



Peace United Church of Christ

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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

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

PRELUDE

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

HYMN 647 “We Have Come to Join in Worship”

CALL TO WORSHIP-Psalm 4

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

All: **How long, O you people, will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?**

One: But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself those who are godly; The Lord will hear when I call.

All: **When you are angry, do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.**

One: There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?” Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

All: ***You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.***

CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS *(from the Uniting Church of Australia)*

One: Yearning for mercy, we confess before our God:

All: **God of all we are, and have, and will become, hear our prayers of longing: We come before you again as a stubborn people struggling to embrace and understand the gift of grace. You stand before us and remind us of the power of perfect love, and yet we close our hearts. You speak to us of peace, and we ponder the possibility for our world or our**

lives. Lord forgive us for our feebleness, our lack of bold trust. For all that we have done and all that we have failed to do forgive us and guide us in your pathways anew.

(We continue our confession in silence.)

One: Gather us to yourself O God. We pray:

All: *“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.”*

One: Christ has claimed us as brothers and sisters. Hear the good news: In Christ Jesus we have died to sin and been raised into forgiveness and salvation evermore. Amen!

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.”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

LESSON Luke 24:36b-48 (page 808)

The Children’s Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

HYMN 300 “In the Garden”

LESSON Acts 3:12-19 (page 832)

LESSON 1 John 3:1-7 (page 928)

SERMON “What We Will Be”

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

**Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, Brother Christ, 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. Bless our gifts and guide us in Your service. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER – SILENT PRAYER

BENEDICTION

One: Go forth into the world, showing the love of God to all whom you meet. May all who see you come to know that they, too, are children of God. And may the God of love enfold you and bless you in all that you do and all that you are!

All: **We go in God's love as children of God!**

One: Thanks be to God.

All: **Alleluia and Amen!**

HYMN "Alleluia No. 1"

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker;
Video: David Dorn; Audio: Joshua Spaits

Today's Altar Flowers are from Nancy Panzer, in honor of 3 brothers and 2 sisters and in memory of 4 sisters and 1 brother.

Lectionary for April 21 - Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18

Happy Birthday April 14-20

Apr 14 Josh O'Brien-Flasch
Apr 15 Robert Schrader (85)
Apr 16 Kenady Kivell
Apr 17 Kyle Kedroske
Apr 19 Tore Schemelin
Apr 20 Sydney Donath

Calendar for the Week of April 14

- 4/15 Care & Connection Mtg 1 pm
4/16 Lectionary 10 am
4/17 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club 1:30 pm,
4/20 Peace Church Brat Fry @ Piggly Wiggly 10 -0 2 pm



Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly –

Peace Church will be hosting a brat fry at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, April 20th. Brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be served from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Peace Church Family Promise Fund. Stop by to support this great non-profit!

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 5th. 8-11:30 am. The cost per adult is \$8.00, children 5 and under are free. Menu of pancakes, breakfast sausages, fruit, bakery, coffee, juice & milk. Proceeds to fund the canoe and habitat trips.

Prayers of the Family of God

Prayers of Joy for Howard and Connie Zemlicka's family, as their grandson, Sam, is safely home from the Middle East. Sam is serving his country as a member of the Air Force.

Prayers of healing to Rochelle Bubb's mother, Marjorie, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Prayers of healing to Karen Kletti's sister, Kathy Pahl, who has been diagnosed with breast and bone cancer.

Prayers of healing to Kathy Franke, as she recovers from hip surgery.

Prayers to two friends of Jackie McCurdy, both of whom are experiencing significant health issues.

Peace Church Endowment Fund

What is an Endowment?

The term endowment has been defined as “to enrich and provide an income.” The Endowment Fund is made up of monies in which the principal cannot be spent. The Endowment is pooled with all the cash assets of the church and invested per the church Investment Policy. The earnings from the Endowment Fund are a resource to help ensure continued growth of the vision and ministries of Peace United Church of Christ.

How is an Endowment Funded?

Funding for an endowment is traditionally done through planned giving, though anyone can contribute with a gift of any size at any time.

What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving is a carefully considered way of giving one’s accumulated, inherited and/or appreciated resources for support and perpetuation of the church’s mission. The gift may be a direct gift or a deferred gift. Direct gifts are given directly to the Endowment Fund usually in the form of cash and/or

securities. Deferred gifts are promised during the lifetime of the donor, but receipt of the assets is deferred until a later date through Wills (bequests), Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Charitable Gift Annuities. These gifts can be either designated or undesignated, i.e., given with or without a specific purpose. The Endowment Fund encourages undesignated gifts and bequests. Designated gifts will be placed in the Memorial Fund.

What about my regular church giving? Giving to the Endowment Fund should not replace your regular church giving. Annual stewardship supports the current work of the church.

Where is the Endowment Fund invested? The Endowment Fund will be responsibly managed and invested along with the remainder of the church’s financial assets by the investment committee in conjunction with a reputable “Wealth Management” company.

Can the Endowment Fund be funded in other ways?

While Planned Giving is the traditional way to fund an endowment, weekly, monthly, annual, and one-time gifts to the Endowment Fund are also encouraged.

How do I get started?

If you think a direct or deferred gift is something that is right for you, the first step is to consult your tax or legal representative who has the knowledge and experience to guide you through the process. Or you can call the church office at 262-626-4011 and a representative of the Endowment Committee will contact you.

What are some examples of deferred gifts?

BEQUESTS

Funds left to Peace United Church of Christ via a will.

LIFE INSURANCE

A current cash value policy can be gifted to the

Endowment Fund, or the beneficiary of a policy can be changed to the Endowment Fund.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)

A gift is made to the CRT, which purchases an income-producing investment. The donor is paid a monthly income, typically for a set period of time (usual for the life of the donor). At the end of the trust period, the balance of the investment is transferred to the Endowment Fund.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

An asset is donated to the Endowment Fund. In exchange for the gift, the Endowment Fund pays a fixed income to the donor for a specified period of time (usually the life of the donor). A portion of these payments is usually tax-free. At the end of the annuity period, the balance of the annuity is placed in the Endowment Fund

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MOST COMMON METHODS OF FUNDING AN ENDOWMENT. THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE IS BASED ON THE CURRENT TAX LAW. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TAX PROFESSIONAL FOR NEW INFORMATION REGARDING ANY CHANGES.