



**HOLY
LANGUAGE**

Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
19 April 2020
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

Greetings – A Time of Centering

† Hymn 294 – Christ Arose!

B \flat $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat F F7 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat E \flat $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$ B \flat

1 Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus my Sav - ior, wait - ing the com - ing day—
2 Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus my Sav - ior, vain - ly they seal the dead—
3 Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus my Sav - ior, he tore the bars a - way—

Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F *Refrain* B \flat

Je - sus my Lord!
Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a
Je - sus my Lord! he a - rose,

$\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$ E \flat B \flat F F7

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a - rose a vic - tor from the
he a - rose!

Gm E \flat B \flat E \flat C7 F7 Gm F

dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a -

B \flat E \flat $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{F}$ F7 B \flat

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

The Call to Worship

One: On the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among them.

All: The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We have been given new birth through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: In thanksgiving and praise let us worship God.

All: Alleluia!

Rejoicing with the Psalmist – Psalm 16

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Many: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

One: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

Many: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

One: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me.

Many: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

One: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life.

Many: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your hand are pleasures forevermore.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

We reach deep within our hearts and offer our confession to our God:

Almighty God, we have celebrated Easter. We have sung our hallelujahs in very different settings this year. We have listened again to the familiar and amazing story of our Lord's resurrection. Help us to maintain the awareness of the great gift of new life that is ours to claim on Easter, and every day. Let the hope and joy of this season give us assurance and confidence to live as those who claim the presence of your Spirit. God, we strive for that proclamation even as we know that we fall short of your ways. We confess that we sin against you in thought word and deed, by what we do, and by what we fail to do. We fail to love God with all our heart and soul and mind, and we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us Lord and guide us in your ways.

God loves you, and God's proclamation of resurrection is that nothing can separate you from that love. Live resurrection faith! And may our words and actions give powerful witness to our claim that Jesus Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

↑ ♪ The Gloria Patri #142

“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

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

Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

The Children's Time - As the children come forward, please sing

♪ Hymn #226 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

Prayers for All Seasons edited by Ellen Turnbull

You're invited to clench your fists tightly during the leader's prayer and then relax your fists during the response...

*Everything we hold on to,
that holds us,
shapes us,
controls us,
and makes us doubt your presence (pause)
help us to let go now.*

We receive your Holy Spirit.

*The memories of hurt,
that speak loudly to us,
that cripple us,
dull us,
and make us doubt your presence (pause)
help us to let go now.*

We receive your Holy Spirit.

*The words that linger,
that have found a home in our reasoning,
that haunt us,
echo in us,
and make us doubt your presence (pause)
help us to let go now.*

We receive your Holy Spirit.

*The acts we have done,
that have hurt and abused others,
that linger in us and bound others,
and make us doubt your presence (pause)
help us to let go now.*

We receive your Holy Spirit.

♩ 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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Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Sermon

“Behind Closed Doors”

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. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Ever-living God let the resurrection light unleash your love within us and within our world.

Blessed by your gift, help us share in your ministry of transformation. Take the offerings of our hearts and hands and bless them with the power to witness to your good news. Bless us in being creative and courageous in serving you and sharing your grace with all. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer - Our 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

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!

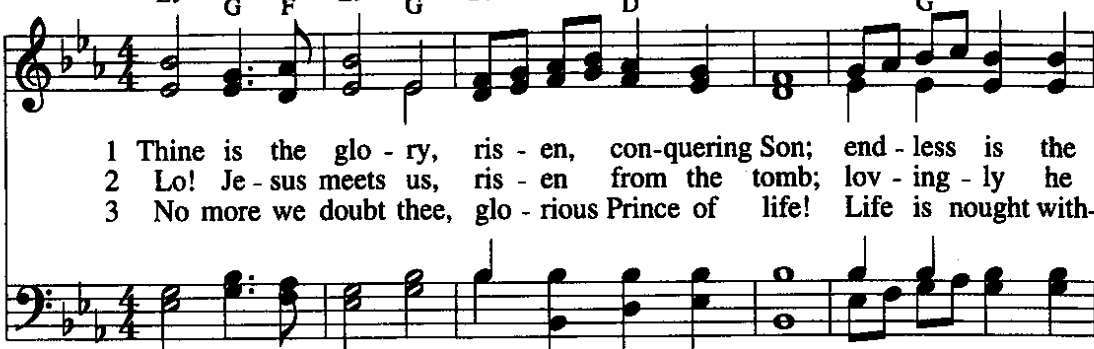
Leader: Thanks be to God.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

↑  Hymn # 291

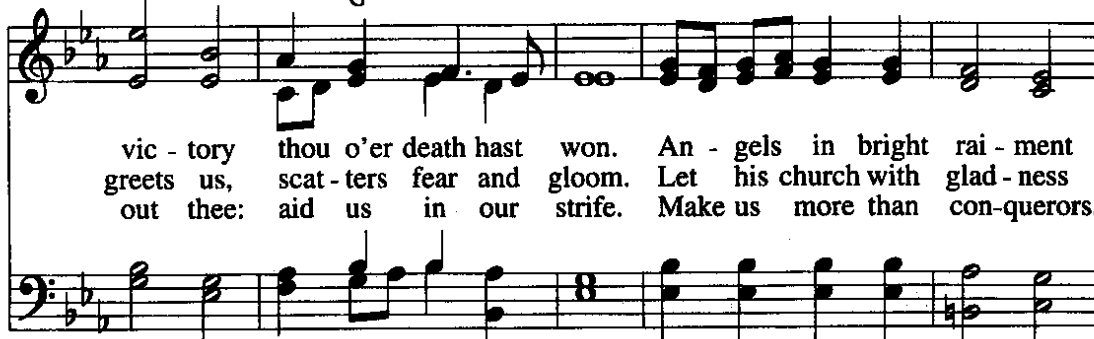
"Thine Be the Glory"

E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $\frac{B\flat7}{F}$ E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat7}{D}$ E \flat B \flat E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$




1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

E \flat Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ B \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat Bdim Cm



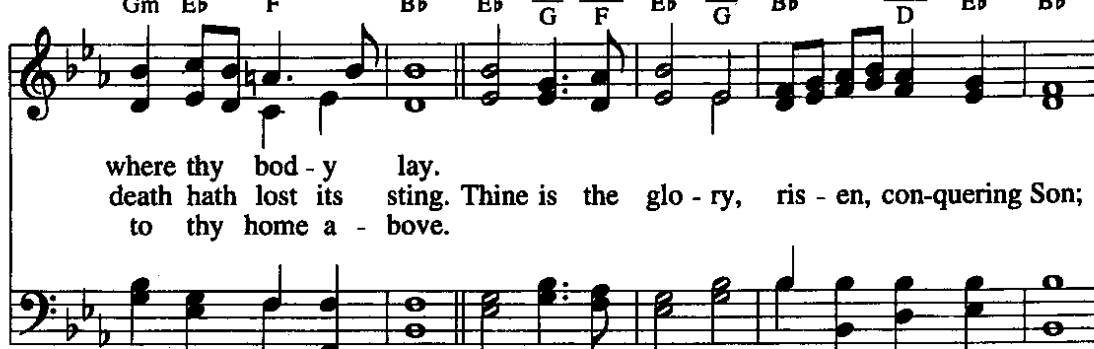
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors,

Ddim7 $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ $\frac{Ddim}{F}$ Cm G Cm F7



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 Gm E \flat F B \flat E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $\frac{B\flat7}{F}$ E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat7}{D}$ E \flat B \flat



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

Eb Eb Gm Eb Eb Fm Eb Bbsus Bb7 Eb
 G G G

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

Piano/Organ: Sherry McElhatton and Karla Spaits

Litanist: Laura Kirkegaard

Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute
 Maëlle Leopardo, Violin,
 (Our French exchange student – living with the
 Kirkegaards)

Editing: Berit Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF APRIL 19

April 21 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom see link below
 3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom

All services can be accessed at Peace UCC Kewaskum [YouTube](#)
 or Peace United Church of Christ [Facebook](#) page

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158>

Meeting ID: 299 920 158

Meeting Password: 114964

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+19294362866,,299920158# US (New York)

Dial in on your telephone -

+1 312 626 6799, then enter meeting ID: 299 920 158

Thursdays at 3 pm. – Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux – we will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9th grade confirmands and will be meeting online on April 16, 30, May 7, and 21.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/266869687>

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Lectionary for Sunday, April 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • 1 Peter 1:17-23 • Luke 24:13-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 18 – April 25

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| April 18 | Kolton Hauch |
| April 19 | Tore Schemelin |
| April 20 | Sydney Donath |
| April 22 | Megan Vorpahl |
| April 23 | Shelly Humphrey, Allen Kuhn (93) |

April 25 Jordan Bocher, Derek May, James Reigle (94), John Wood (83)

Happy Anniversary April 19 – April 25

April 20 Greg & Kelli Jo Anderson (13), Brian & Deborah Butzlaff (24)

April 23 Tim & Kathy Danielson (43)

April 25 Pam & Alan May (22)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: All shut-ins and all those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller

Debbie Butzlaff

Barry Clark

Marion Doms

Gary Fisher

Betty Graff

Les Martin

Robert Neumann

Don Neitzel

Mitch Ogi

Doc Ogi

Heidi Rodenkirch

Carol Sedgwick

Betty Skaug

Cherie Singer

Maggie Singer

Alec Taylor

Greg Vorpahl

Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)

Caelyb (Bocher)

Ron Geurts (Stern)

Debbie (Hallen)

Larry Haas (Lemke)

Eric Haas (Lemke)

Heidi (C. Manthei)

Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)

Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valeri Knurr (Kletti)

Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)

Mrs. Muckerhide

Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)

Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)

Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)
Ann Thill (Mertz)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Ron Geurts Ron Skaug Laurie Struck

Friends & Family:

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Kim Breit
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Dennis Jacak (Manthei/Rauch)
Jan (D. Stangl)

Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn
(O'Connor and Kuhn)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Ron Skaug, John Waskiewicz

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)

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 Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org



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**“Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God’s extravagant love and
together serve all of God’s children
and creation.”**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020

John 20:19-31

Holy Language *Orthodox Easter*

You might know today's scripture reading as the story of the guy you're *not* supposed to be. In fact, based only on this short passage, the disciple Thomas has such a bad name that any notoriously skeptical person is still called a Doubting Thomas. But was Thomas really a doubter? Or did he clearly understand and believe in Jesus? Maybe Jesus, who meets us where we are knows what we need, is telling us through this story that one way to gain understanding is the way Thomas did.

The other disciples had already seen Jesus' wounds while they were hiding out in a locked room. And where was Thomas during that time? Maybe he was out getting supplies or gathering information. It's possible that he was the bravest of the bunch. In any case, he returned from his outing and when he hears from the others that they have seen Christ, risen, he says that he'll have to see and touch Christ to believe them.

Then in one of those occasional, be-careful-what-you-ask-for-or-you-might-get-it moments in the Bible, Jesus appears and says, "Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Jesus does not say, "believe *ONLY* in things you cannot see." Instead, he comes gently to Thomas and asks for touch, thus affirming the wisdom and knowledge we gain from paying attention to the wisdom of our bodies.

Jesus goes on to say, "blessed are those who believe without seeing," but he does not say "more blessed are those who believe without seeing." He does not say, "you are not blessed because you had to see to believe."

In fact, Jesus gives his own body as a great gift to Thomas. And he gives Thomas the gift of using and trusting in his own senses – Thomas sees Jesus, he hears Jesus, he touches Jesus. And Thomas understands immediately and calls Jesus by his true name: Messiah, My Lord and My God. Maybe we should call this hero by his true name – Believing Thomas.

How do you best encounter the risen Christ?

