



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

May 1, 2022

Third 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

---

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

---

*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. Kim Henning served as the beloved head pastor at Grace Congregational UCC in Two Rivers for over 33 years until his retirement in August 2021. (3/13, 5/1)

---

## WORSHIP SERVICE

---

Prelude "He Shall Feed His Flock" from the "Messiah" by Handel

Greetings - Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ **Hymn 111** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Opening Our Hearts to God

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Open our eyes anew O Lord,

**People: And lead us into new places of understanding.**

Psalm 30

One: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**Many: O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

One: O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

**Many: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.**

One: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**Many: When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." O Lord, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.**

One: To you, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?"

**Many:** Will the dust praise you?

One: Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

**Many:** Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; O Lord, be my help.” You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**All:** *O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.*

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

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

***Risen Lord, you showed yourself to your disciples in so many ways, allaying their doubts and empowering their witness. We remember how the scales dropped from Saul’s eyes allowing him to see the radical, challenging, newness of your gospel. We hear the story Lord, but we struggle against the proclamation that you also want to set us free. We confess that we are frightened of leaving our comfortable understandings of life and faith, for a world that you would show us. We confess that it is easier to fear than to trust in you.***

***We confess our brokenness and long for your light. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. We fail to recognize all of God's children as our neighbors and we fail to love them as you love us.***

***God of mercy, forgive us. Together we pray as you taught us (sins): “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.”***

*We gather in the love and promise of God's grace and mercy offered to each of us. Hear the good news: through Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen.*

† ♪ A Response of Halleluja “Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”

† The Passing of the Peace

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

**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 Senor.*

## 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**

Gospel [John 21:1-19](#) (Page 829)

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

↑Hymn 389 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Lesson [Acts 9:1-20](#) (Page 838)

Sermon "Saul's Conversion"

Special Music "Here is Bread" G. Kendrick

↑Prayer of Dedication

**God of abundance, bless these gifts in service and celebration of your spirit at work in the world. Bless us as we seek to be servants to the radical newness of your gospel. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

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 436 "Grace Alone"

Postlude

**Lectionary for May 8:** Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation 7:9-17 • John 10:22-30

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Herman Panzer's birthday and the Panzer's 5 great-grandchildren who all have birthdays in May.

---

## *SERVING TODAY*

---

Organist: Sherry McElhatton  
Video: Jake Lemke

Litanist: Jerry O'Connor  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

---

## *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

---

### **Happy Birthday May 1 - 7**

May 1 Scott Herman, Zak Pendowski, David Simons  
May 2 Jacob Keller, David Kletti  
May 3 Herman Panzer (87), Katelyn Scannell  
May 4 Pastor Bob Blackburn, Elsa Kirkegaard, Mary Tessar (88)  
May 6 Brandon Gitter  
May 7 Aaron Singer

### **Happy Anniversary May 1 - 7**

May 2 William & Karen Grahl (58), John & Debbie Guillaume (30)  
May 6 David & Brenda Roehrig (22)

---

## *NEWS & NOTES*

---

**Email Issue:** Recently people have been reporting that emails from Peace Church's email ([office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)) has been going directly to their spam folder. Please check your spam folder and mark the Peace Church email as NOT spam.

**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 May 1**

5/2 Pastoral Relations Meeting-6:30 p.m.  
5/3 Lectionary 10 a.m.  
5/4 Book Club Discussion 9:30 a.m., XYZ Cards  
5/5 Prayer Shawl 1 p.m.

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

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.)

**Peace Church Grief Group:** The Peace Church Grief Group, led by Chris Rode, will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The group will meet in the youth room at 1:00 p.m. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

**Pastoral Relations:** The Pastoral Relations Committee will be holding its second meeting of 2022 on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you have any joys or concerns that you would like to have included in this meeting, please contact any PR Committee member. Current PR members are: Karen Grundahl, Russ Knoth, Sandi Radeztsky, Bob Schrader, Ken Singer, Eric Walker, and Consistory Rep Clark Pearson.

**Defibrillator Training:** Peace Church will be offering defibrillator training on Sunday, May 15, 2022, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. Kim Bocher will conduct the training. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Adult Habitat Trip** – Are you interested in going on the Adult Habitat trip that will take place either in July or August?? Email or call Karen Kletti (262-224-2212) or Peace Church if you think you would like to participate.

**Cookie Sale Coming Soon!** – On Sunday, May 22, there will be a Cookie Sale sponsored by the Scholarship Committee. For sale will be assorted cookies and coffee. This year the Peace Church Scholarship awarded scholarships to fourteen students. Thank you, Peace Church members, for supporting this wonderful program!

---

## *PRAYER LIST*

---

**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:** Dave Domasky, 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

**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, Bill Tewinkle (Charland), Josie Schoneman, Bobbie Parsons, Emma Landowski-Sancomb

**Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean 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), Katie Wallace

**Prayers for Comfort:** To Carol Roe and the family of Jim Roe. Jim passed into the Lord's arms on Sunday, April 24, 2022. A visitation will be held on Sat., May 7, 2022 from 1:00PM until 3:15PM, with a Memorial Service at 3:30PM at the Phillip Funeral 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 (US Space Force)

**Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040**

Church Office – Robin Mock, 262-626-4011 - [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

Sharon Stier, Interim Visitation Minister, 414-531-0837 - [sstier@outlook.com](mailto:ssstier@outlook.com)

Peace Church Prayer Chain - [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

On the web @ [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) Find Peace on [Facebook](#) On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)