



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
March 5, 2023  
Second 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, 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.

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*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**

*Evening Hymn*

Haugen

*Greetings – Prayer Requests – Announcement*

**\*HYMN 696**

*Come, Share the Lord*

**TURNING OUR HEARTS TO GOD** - from Psalm 121

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

**One:** I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from where will my help come?

**All:** **My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**One:** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**All:** **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**One:** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

### **CONFESSING**

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

We pray: **O God who calls us constantly to follow, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We have not listened with our hearts. We have not truly believed and trusted with our souls.**  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination...*

**Gracious God, we yearn to be continually reborn into your love and promise, and yet we falter, creating barriers between ourselves and you. God we sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. Forgive us, renew us, and strengthen us, that each day we may more fully become Your holy people.**

**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.”**

**\*Kyrie Eleison “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.)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **RECEIVING FORGIVENESS**

God hears our plea. God's love reaches out to us. God's promise is forgiveness for all who turn their hearts toward God and ask. Through the love of our Lord Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Christ has offered us life and new life. Feel his touch and walk in his light anew. **Amen.**

## **The Passing of the Peace**

**One:** Peace be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## **LESSON**

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

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

## **(9:30 service) The Sacrament of Baptism**

This morning we receive into the Christian family:

*Ella Lynn Gitter, daughter of Brandon & Michelle Gitter*

**\*All:** We receive this child in Christ’s name as we have been received, promising to support Ella with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching and faithful prayer. We promise to her parents our friendship in Christ, gladly sharing in the burdens and joys of Christian nurture.

**Hymn 680**

[Borning Cry](#)

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION** – *all God's children are welcome to receive communion with us regardless of denomination or creed. This is Christ's table where all are invited to come and share God's love.*

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Response 737** “Santo, Santo, Santo”

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!  
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.  
Mi Corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!**

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

**Chancel Choir** *In Remembrance of Me*  
(8:00 – solo Bill Stangl)  
Flute – Ellie Baldus

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

## **GOSPEL**

[John 3:1-21](#)

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## **SERMON**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of God's will in the world. Guide us in offering our whole selves to You. In Christ's light we pray: Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All:** **We go to love and to serve for we are the church. Amen and Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Canon

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

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

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**

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**Serving Today:** Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Ellie Baldus; Litanist: Chris Rode; Video: David Dorn; Ushers/Greeters: Melinda Sargent, Brad & Jenny Preder

**Lectionary for March 12:** Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42

**Congratulations** to Brandon & Michelle Gitter on the baptism of their daughter, Ella Lynn Gitter. Ella was born on October 16, 2022. Ella's godparents are Arianna LaCoursler and Natalie Newcomb.

**Happy Birthday March 5 - 11**

Mar 5 Jennifer Krebs, Sheri Rehn

Mar 6 Todd Stern

Mar 7 Cheri Manthei

Mar 10 Landon Luther, Craig Rosenthal, Eric Walker

Mar 11 Mary Billmann (81), F. Lyn Peterson (86)

## NEWS & NOTES

### Calendar for the Week of March 5, 2023

- 3/7 Lectionary 10 am, Adult Faith Formation 7-8:30 pm  
3/8 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.  
3/9 Grief Group 1 pm

**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 upcoming services will be:

- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Our Saviors Lutheran Church
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Holy Angels Catholic Church
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Trinity Lutheran Church
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Avenue Methodist Church

**Easter Flowers** - We will not be having a 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 Banned Book Group** – will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the church music room. The group will discuss “1984” by George Orwell. Books are on reserve at the Kewaskum Library and can be picked up starting February 15th. If you need assistance with obtaining a book, please contact the church office.

**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!

**Birthday Envelope** – Now that you have your new giving envelopes for 2023, have you noticed a birthday envelope in your packet? Contributions you enclose in this birthday envelope go towards the Scholarship Fund. There is a special designation for scholarships on the regular giving envelopes as well! This year the Scholarship Committee will be awarding in excess of 10 scholarships to Peace Church members worth \$800 each.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

*Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto: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 Comfort:**

For family and friends of Betty Fleury. Betty passed away on February 24, 2023. Funeral service will be held today, March 5, 2023. Visitation will be held **at Phillips Funeral Home** from 11:00 - 12:30 with memorial service at 12:30 p.m.

For family and friends of Donald Sedgwick, who passed away on February 25, 2023. A memorial service for Don will be held at Peace Church in April.

For family and friends of Tim Miller, who passed away this past week. Tim, his wife Karen and sons lived in Kewaskum for many years.

### **Prayers of Healing:**

For Mary Tessar, who had surgery on Thursday, March 2nd to remove a plate from her arm and clean-up an infection.

For Cathy Rauch, sister-in-law of Joanne Amerling and Cal & Sharon Rauch, who had surgery on Thursday, March 2, 2023.