



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

18 April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

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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*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" by Leatherman

**PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #310 "Thine is the Glory"**

The Call to Worship – from Psalm 4

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: 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.

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

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

**People: 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.**

Leader: 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 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!

**PLEASE DON'T SING** - 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**

Gospel Lesson

[Luke 24:36b-48](#)

The Children's Time

**PLEASE DON'T SING** Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

# PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #312 "Christ is Alive!"

C G7 C F G7 C G C

D D E D D E

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

G7 C G7 C G7 C G G B D G G B

D D F E D C B D G B

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

C G D7 G G F C C Dm7 Dm6 C Dm C G7 C

D D F E F G G F G C

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Lesson

[Acts 3:1-19](#)

Sermon

“Change Our Hearts and Lives...? Ugh!”

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. by Line

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

Leader: 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!

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

Leader: Thanks be to God.

**All: Alleluia and Amen!**

PLEASE DON'T SING

"Go Make Disciples"

F C/E F Gm F/A C

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them,

Dm C Bb Bb/C F

teach - ing them. Go, make dis -

C/E F Gm F/A

ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the

Bb C Bbmaj7 Am

end of time. Go, be the salt of the earth.

Gm Fmaj7 Dm

Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a

Am Bmaj7 C/Bb

cit - y on a hill so all can see that you're

Bb/C C F C/E F

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
 Sherry McElhatton  
 Elsa Kirkegaard

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, April 25 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 •  
 John 10:11-18



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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF April 18, 2021*

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**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 20th at 10:00 a.m.

**Adult Faith Formation** – We recently 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). We are not requiring sign-up for services. We have scheduled dates for us to worship in the Park again for May 23<sup>rd</sup> without attendance limits and with the ability to sing together. We will be discussing in the next few weeks how we will gather through the summer, at church or in the park, etc. Please watch for more information as we try to discern how to best serve as many needs and desires of the congregation as possible. This has been a year that has boldly reminded us that we will never make everyone happy, we are trying our best to listen and to be faithful.

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 our worship services to YouTube** (We record the 8:00am service and have it available any time after that). One of the blessings of the pandemic is that we will now continue offering services online forever and ever Amen.

We know that we are not yet out of the woods with the pandemic, 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 -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

### **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 by 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

### **Birthday Envelope**



Have you ever wondered what the Birthday Envelope is doing with our offering envelopes? No, it's not a reminder to buy a cake for someone special. But it is a reminder that the birthday envelope offerings go to our SCHOLARSHIP

fund. As you may know, scholarships are awarded to all who desire financial aid from Peace Church and wish to continue their education. Scholarships are renewable each year. So give generously!! Lost your birthday envelope? There is a scholarship section on the regular giving envelope, too.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday      April 18 – 24**

April 18    Kolton Hauch  
April 19    Tore Schemelin  
April 20    Sydney Donath  
April 22    Megan Vorpahl  
April 23    Shelly Humphrey, Allen Kuhn (94)

### **Happy Anniversary      April 18 - 24**

April 20    Brian & Deborah Butzlaff (25)  
April 23    Tim & Kathy Danielson (44)

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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:**

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)  
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre  
Jean Cornell (Herriges)  
Nephew of Beck Ehmer  
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)  
Kerri Estep (Atwater)  
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)  
Paula Hader (Adler)  
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)

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)  
Russell Will (Will)

### **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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## **PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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