



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
May 14, 2023
Sixth 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.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Line

GREETINGS/PRAYER REQUESTS

***HYMN 607** "Happy the Home When God is There"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turning Our Hearts to God-Psalm 66:8-20

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

All: **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

One: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

All: **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

One: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

All: **Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive us, and strengthen us anew, for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

(pause)

One: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

All: **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

♪ 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

(9:30) CHILDREN’S CHOIR “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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The Children’s Time - As the children come forward,
please sing Hymn 226 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

Hymn 602 “Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother?”

LESSON	1 Peter 3:13-22	Page 924
LESSON	Acts 17:22-31	Page 846
SERMON		Vikar Jakob
SPECIAL MUSIC	Piano Duet	arr. by Vandall

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Bless our gifts and guide us as your servants. Amen.

PASTORAL 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

One: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The blessing of God Almighty; the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.

All: **Amen**

***HYMN**

“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news everywhere.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today

to bring truth and love to every nation.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker, Children’s Choir Director: Sherry McElhatton; Litanist: Chris Rode; Video: David Dorn; Audio: Josh Spaits; Ushers/Greeters: Emil & Sandi Radeztsky

Today's Altar Flowers are donated by Chris Rode, in memory of Connie Rode and Barbara Rode.



Altar Flowers – please consider donating towards the flowers that are on the altar on Sundays. You may request that your donation be in memory or in honor of someone. Contact the church office via email or phone to make your request. Thank you!

Lectionary for May 21: Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11

NEWS & NOTES

Happy Birthday May 14 – May 20

May 14	Sharon Stier	May 17	Shelby Falk
May 15	Lucille Swanson (89)	May 20	Sue Hembel
May 16	Gary Terlinden		

Happy Anniversary – May 14 – May 20

May 14	Blaine & Lisa Atwater (35)
May 15	Robert & Barbara Breitag (47)
May 19	Robert & JoAnn Manthei (51)
May 20	Shelly & Peter Humphrey (35)

Calendar for the Week of May 14, 2023

5/16 Lectionary 10 a.m.

5/17 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club 1:30 p.m.

Robin Mock will be out of the office this week. The office will be open under limited hours, please call the office before you stop in.

Book Shelves in Fellowship Hall Some of the books from the Little Free Library in Fellowship Hall have been removed and donated to Kettle Moraine Gardens and the Friends of the Library in West Bend. There is now some space for new titles. If you have books that you think others will enjoy, please shelve them when you bring them in. All books are donations and will not be returned. Happy summer reading!

Habitat for Humanity Trip – July 9th-14th This year we are planning an inter-generational Habitat Trip to Red Wing Minnesota. Anyone who has completed their freshman year in high school or beyond (even well beyond) is welcome to come and lend a hand in seeking to provide decent housing for all of God's children. The affiliate is asking for a minimum of 7 people, but we are hoping for many more than that. The cost will be \$75 for

members or \$100 for non-members. If you have questions please contact Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, or Pastor Eric.

Canoe Trip Meeting – There will be a Canada Canoe Trip planning meeting for all those on the sign-up sheet and anyone else who is interested in this upcoming Church trip. The meeting will be held at church on Thursday evening, May 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Participating in the Pride Parade Milwaukee – June 4th we will join with numerous Open and Affirming UCC churches in Southeastern Wisconsin to walk together as a witness to God's extravagant welcome. We need to be positioned at the parade route at 1:30. We will coordinate rides from the church parking lot to have us there in time. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information please contact Vikar Jakob, Chris Rode, or Pastor Eric

News from the mittens ministry!! We have had some yarn donations. If you knit or crochet, please consider making children's mittens and/or hats to be distributed in early November. If you need patterns, help, or just would like a companion while working on your project contact the church office for my number. Heidi Rodenkirch

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to office@peace-ucc.org or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests 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.

Prayers for Healing:

For Marian Herriges, who is home and still in need of prayers for healing following her heart valve replacement surgery and the arrhythmia that occurred afterward.

For Herman Panzer, who continues to be at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee recovering from a recent illness.

For Dean Roe, who is rehabbing at Samaritan Health Center in West Bend following surgery.

For Hanna Bruenn, who has returned home following a hospitalization for pneumonia.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Scholarship Fundraiser Sunday, May 21st

8:00 am-11:30 am

COST: \$8.00

(Children 5 and under FREE)

MENU: Pancakes, Breakfast Sausages, Fresh Fruit & Applesauce, Bakery, Coffee, Juice, and Milk

Proceeds to fund college scholarships for Peace UCC youth