



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday & Confirmation

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.”

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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.

Visiting Minister – Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn serves as the Dean of Humanities & Fine Arts, as well as a Professor of Religion and Grace Chair of Religious Studies at Lakeland University. Rev. Dr. Kuhn’s intellectual passions include biblical interpretation, cultural anthropology, interreligious dialogue, and religious extremism. He has authored numerous books and frequently speaks and teaches in the community.

How to read this bulletin: Plain Text = Leader, **Bold Text = congregation.** †=please stand, ♪ = we sing.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story/Tell Me the Story of Jesus" arr. L. Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

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

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

Leader: If we were silent, the stones would shout out.

People: Let us raise our voices with all who joyfully praise God for the powerful deeds we have seen.

The Procession of Palms

"Hosanna in the Highest" *Sung responsively*

Hosanna, **Hosanna**

Hosanna in the Highest, **Hosanna in the Highest,**

Hosanna, **Hosanna**

Sing praises to the Lord! **Sing praises to the Lord!**

Listen to the verse, then repeat the refrain

Verse: Blessed is the One, blessed is the One,
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to our God, glory to our God,
rejoice in the name of the Lord!

Repeat refrain

Blessed is the One, who comes! *Shout . . . Hosanna!*

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.***

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 celebrate Jesus' kingship as long as it's on our terms. We find it so much more difficult to live on Your terms. 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, 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."

†Act of Praise # 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 we are children of light.

†The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Special Music (9:30)

**“Ride On, Ride On”
Chancel Choir**

Epistle

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

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Children’s Time - Please sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

† ♪ Hymn #265

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Gospel Lesson

[Luke 19:28-48](#)

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Sermon

Special Music

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Vandall

† Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Beautiful Lord, we offer these gifts in love and hope, 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

The Rite of Confirmation (9:30 service)

The Invitation

The Questions to the Confirmands

† Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

We join in proclaiming together what we believe:

ALL: *We believe in you, O God, Eternal spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify;*

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of the Candidates (Pastor and Candidates)

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen

Prayers of the Congregation (congregation in unison)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Act of Confirmation – *Family and others who have played a significant role in the confirmands life, please come forward for the laying of hands and blessing during the rite of Confirmation.*

Confirmation Prayer

Address to the Confirmands

Question about Participation

Greeting of Christian Love

The Welcome (congregation in unison)

We welcome you with joy into the family of Christ's disciples. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in the

**knowledge and love of God, and be faithful witnesses to our risen Savior.
Alleluia and Amen.**

The Charge to the Confirmands

↑ The Blessing (in unison)

**May God call you to action, to community, and to love.
May Jesus accompany you with confidence, compassion and healing.
May the Spirit fill you with fire and with faith.**

(8:00 a.m. service continues here)

8001 ♪ Hymn 656 – first two lines only - “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see You. (twice)**

Pastoral Prayer

Response “Open the Eyes of My Heart” (see above)

Benediction

Go forth in peace and confidence, following our trustworthy Shepherd through the valley of the shadow of death, to springs of living water for all. Let us go forth praising God:

**Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power; Forever and ever!
Amen!**

↑ ♪ Hymn

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

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.

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Latin pronunciation: Dō-nā nō-bēs pā-chēm (Give us peace)

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

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Postlude

Lectionary for April 17: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Rev. Sharon Stier.

2022 Peace Church Confirmation Class: David Dorn, Lauren Krebs, Grace Lehner, Tore Schemelin, Stella Scherger, Kathrynne Singer

SERVING TODAY

Musicians: Karla Spaits, Sherry McElhatton
Choir Directors: Sherry McElhatton, Bill Stangl

Litanist: Jerry O'Connor
Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

A special thank you to Becky Manthei was her role in confirming our confirmands!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 10 - April 16

April 10 Robbie Manthei, Brooks Martin
April 11 Susan Reif
April 13 Greg Ogi, Shirley Schlice (84), Madison Strom
April 14 Josh O'Brien-Flasch
April 15 Robert Schrader (83)
April 16 Kenady Kivell, Brady Stern

Happy Anniversary April 10 – April 16

April 12 Cathy & Scott Stern(14)
April 14 Jacob & Jessica Manogue (4)

NEWS & NOTES

You're Invited to Greet the Confirmands at a reception held in their honor in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Delivering Altar Flowers – Please consider delivering altar flowers to a loved-one or a Peace Church member shut-in. Flowers will be available after the 9:30 service. See

Roger Lindgren and he will assist you with the flowers and/or getting a shut-in name and address. Thank you!

Easter Flowers We will not be having a huge Easter flower sale, but will order some spring flower plants for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the plants, please send a check to Peace Church re: Easter Flowers. Thank you.

Calendar for the Week of April 10, 2022

4/12 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m., Consistory 6:30 p.m.

4/12 Wednesday – XYZ Cards

4/7 Thursday – Grief Group 1:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday service – 7:00 p.m.

4/15 Friday – Good Friday Service 1:00 p.m.

4/10 – Easter Sunday services – 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group Calendar

Saturday, April 23 – Earth Week Litter Pick-up with Friends of the Kettle Moraine (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Friday, April 29 – Paint Flowerpots for Peace Church shut-ins and elderly (5- 8 p.m.)

Friday, May 6 – Pot plants for Peace Church shut-ins and elderly (5 – 8 p.m.)

Friday, May 13 – Deliver plants to church shut-ins and elderly (5-8 p.m.)

Sunday, May 22 – Trampoline Park after church

Friday, May 27 – End of semester cookout and yard games (5-8 p.m.)

Cedar Community Spring Concert – Monday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge Grand Hall, 113 Cedar Ridge Drive, West Bend. The concert will feature two Palm Sunday anthems along with a variety of uplifting music to celebrate singing together again! Directed by Sherry McElhatton and Olivia Watkins. Accompanied at the piano by Carol Hanson and Jeanne Wood.

Soap Sale! Buy 4 get 1 free! Buy 4 bars of homemade soap at \$5.00 each and get one bar free! Baskets of soap are available at both the front and back entrances of church. All proceeds go towards the General Fund.

Adult Habitat Trip – Are you interested in going on the Adult Habitat trip that will take place either in July of August?? Email or call Karen Kletti (262-224-2212) or Peace Church if you think you would like to participate.

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: Hanna Bruenn, Verna Faisst, Betty Fleury, Jim Gardner, Janette Loomis, Bob Manthei, Mugs McFadden, Pat McFadden, Marilyn McIntosh, Jinny Michaels, Don

Neitzel, Darrell Nonhof, Judy Nonhof, Dennis Novotny, Sharon Ostermann, Greg Vorpahl, Bev Winninghoff, Connie Zemlicka

Family & Friends: Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Lorrie (H. Bruenn), Jenna Butchlick, Julie (Breitbach), Eric Covington (Fleury), Howard Floeter (Lemke), John King (Stangl), Klaine (Lemke), Jason Lemke, Patricia Hohl, Jeremy (Rodenkirch), Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei), Gerald Piittmann, Pat Reif, Babette Rhoads, Josie Schoneman

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family: David (Grundahl), Betty (J. Michaels), Kathy (Augustin), Heidi (Manthei), Henry (Meinberg), Caitlyn Z (Stier), Jean Cornell (Herriges), Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff), Kerri Estep (Atwater), Alan Floeter (Lemke), Nancy Gruebling (Kletti), Paula Hader (Adler), Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann), Kathy Jarolimek (Henk), Kathy (S. Augustin family), Sheri Theep (Van Beek), Sue Mitchell (Rhoads), Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels), Sandra Senn (P. Behr), Susan Tolonen, Caitlyn Ziegelbauer (Atwater)

Prayers of Joy – Peace Church has recently received an update on Jackie McCurdy's great-granddaughter/Liz and Dave Gaulke's granddaughter, Oaklynn Elizabeth Droese, who was born 10 weeks premature and spent over two months in the NICU. We are happy to report that Oaklynn is now home and doing amazingly well. Her mom and dad, Sarah Jankowski and Nate Droese, are wonderful parents and Great-grandma Jackie has been able to spend some time with Oaklynn. The entire family feels truly blessed and very grateful for the outpouring of prayers, support, and love. Thank you to each and every one of you who has followed the family on this miraculous journey. God is so good!

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)

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)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)