



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

April 24, 2022

Second 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

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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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*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.

**Visiting Minister:** Rev. James Schleif served in the Navy and had a 28-year career in commercial nuclear power before pursuing a true sense of calling to ministry. He served as pastor at St. John's UCC in Hartford and Slinger. Rev. Schleif currently serves at the UCCI (United Church Camps Inc.) Director of Ministry and Site Operations. (4/24, 5/22)

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude "Jesus Paid It all" arr. Lorie Line

Greetings - Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑Hymn 310 "Thine Is the Glory"

The Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 118:14-24

One: The Lord is my strength and my might;

**All: (And) has become my salvation.**

One: The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

**All: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.**

One: I shall not die, but I shall live,

**All: And recount the deeds of the Lord.**

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**All: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me,

**All: And have become my salvation.**

One: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**All: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

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

**Beloved Lord, we are slow to trust in you. It is so much easier to believe what we see, what we think that we know. You call to us continually; inviting us to open our hearts and minds to your vision for our lives. But our fears and doubts paralyze us. You know us God, better than we know ourselves.**

**We confess that we do not love you with all that we are. Forgive us when we sin against you in thought word and deed, by what we do, and by what we fail to do. Forgive us the times when we fail to remember that you are as near to us as our every breath.**

**With no vision except the eyes of faith, and with confidence given by those who have gone before us, we offer ourselves to you now. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ comes, not to condemn, but to forgive. God frees us, not to condemn others, but to forgive them according to the grace we have received. Be at peace, we are children of light.

↑ ♪ A Response of Halleluja "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja"

↑ The Passing of the Peace  
Peace be with you  
**And also with you**

Lesson [Revelation 1:4-8](#) (Page 933)

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

♪ Hymn 118 "Lord of the Dance"

Gospel [John 20:19-31](#) (Page 829)

Sermon "Encountering Jesus"

Special Music "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" arr. Elmo Mercer

↑ Prayer of Dedication – *From a Haitian man, Julner age 20*

**Receive these gifts, O God, offered in gratitude for all the gifts of life and for your love, and use them to serve the cause of your mission in this world. May these offerings point to Jesus' way of lovingly serving all in need and lift up his example as a guide for daily living. Bless us as we give, and bless your world with a renewed awareness that you hold us all in your loving hands. Receive also our thankful hearts. 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

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

**People: We go to love and to serve for we are the church.**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

**All: Alleluia and Amen!**

†Hymn

“Go Make Disciples”

Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.  
Go, make disciples, for I am with you ‘til the end of time.  
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light of the world.  
Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you’re  
serving me. Go, make disciples.

Postlude

**Lectionary for May 1:** Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) • Psalm 30 • Revelation 5:11-14 • John 21:1-19

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of the Hallen and Schmidt families and in honor of Carol & Jim Roe’s 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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***SERVING TODAY***

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Litanist: Chris Rode

Audio: Joshua Spaits

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***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

**Happy Birthday April 24 - April 30**

April 25 Jordan Bocher, Jim Reigle (96), John Wood (85)

April 26 Cheri Hron (90)

April 28 Carol Butzlaff

April 29 Luke Pendowski, Heidi Rodenkirch, Ken Singer

**Happy Anniversary April 24 – April 30**

April 28 Joshua & Arielle Guillaume (4)

April 29 Ashley & Randy Thull (16)

April 30 Susan & Dan Chesak (34)

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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 24, 2022**

4/26 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.

4/27 Wednesday – XYZ Cards

4/29 Friday – Youth Group Event

### **Middle School Youth Group Calendar**

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

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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, Verna Faisst, Betty Fleury, Jim Gardner, Nancy Krahn, Janette Loomis, Bob Manthei, Pat McFadden, Marilyn McIntosh, Jinny Michaels, Don Neitzel, Darrell Nonhof, Judy Nonhof, Dennis Novotny, Sharon Ostermann, Jay Tessar, Greg Vorpahl, Bev Winninghoff, Connie Zemlicka

**Family & Friends:** Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Eric Covington (Fleury), Howard Floeter (Lemke), John King (Stangl), Klaine (Lemke), Patricia Hohl, Jeremy (Rodenkirch), Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei), Gerald Piittmann, Pat Reif, Babette Rhoads, Josie Schoneman, Bill Tewinkle (Charland)

## **Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

**Friends & Family:** 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 (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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