



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

28 March 2021

Palm Sunday

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

“Arrival of the Queen of Sheba”

by Handel arr. Simm

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #652 “This is the Day”

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made." The piano accompaniment features chords and arpeggiated patterns. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

Chord symbols: Eb, F⁴, Fm, F⁴, Fm, Bb7, Fm7/C, Bb7/D, Eb⁴, Eb, Ab6/Bb, Eb, Db/F, Eb7/G, Ab, Bb9, Eb, G7/D, Cm, Ab, Bb9, Eb, Eb/Bb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Cm, Gm/Bb, Abmaj7, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb.

The Call to Worship

Leader: We gather with followers from throughout the centuries; we come to welcome Jesus!

People: **We join crowds from many different places, shouting with joy and longing for the king who enters Jerusalem.**

Leader: “Hosanna” we shout, save us! - A call lifted in anticipation.

People: **We raise our voices with all who call on the Lord. Praise God, enter with power to change our world and our lives.**

Leader: Come God, and startle us anew.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

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 call out “save us” as long as you choose to work on our terms. We find it so much more difficult to journey with you in your ways. 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, and bind us to yourself on faith’s journey that we might be bearers of your light.

(Silence for personal reflection and repentance)

We humbly 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.”

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)***

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

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

OT Lesson

[Isaiah 50:4-9](#) (right click for link)

The Children's Time

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

Rejoicing with the Psalmist – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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

People: 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.

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

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

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 118 "Lord of the Dance"

Unison

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame, the
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; it's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they
 I am the life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Refrain
 Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the Dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, where-
 I am the Dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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MUSIC: Shaker melody, 19th c.; adapt. Sydney Carter (1915-)

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Used by Permission CCLI #1619690 LORD OF THE DANCE

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ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all where - ev - er you may

be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

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Epistle [Philippians 2:5-11](#) (right click for link)

Hearing the Prophecy [2 Kings 9:12b-13](#)
[1 Maccabees 13:51](#)
[Zechariah 9:9-10](#)

Gospel [Mark 11:1-11](#) (right click for link)

Sermon "Beyond Expectations..."

Special Music "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. by Vandall

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.

Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE DON'T SING #265 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Refrain Bb F A Bb Eb F7 C Bbsus Bb F Gm Cm7 Eb F Bb

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

Bb F A Bb Eb F7 C Bbsus Bb F Gm Cm7 Eb F Bb

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Bb Gm C E C7 F C7 F Dm Gm F A Bb6 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

F A Bb Bb D Eb Bb F A F7 Bb Bb D Eb Bb Fsus F7 Bb *to Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are in **memory of Bob Neumann** from his dear friends. Bob frequently donated for altar flowers for his many Peace Church friends and these flowers honor that memory.

Lectionary for Sunday, April 4 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:

Easter Sunday- 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

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Lent Services – It is strange to realize that we have been living in our present reality as “church” for almost a year. It was just as we had begun Lent that we needed to shift to worshipping Online. We are going to try a couple of different things to feed our souls and center us through this year's Lenten Season.

- **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. An online Easter service will be available on Peace Church's YouTube site.

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 30th at 10:00 a.m.

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

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.

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

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, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. This gathering will include conversation, a skit and video about Creation. You might even meet “light” and “dark”. Watch your email for the Zoom Invite!

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.

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!

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).

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.

The Kewaskum Community Pantry is open for drive-through pick-up Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm-6:00pm. We are located on the corner of Second Street and Reigle Drive in Kewaskum. We serve all households in the Kewaskum School District. If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this time of year, please stop by and allow our volunteers the opportunity to provide you and your family with some of the goods given by the generosity of our community.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 28 – April 3

March 28 Erin Backhaus
March 29 Jeremiah Clark, Arlene Lemke
March 31 Bryana Kudek
April 1 Alexandra Koepp, Shirley Reinders (84)
April 2 Joshua Weinreich

Happy Anniversary March 28 – April 3

March 29 Kathy & Fran Charland (41)
April 3 Zak & Katie Pendowski (17)

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:

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| Harvey Brodzeller | Dennis Novotny |
| Judy Christensen | Jerry O'Connor |
| Markus Frank | Michael Schmidt |
| Marilyn McIntosh | |

Friends & Family:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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:

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