



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

7 March 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

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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*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

arr. Lorie Lane

### PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #113 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

F
 $\frac{C}{E}$ 
C
Dm
C
F
 $\frac{A7}{E}$ 
Dm
 $\frac{G7}{D}$ 
C

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing;  
 2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

F7
Bb
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A7
D
 $\frac{D}{C}$ 
 $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ 
 $\frac{Dm}{A}$ 
Gm7
 $\frac{F}{A}$ 
C

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
 send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

*Refrain*

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F

Re - joice, Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
 Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice,

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 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

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## Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 19

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

**Many: Of course, there's no speech, no words – their voices can't be heard – but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth . . .**

One: The Lord's instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.

**Many: The Lord's laws are faithful, making naïve people wise.**

One: The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.

**Many: The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.**

One: Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever.

**Many: The Lord's judgments are true, all of these are righteous! . . .**

One: No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.

**Many: But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin and save your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule Me.**

One: Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

### Invocation

Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of all people. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may begin to glimpse your grace: what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived all you have prepared for those who love you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Glory, your Wisdom, your Love. **AMEN**

## The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Holy one, you have made human beings in your image: complex, whole and holy. When we forget that your grace is at work shaping all the lives you have created:

**Holy Wisdom, have mercy.**

When we fail to greet one another with compassion, curiosity, and care:

**Beloved Christ, have mercy.**

When we succumb to the skewed vision of gossip, stereotype, or half-truth:

**Truth-loving Spirit, have mercy.**

When we fall short of Your ways in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do; when we fail to love you or to love our neighbors as ourselves:

**God of creation's glory, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Grace and Peace

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus reconciles us, heals us, and sets us free to see one another clearly, to challenge one another honestly, to work with one another for God's vision of justice, love and peace. We pray as Jesus taught us,

**"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)***

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you  
**And also with you**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

The Children's Time

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

# PLEASE DON'T SING - Hymn 692 "Eat this Bread and Never Hunger"

*Refrain (Unison)*

Eat this bread and nev-er hun-ger, drink this cup and nev-er thirst;

Christ in-vites us to the ta-ble where the last be-come the first.

1 Ask - ing for a cup of wa - ter,  
2 Walk - ing down a des - ert high - way,  
3 Weep - ing for his friend at grave - side,

Je - sus touched for - bid - den ground; and the wom - an,  
Je - sus healed a man born blind; soon the man be -  
Je - sus felt the pain of death; yet he knew God's

*to Refrain*

with a ques - tion, told the world what she had found.  
came a wit - ness to the truth we seek and find.  
power to wak - en: liv - ing wa - ter, liv - ing breath.



Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Gospel John 2:13-22  
Sermon "Another case of disrupted worship..."  
Special Music "At The Cross" arr. by Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

**Many: O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#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 Senor.*

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**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**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!**

**Amen, and again we say Amen!**



# PLEASE DON'T SING #706 "I Come with Joy"

*Unison* F B $\flat$  F C $\flat$  F

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

Dm Csus Cm B $\flat$  Am C Am F/A

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Gm Am7 F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$  maj7 C(no3) Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits  
Video: Eric Heidenreiter  
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, March 14 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:  
Fourth Sunday in Lent - Numbers 21:4-9 • Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 •  
Ephesians 2:1-10 • John 3:14-21

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021*

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**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 9th at 10:00 a.m.

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – Class will meet on Wednesday, March 10th 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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](mailto:pastor@peace-ucc.org) or [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto: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.

**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 worshiping Online. We are going to try a couple of different things to feed our souls and center us through this year's Lenten Season.

- **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, we will be recording the service in advance and then posting it online each week to be available for viewing by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are planning to have reflections from this year's confirmation students included in each of these services.

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## *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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### **Happy Birthday    March 7 - 13**

March 7            Cheri Manthei  
March 10          Brian Keller, Landon Luther, Craig Rosenthal, Eric Walker  
March 11          Mary Billmann, F. Lyn Peterson (84)  
March 13          Samuel Amerling, Mark Steinhardt

### **Happy Anniversary**

March 12          Sarah & Brian Van Beek (16)  
March 13          Ruth & Kenneth Henk (27)  
March 13          Jared & Melissa Polzin (17)

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## *PRAYER LIST*

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### **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	Marilyn McIntosh	Shirley Schlice
Debbie Butzlaff	Gretchen Martin	Michael Schmidt
Cliff and Kim Clark	Don Neitzel	Jeff Steger
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Lucille Swanson
Betty Fleury	Jerry O'Connor	Betty Skaug
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Mark Steinhardt
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Alec Taylor
John Kletti	Judy Price	Dolores Terlinden
Nancy Laguna	Calvin Rauch	Howard Zemlicka
Jackie McCurdy	Kathy Roesel	Sharon Zolp

#### **Friends & Family:**

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)
Beau (Rauch)	Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)
Jim Bertram (K. Roesel)	Jessica (DeLaurier)

Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)  
Judy Gambino (Bobb)  
Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)  
The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)  
Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)  
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)  
Patricia Hohl  
Debbie (Hallen)  
Sue Karbon (Kletti)  
Diane Kraus (Meinberg)

Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)  
Dane Martin (Van Ess)  
Baby Riley (H. Rodenkirch)  
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)  
Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)  
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)  
Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)  
Betty Sook (J. Christensen)  
Izzy Straub (McElhatton)  
Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)

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

### **Those Dealing with Cancer:**

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

### **Friends & Family:**

Betty (J. Michaels)  
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre  
Jean Cornell (Herriges)  
Nephew of Beck Ehmer  
Kerri Estep (Atwater)  
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)  
Paula Hader (Adler)  
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)

**Prayers of Comfort:** To Bill & Diane Stangl and family on the passing of Bill's mother, Louise, on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

### **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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