



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

11 April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

by Dykes


PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #296 “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

D Em
D A
C# Bm7 G D
F# Em7 A7 D2 D



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

D Em
D A
C# Bm7 G D
F# Em7 A7 D



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.


D7 G C#dim D
F#



Vic - tory is ours, vic - tory is ours

Oh, vic - tory is ours, vic - tory is

Bm Em7 Em7 1 2
G A D D



through him who loved us. us.

ours through him who loved us. us.

The Call to Worship – Psalm 133

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

All: *For there the LORD ordained the blessing, life for evermore.*

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness (from the Uniting Church of Australia)

We gather here as a fellowship of people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. One of the major marks of this fellowship is the sense of joy we experience as we gather to worship God in person or as a community woven together in prayer. We gather to give thanks for Jesus Christ and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to become downcast and given to despair.

Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.

Come to us, risen Christ, come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts;

Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence.

Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen

Hear the good news: “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”....and: “if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 1:9,2:1b,2. NRSV)

PLEASE DON'T SING, but do hum - The Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Lesson

[John 20:19–31](#) (right click for link)

The Children's Time

PLEASE DON'T SING, but do hum “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #299 – “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
3. O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,
4. Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
his wound - ed hands and feet he showed
come now your - self our hearts pos - sess,
in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave
that we may give you all our days
your own re - deemed for ev - er shield

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.

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MUSIC: Trier manuscript (15th century); adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609;
harm. George R. Woodward, 1904

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Lesson

[2 Corinthians 9:1-8](#)

Sermon

“Enough Generosity”

Special Music

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. by Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, we lift our voices to You in praise and thanksgiving. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. Help us to remember and to celebrate what you have offered. We give because you have given to us! Bless our gifts and guide us in Your service. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

“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.”

Benediction

Go with the great love of God enfolding you,
the deep peace of Christ within you
and the living breath of the Spirit inspiring you.

Go in peace and serve the Lord,

We go to love and to serve for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE DON'T SING #496 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Ab Db6 Db Ab

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

Eb Ab Db6 Db

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Ab Eb Refrain Ab

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Db Ab Eb7 Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

Db Ab Eb Eb7 Ab

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Rev. Andrew Warner
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, April 18 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:
Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:12-19 • Psalm 4 • 1 John 3:1-7 • Luke 24:36b-48

CALENDAR – WEEK OF April 11, 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 April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Faith Formation – This last week we completed our study of the book of Ruth and determined that we will spend the rest of the spring and summer with our hearts and minds open to what we can learn from creation... not in class. We will resume our study in the fall with a new study of the 10 Commandments. The study will explore their historical/cultural context and then look to how they impact our lives today. Watch for more info.

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 have discontinued the sign-up for services. We have scheduled dates for us to worship in the Park again beginning May

23rd without attendance limits and with the ability to sing together. Watch for more information.

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- **and remember you are not fully vaccinated until at least 2 weeks after your final shot!** 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!

Altar Flowers – Peace Church will resume taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event buy 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).

Soap Sale!

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. Different scents are available for a suggested donation of \$4.00 per bar. The bars of soap are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours. All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 11 – 17

April 11 Susan Reif

April 13 Greg Ogi, Shirley Schlice (83)

April 14 Josh O'Brien-Flasch

April 15 Robert Schrader (82)
April 16 Kenady Kivell, Jason Schreffler, Brady Stern
April 17 Hudson Gitter, Bonita Skrentny, Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff

Happy Anniversary April 11 - 17

April 12 Cathy & Scott Stern (13)
April 14 Jacob & Jessica Manogue (3)

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	Dennis Novotny
Judy Christensen	Jerry O'Connor
Markus Frank	Kathy Rundquist
John Herbst	Michael Schmidt
Marilyn McIntosh	

Friends & Family:

Patricia Hohl	Babette Rhoads
Debbie (Hallen)	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)	Betty Sook (J. Christensen)

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:

Betty (J. Michaels)	Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Paula Hader (Adler)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)	Jan (D. Stangl)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Russell Will (Will)

Prayers of Comfort

Pam Ludwig and family on the death of her husband, Vernon Ludwig, on Sunday, April 4th.

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.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

Guest Pastor – Rev. Andrew B. Warner



Rev. Andrew B. Warner, CFRE, serves as Director of Development for the Wisconsin Conference. He leads the fundraising efforts of the conference, supports the planned giving and effective philanthropy of congregations, and works to organize a foundation based on a community foundation model for the endowments of the conference and congregations.

Before joining the conference staff in 2019, Andrew served for twenty-two years as pastor of Plymouth Church UCC of Milwaukee, a vibrant and inclusive Christian community. Through faith-based leadership and board service, Andrew developed as a leader who connects people's deepest passions with generative opportunities and initiatives.

Andrew also serves as a Generosity Outreach Officer of the national setting of the UCC. In that role he trains, coaches, and mentors conference and congregational leaders to strengthen the culture of generosity across the UCC. Working collaboratively with staff of the national setting, conferences and congregations, Andrew designs workshops, presentations, and resources on philanthropy and development best practices.

Andrew lives with his husband in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Their eldest son Tomas attends the University of St. Thomas while their youngest finishes up high school. He loves to cook and entertain, a practice he calls his "gastro-evangelism."