



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

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.”

**Visiting Minister: Rev. Russ Knoth** is a retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Knoth also serves as the volunteer Police Chaplain to the Menomonee Police and Fire Department since 1989. Rev. Knoth, a member of Peace Church, serves as a frequent visiting minister to Peace UCC. (4/17, 6/5)

**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.

Prelude 8:00 "To God be the Glory" arr. Vandall  
9:30 "Then Came the Morning" Trombone Ensemble

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑**Hymn 288** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Greeting

The Call to Worship – from Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: He is Risen Indeed!**

Leader: "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered... But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

**People: I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.**

Leader: Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.

**People: The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food.**

**All: They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.**

**Glory to God in the Highest for today is a new creation. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Yearning for mercy, we confess before our God:

**God of radical mercy, we admit that we wall you off from our lives, bury your love in the shadows, and deny the power of your transforming spirit. Risen Christ, we fail to let your light and hope shine into every moment and every action. We fail to love you with our whole being or to boldly love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. Save us from ourselves O Lord! God of mercy, roll away the stones from our lives and proclaim a new day! Raise up what has been buried within us, call our souls by name and lead**

**us to your eternal love. We 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.”**

Hear the good news, Christ is Risen! God rolls aside the barriers we would create and offers us the fullness of his grace and mercy. God raises up a sign to the world that love is real, the resurrection is now, and new life is for each of us. Alleluia, praise God for the good news of Easter.

↑The Passing of the Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death;  
in rising, he restores our life;  
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.  
Peace be with you  
**And, also with you**

9:30 a.m.

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Chancel Choir – all are invited to sing along with the Choir

New Testament Lesson

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

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The Children’s Time - As the children come forward, please sing Hymn # 437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

↑Hymn 278

“Life High the Cross!”

Lesson

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

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Gospel Lesson

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

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Sermon

“Changed Forever!”

8:00 a.m. Special Music

“Then Came the Morning”

Trombones

9:30 a.m. Special Music

“To God be the Glory”

arr. Vandall

↑ Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, we lift our voices to you in praise and thanksgiving. Help us to remember and to celebrate how you offered your very life for us. Guide us in living our lives for you – lives of justice, lives of love, and lives of abundant generosity! Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Communion Prayer

Prayer Response 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.*

Preparation of the Table – Remembering Our Story

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Beloved Lord, 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**

Benediction

Leader: Go forth into the world to love and serve our risen Lord in all that you do.

**People: We go in the name and service of Jesus Christ. He is Risen!**

Leader: He is Risen Indeed!! Thanks be to God.

**All: Alleluia and Amen!**

↑Hymn 302

“He Lives”

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” – duet

arr. Lani Smith

*Our Easter offering will be divided equally between  
Full Shelf Food Pantry, Kewaskum Community Pantry, Albrecht Clinic,  
UCC Disaster Relief, and Malawi, Africa.*

**Lectionary for April 24:** Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 • Revelation 1:4-8  
• John 20:19-31

Thank you to the congregation of Peace Church for supporting the Easter Plants that are on the altar today! If you know of someone who would like an Easter Plant to brighten their Easter Sunday, please come up after the 9:30 service to pick a plant and deliver it!

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

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Musicians: Karla Spaits & Sherry McElhatton  
Video: Jake Lemke

Litanist: Chris Rode  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

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## *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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### **Happy Birthday April 17 - April 23**

April 17	Hudson Gitter, Bonita Skrentny, Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff
April 18	Kolton Hauch
April 19	Tore Schemelin
April 20	Sydney Donath
April 22	Megan Vorpahl
April 23	Shelly Humphrey

### **Happy Anniversary April 17 – April 24**

April 22	Jim and Carol Roe (50)
April 23	Kathy & Tim Danielson (45)

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## *NEWS & NOTES*

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**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!

### **Calendar for the Week of April 17, 2022**

4/19 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.  
4/20 Wednesday – XYZ Cards  
4/24 – Visiting Minister – Rev. James Schleif

### **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.)

**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 or August?? Email or call Karen Kletti (262-224-2212) or Peace Church if you think you would like to participate.

## **2022 High School Youth Habitat Trip – June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

This year we are headed to Frankfort, Indiana.

*Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.*

The Cost: \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members

Please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the parking lot entrance to let us know you plan to participate or contact the office by email: [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

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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:** Loretta Eimermann, Betty Fleury, Nancy Krahn, 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:** Gil (C.DeLaurier), Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Lorrie (H. Bruenn), Julie (Breitbach), Eric Covington (Fleury), Howard Floeter (Lemke), Klaine (Lemke), Jason Lemke, Patricia Hohl, Jeremy (Rodenkirch), Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei), Gerald Piittmann, 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), 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)

**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)

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