

trip. This cost covers all the trip outfitting (including canoes, tents, equipment, food, etc.). It also includes all traveling costs. All you need to bring with you are your clothes, personal items, and a willingness to participate in a new adventure!!

There is a Canoe Trip sign-up sheet in the parking lot entry area. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric, Karla Spaits or John Kletti.



Habitat for Humanity Trip – July 9th-14th This year we are planning an inter-generational Habitat Trip to Red Wing Minnesota. Anyone who has completed their Freshman year in high school or beyond (even well beyond) is welcome to come and lend a hand in seeking to provide decent housing for all of God's children. The affiliate is asking for a minimum of 7 people, but we are hoping for many more than that. Cost will be \$75 for members or \$100 for non-members. If you have questions please contact Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, or Pastor Eric.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Middle School Confirmation students will be leading our
worship

8:00 a.m. Worship Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

7:00 p.m. Worship with communion remembering the
Last Supper

Good Friday, April 7th

1:00 p.m. Service of the Word

Easter Sunday, April 9th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to office@peace-ucc.org or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests 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.

Prayers of Healing:

Ron O'Farrell, Sharon Stier's brother-in-law, how has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Nancy Hovland who has been in the ICU in Fond du Lac since the 18th.