



Palm
Sunday

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

Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
5 April 2020
Palm Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - Prayer Requests – A Time of Centering

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather with followers from throughout the centuries;
come to welcome Jesus!

**People: We join crowds from many different places,
shouting with joy for the king who enters
Jerusalem.**

Leader: If we were silent, the stones would shout out.

**People: Let us raise our voices with all who joyfully praise
God for the powerful deeds we have seen.**

Refrain B♭ $\frac{F}{A}$ B♭ Eb $\frac{F7}{C}$ B♭sus B♭ F Gm $\frac{Cm7}{Eb}$ F B♭

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

B♭ $\frac{F}{A}$ B♭ Eb $\frac{F7}{C}$ B♭sus B♭ F Gm $\frac{Cm7}{Eb}$ F B♭

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

B♭ Gm $\frac{C}{E}$ C7 F C7 F Dm Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ B♭6 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

$\frac{F}{A}$ B♭ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Eb B♭ $\frac{F}{A}$ F7 B♭ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Eb B♭ Fsus F7 *to Refrain* B♭

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

REJOICING WITH THE PSALMIST – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Leader: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

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

Forgive us for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We are quick to lift you up in praise, happy to offer a kind word or gesture in your name. We are content to celebrate Jesus’ kingship as long as it’s on our terms. We find it so much more difficult to live on Your terms God. We

are uncomfortable when it comes to boldly speaking your peace, justice, and non-violence to a power-addicted world. We are timid when we consider the possible cost. Forgive us Lord. Guide us, strengthen us, bind us to yourself on faith's journey that we might be bearers of your light.

(Brief silence for personal reflection and repentance)

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.”

♫ Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

(During Lent we sing Kyrie Eleison as a reminder of our need for God's mercy and the promise of God's gift of love and forgiveness.)

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.

↑ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you
And also with you

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

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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 267

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Db Eb Ab

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang:
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

“Save us! Please”

Special Music

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: And now may God bless you and keep you,
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
And give you peace, now and forever. **Amen!**

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

♪ Hymn #159

“The King of Glory Comes”

The King of Glory Comes 159

Refrain (Unison)

Em Bm7 Em Bm7 Em

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

1-4 Final ending

Em Bm7 Em Bm7 Em Em

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es. voic - es.

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Verses

G Am7 G/B C D7 Am/C G/B G

1 Who is the King of glo - ry; what shall we call him?
 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
 4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em D Cmaj7 G/B Cmaj7 D G B7+5

to Refrain

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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 MUSIC: Israeli folk song; arr. John Ferguson (1941-)
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SERVING TODAY

Pianist: Sherry McElhatton
Karla Spaits

Litanist: Berit Kirkegaard

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

Camera and editing: Berit Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

As Easter approaches and we are unable to be together in celebration, we are searching for new ways to get more members involved in virtual church and bring the congregation just a bit closer, even if it is only virtually. **There are two ways you can help out with Easter Sunday virtual church:**

1) Send us your best sunrise pictures! Since we will not be holding our usual sunrise service this year, we're asking you to help us form a compilation of sunrises that members of the congregation have experienced. Please send your photograph and where the photo was taken to pastor@peace-ucc.org so we can incorporate it into next week's service.

2) You may have noticed that for the last couple of weeks, we've had clips of members of the congregation participating in the passing of the peace from their homes. If you are able, we would love to include a short video of you or your family members saying "peace be with you!" or wishing the congregation a Happy Easter. Please start the video a couple seconds before you begin speaking and end the video a couple seconds after you finish speaking to ensure nothing is lost in the editing process! These videos can also be sent to pastor@peace-ucc.org.

Thank you and we hope to see your beautiful sunrises and/or beautiful faces in next week's video!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF APRIL 5

- April 7 Adult Faith Formation via Zoom see link below under
Announcements
3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom
- April 9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study via Zoom see link below under
Announcements
7:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service-see link below
- April 10 1:00 pm - Good Friday Service- see link below
- April 12 6:00 am – Easter Sunday Service-see link below
- All services can be accessed at Peace UCC Kewaskum YouTube -
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcPkiJ6uYw_7lfzettLL5A

or Peace United Church of Christ Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Peace-United-Church-of-Christ-133668673343780/>

Lectionary for April 9: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Lectionary for April 10: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42

Lectionary for April 12: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and have 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 <https://www.peace-ucc.org/give-1> 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.

Easter Flowers - We are asking you to wait to order flowers to celebrate the resurrection for after we are all able to gather again at church. Those of you who have already ordered Easter flowers, we will hold your order until that occasion unless we hear from you.

Women@Peace –

Quilt Museum and Lambeau Field Experience: POSTPONED

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

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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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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 5 – April 11

April 5	Ron Rusch (80)
April 6	Matthew Schemelin
April 7	Tim Danielson
April 9	Kristine Bier, Robert Breitag, Donald Sedgwick (89)
April 10	Robbie Manthei, Brooks Martin
April 11	Susan Reif

Happy Anniversary April 5 – April 11

April 7	William and Jessica Loser (19), Jason and Jamie Piittmann (19)
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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 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.”

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 5, 2020

Matthew 26:14-27:66 (Liturgy of the Passion)

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 5 Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem during the festival of Passover.

Read Matthew 21:1-11. The crowds welcomed Jesus, yet they still continued to question who he was. Allow yourself to be surprised by your own response to the question, "Who is this?"

Monday, April 6 Jesus enters the temple and clears out the signs of commerce.

Read Matthew 21:12-17. Those in power are threatened by Jesus, but the common people continue to cry "Hosanna" or "save us!" What places in our own lives and world need cleansing or purifying? Who cries to Jesus for salvation today?

Tuesday, April 7 Jesus tells wisdom stories to those gathered in Jerusalem

Read Matthew 22:34-40. In your prayer time today, ask Christ to open your eyes to the ways in which your love of God or neighbor is less than authentic or ways in which your lifestyle leads to the oppression of others. Pray for the strength and courage to change.

Wednesday, April 8 Scripture says nothing about what Jesus did this day. It is sometimes known as "rest day" and some believe it was on this day that Judas betrayed Christ.

Read Isaiah 53:1-12. Bring to your prayers today an urgent plea to God to open your eyes to the suffering of the world, and to be an agent of healing in those places of suffering.

Thursday, April 9 Jesus celebrates Passover. Afterward, he is arrested and tried.

Read Matthew 26:17-27. You hear these words when we celebrate communion together. Read them now and listen for what is new or challenging in this message.

Friday, April 10 Good Friday. Jesus is crucified.

Matthew 27:27-66. In his darkest hour, Jesus felt alone and abandoned. In your prayer today, speak directly to Jesus. Acknowledge and ask forgiveness for times you have turned from him or betrayed him.

Saturday, April 11 Holy Saturday. Jesus lies in the tomb.

Scripture says nothing about what Jesus did this day and there is no scripture reading for this day. In your prayer time, light a single candle, and meditate on the illumination cast by even one small flame. How has God been steadfast, even in times of seeming absence?

Sunday, April 12 Easter Day! On this exhilarating, although at times bewildering, day we celebrate the resurrection of the Risen Christ.

Matthew 28:1-15. Although the angel's first words to the women are "do not be afraid," still the women leave the tomb, "afraid." How does the resurrection touch you with fear or awe? How does it touch you with joy?

