



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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."

**Visiting Minister:** *Rev. Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena, is the Chaplain at Lakeland University in Sheboygan County. Dr. Mavity Maddalena also serves as the Ethicist in Residence, Director of the Ulrich Center and is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Lakeland. (4/3, 5/15)*

**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

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Prelude "Power in the Blood" arr. L. Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ ♪ Hymn #649 "Gather Us In"

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 126

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

**And also with you.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying the sheaves.**

The Prayer of Confession

We unfurl the darkness of our souls as a people yearning for God's anointing grace.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We pray to you...**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Gracious God, we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We humbly offer our confession to you...**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Beloved Lord, you crafted us in your image, knitting our sinews together as a divine sculptor. We have taken your creation and broken it, tarnished it, squandered the love you placed within it... within us. We long to have you remold us into vessels of your mercy.**

Gracious Christ,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Hear us as we humbly 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.”**

†Act of Praise # Hymn # 378 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. (twice)**

†Assurance of Pardon

Scriptures assures us: the mercy and the love of God are endless; God's wrath is slow, and God's love is eternal. We open our hearts and are humbly filled with the grace that God's faithfulness imbues. **Amen.**

†The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

*#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 Señor.*

## Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**O God, 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**

Special Music 9:30 a.m.                      “Draw me Near the Cross”                      arr. Drennan  
Chancel Choir

Epistle    [Philippians 3:4b-16](#)    (Page 895)

Children's Time - Please sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Gospel    [Mark 14:1-11](#)

Sermon    “Anointing”

↑ ♪ Hymn # 257                                      “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Prayer of Dedication

**Dear God, we offer these gifts in love and hope, trusting that you will transform this humble offering to bring light to darkness, hope to despair, wholeness to brokenness, and peace to all people. Amen**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.**

↑ ♪ Hymn #715                                      “Now Let Us From This Table Rise”

Postlude

**Lectionary for April 10:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Luke 19:28-40

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Kathy Charland.

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### *SERVING TODAY*

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Musician: Karla Spaits  
Video: Jake Lemke

Litanist: Jerry O'Connor  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday April 3 - April 9**

April 4 Jennifer Preder  
April 5 Ron Rusch (87)  
April 6 Matthew Schemelin  
April 7 Tim Danielson  
April 9 Kris Bier, Robert Breitag, Don Sedgwick (91)

### **Happy Anniversary April 3 – April 9**

April 3 Zak & Katie Pendowski (18)  
April 7 Bill & Jessica Loser (21), Jason & Jamie Piittmann (21)

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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!

**Easter Flowers** We will not be having a huge Easter flower sale, but will order some spring flower plants for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the plants, please send a check to Peace Church re: Easter Flowers. Thank you.

### **Calendar for the Week of April 3, 2022**

4/5 Tuesday – Lectionary Group 10:00 a.m.  
4/6 Wednesday – XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class – 4 p.m.  
Holden Prayer service – 7 p.m.  
4/7 Thursday – Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 p.m.  
4/10 – Palm Sunday and Confirmation at 9:30 service.

**Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship** - 7:00 p.m. April 6<sup>th</sup>.– Holden Evening Prayers with reflections by this year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class. Music by Greg Ogi, Tom Ogi, Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, and Ellie Baldus.

### **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)

## **Peace Church Book Group**

The Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday morning, April 6th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The group will be discussing "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. Books for the remaining months of the 2021 - 2022 Book Group year are:

May 4: "Infinite Country" by Patricia Engel

June 1: "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall

For more information on the Peace Church Book Group please contact Lynn Rusch (262-306-4025) or [lynnrusch@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnrusch@yahoo.com).

Peace Church is supporting two families in the Family Promise program. Our dates are from Sunday, April 3 to Saturday, April 9th. The first family prefers prepared meals. The second family prefers having the food items available to make their own meals. The grocery items are listed below the 2nd family. Please contact Kathy Charland at: 262-483-7811 or [charland22056@gmail.com](mailto:charland22056@gmail.com). Since one family only wants groceries, **you could also contribute a Pick n Save gift card or cash** and I will shop for them. I am out of town until Sunday afternoon, however I will stop at church in the afternoon to pick up any items donated. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry!  
Kathy Charland

### **Family 1**

Name and ages of all family members:

- DD 43 – Male, JV 59 – Female, ED 10 – Male, MD 6 – Male

Pertinent allergies and health information: DD: Bananas and Mushrooms (The rest of the family likes these food items)

Food Preferences:

-Fresh fruit veggies, Canned SpaghettiOs, Mac N Cheese, Chicken nuggets, Frozen Burritos, Taco Kits, Corn Dogs Tater Tots ; Fries, Hamburger and Hotdogs

### **Family 2**

SR – 33 (female) WB – 34 (male), MB -5, MB-4, NB-1, Twins NB CB – 5 months

This family prefers to cook their own meals. They are requesting grocery items listed below:

Morning Star veggie crumbles, spaghetti noodles, meatless veggie casserole items (unmade)

vegetables, spaghetti sauce, Morning Star burgers-chicken patties-chicken nuggets and chicken strips, French fries, Broccoli, Fish, Shrimp, noodles, potatoes, salad, bread, tuna, cheese, chips, salsa, veggie soups, veggie lasagna noodles, tacos items, cheese pizza, cabbage head, vegan meatless chicken strips and nuggets.

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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:** Rev. Bob Blackburn, Betty Fleury, 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:** Chris (Stier), Ellen (Swanson), Ezekiel, Gene, Pat Beal (N. Krahn), Harry Gall (L. Swanson), Lorrie (H. Bruenn), Jenna Butchlick, 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), Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff), 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)

**Prayers of Comfort** to Jim Roe, his wife Carol, and their family. Jim is no longer receiving treatment for his cancer and has started hospice care in his home.

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

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