

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 7 March 2021 Third Sunday in Lent 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:

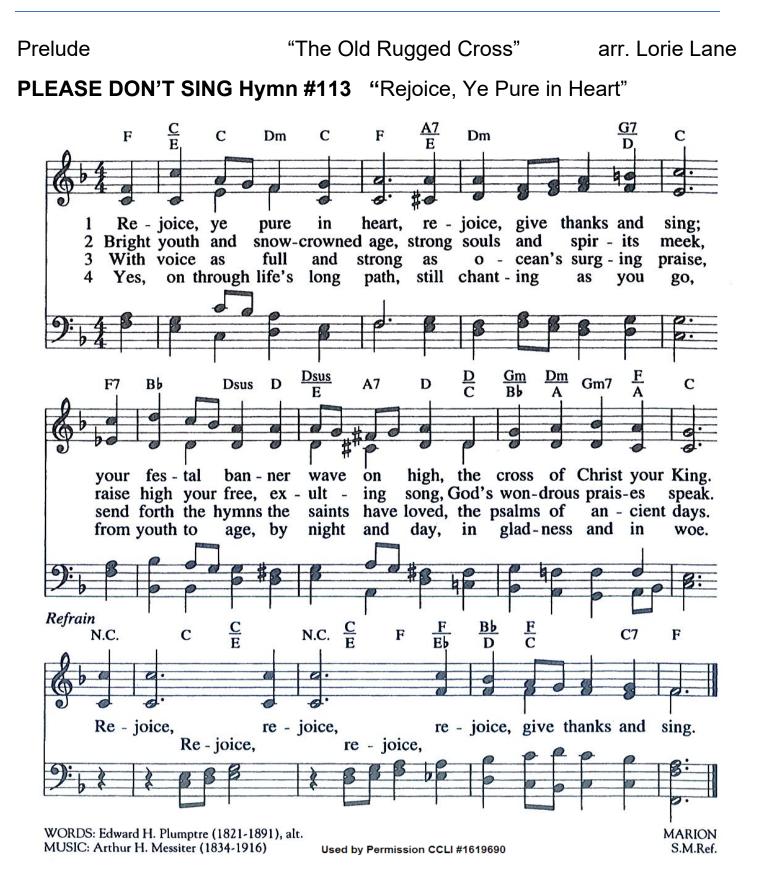
- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

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



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"



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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)

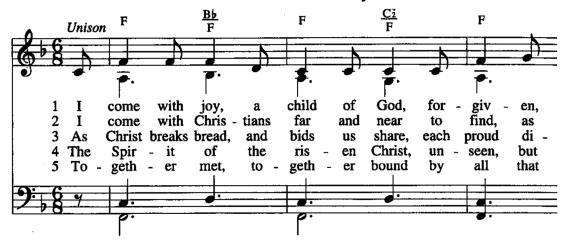
O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

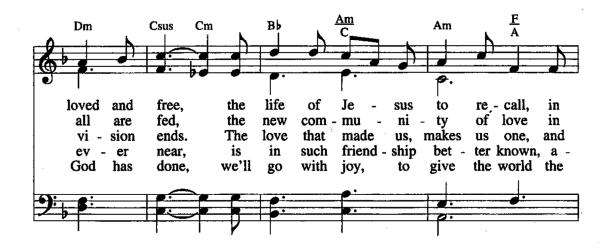
Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

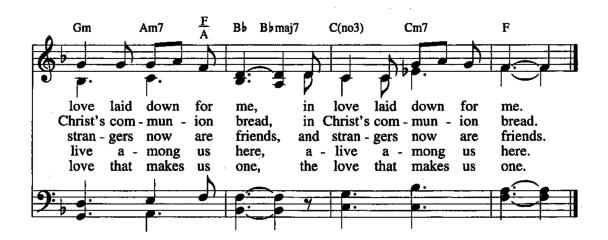
Benediction

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"







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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

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

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.

<u>**9**TH Grade Confirmation</u> – Class will meet on Wednesday, March 10th from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

<u>Adult Faith Formation, Book of Ruth:</u> First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on March 16th. 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=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFP WE9EQT09 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 email pastor@peace-ucc.org or 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 <u>GIVE</u> 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday March 7 - 13

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

Happy Anniversary

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

Harvey Brodzeller **Debbie Butzlaff** Cliff and Kim Clark John Coulter **Betty Fleury** Carol Gardner Marian Herriges John Kletti Nancy Laguna Jackie McCurdy

Friends & Family:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen) Beau (Rauch) Jim Bertram (K. Roesel)

- Marilyn McIntosh Gretchen Martin Don Neitzel **Dennis Novotny** Jerry O'Connor Donna Ogi Shirley Ogi **Judy Price** Calvin Rauch Kathy Roesel
- **Shirley Schlice Michael Schmidt** Jeff Steger Lucille Swanson **Betty Skaug** Mark Steinhardt Alec Taylor **Dolores** Terlinden Howard Zemlicka Sharon Zolp

Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch) Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff) 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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