



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

16 May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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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# WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Dawn’s Heart”

by Lorie Line

**PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: Hymn #341 - “Jesus Shall Reign”**

D A7/E D/F# G A7/E D A/E E7 A

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
4 Let all the peo - ple rise and bring

D D/F# G D/F# A7/E D A

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and end - less prais - es crown his head;  
dwell on his love with sweet - est song,  
their spe - cial hon - ors to our King;

D A7/C# D D/F# G D/F# A7/E D A

his king - dom spread from shore to shore,  
his name like sweet per - fume shall rise  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain

D/F# G A7/E D Em/G D/A A7 D

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

## Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 1

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**People: but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

Leader: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

**People: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Leader: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**People: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,**

Leader: but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## Call for Confession

God of majesty and wonder, we gather again in this place feeling the weight of a broken world pressing down on our hearts and souls. And while it is easy to see the brokenness in others, we know that we too need to mend our ways and turn back toward You. We confess:

**God too often we allow our own prejudice and sense of self-certainty to close our minds to new understandings and deeper compassion. We acknowledge that we are no more capable of solving the problems of the world, than many of our own problems; and we confess that often that realization paralyzes us from even beginning to change our ways. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you.**

***Silence***

**Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one - to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough, where all can embrace the fullness of human life.**

**Forgive us for what we do and for what we fail to do. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you. Take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with a joy that radiates from the core of our being. In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

**PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself:** The Gloria Patri

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”*

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

Lesson

[Acts 1:1-11](#) (right click for link)

The Children's Time

**PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself:** “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

**PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself:**  
**#656 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

*Refrain* E2 Bsus/D#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you;

see you. To see you high and lift - ed up,

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry; pour out your power and love

as we sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." *to Refrain*

*Coda* E2 Bsus/D#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to

1 Repeat as desired E2 Esus  
 2 E2 E

see you. see you.

Gospel Lesson

[John 17:6-19](#) (right click for link)

Sermon

“Listening in on Jesus’ Prayer for Them, for Us...”

Special Music

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

arr. by Robert 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 – 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: For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: For all in whom Christ lived before us  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Listen,  
Christ has promised to be with us in the world  
as in our worship.

**All: Amen. We go to greet him.**

**PLEASE sing quietly to yourself, or hum:**  
**#322 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

*Unison*  
 D Bm Em7 Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of  
 3 O Lord, our home-ward path-way bend that our un - wear-ied  
 4 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let

Bm Em7 Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D E A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D Bm7  $\frac{A7}{C\#}$

world shall ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be-  
 Ol - ives stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful  
 hearts as-cend, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! where, seat-ed on your  
 earth ac-cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less

D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dmaj7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G6  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$

fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 fol-lowers see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 Fa-ther's throne, you reign as King of kings a - lone. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 a - ges run, with Fa-ther and with Spir - it one. Al-le - lu - ia!

Em7  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G6 A7 Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D6 E A Bm7  $\frac{F\#m}{C\#}$  D Em  $\frac{A7}{C\#}$  B7 Em  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em7}{G}$  A A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!



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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits  
Video: Jake Lemke  
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, May 23rd 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:  
Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
• Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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## *NEWS AND NOTES*

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**Next Week, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Worship Will be in Riverhill Park!** – Services will be at 8:00 a.m. And 10:00 a.m. During the 10:00 service we will be celebrating Confirmation with this year's class.

**May 30<sup>th</sup> Worship Returns to 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.** At Peace Church.

**Summer Coffee Hour** – Peace Church is looking for volunteers to assist with Summer Coffee Hour, which will begin on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Coffee Hour will be held outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathy Charland at 262-483-7811/email: [charland22056@gmail.com](mailto:charland22056@gmail.com) or call the church office at 262-626-4011 or email [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

**A Service Celebrating the Life of Kevin Lehman** will be held at Riverhill Park on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Picnic and mingling to follow. All are welcome to come and join us. To help the family celebrate Kevin's memory, please wear Colbalt Blue or Bright Green! RSVP by as soon as possible to Judy at 262-629-1307

**Lectionary group at Peace Church** – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet on May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

**Thank you Peace Church Congregation!**

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has 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 [GIVE](#) on our website. 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.

**Soap Sale!**

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. Different scents are available for a suggested donation of \$4.00 per bar. The bars of soap are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours. All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!



**Altar Flowers** – Peace Church will resume taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

## Worship at Peace Church

### Updates from the Regathering Committee:

Let me begin by continuing to acknowledge that every decision that we have made through the current pandemic is necessarily flawed. I am confident that in a couple of years we will have the hindsight and the depth of scientific understanding to know what actions were the most important for us to take, and which may have been unnecessary. This is, of course, the reality of science that is seeking to understand something that is “novel”, new. It is very exciting to see how much we have learned in a short while, and at the same time we are seeing clearly that we are a society where we expect things to move even more rapidly than they are. Patience is a fragile virtue. Now is an extraordinary time to remember what scripture teaches us about loving one another:

***You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other! ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and desires.***

*Galatians 5:13-15, 22-24 (CEB)*

We met again this last week to try to discern how to best keep moving forward with everyone's concerns in mind, as well as the overarching reality that we are continuing to navigate a pandemic. We agreed that we will continue following the guidelines of the CDC, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, while using the local data generated by the County Health Department. At this time, the county numbers direct us to limit our activities to 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). **We are not requiring sign-ups for services.** If we exceed our capacity, we have overflow capacity with a live stream in the both the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

We are certainly hoping that increased vaccinations and continued care will bring our county's Covid numbers down to a point where our advised capacities quickly increase. Those numbers will also impact our resumption of other church activities.

We will continue to follow the CDC guidance that requires people to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose whenever they are meeting in groups at church. We will continue social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and all those other mitigation measures to which we have all become accustomed.

We are trying to reintroduce as many parts of “normal” as we can in our present “new normal”:

- We are inviting people who are in worship to sing quietly or to hum.
  - We still will not have choirs at this time.
- We will be resuming in-person Sunday School with our Summer Sunday School! beginning on June 13th during our 9:30 service.
- **We will be returning to our normal service times of 8:00 and 9:30 beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- Beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> we will reintroduce coffee hour in a new way. We will hold Coffee Hour outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. If the weather is bad we will not have coffee hour that day/service (we won't be moving our fellowship inside). If you are willing to help with this, please contact the church office.
- We are planning to hold Vacation Bible School in person the last week of July.
- We are inviting the XYZ club to return for their weekly cards and fellowship.
- We will welcome the resumption of any other groups as long as they/we abide by the current limits and guidelines.

There will be TWO SUNDAYS when we will plan to be in Riverhill Park:

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Confirmation will be during the 10:00 a.m. service.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> we are hoping to hold our church Pignic beginning with one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

**We will continue streaming all worship services** to our YouTube Channel at “Peace UCC Kewaskum” or you can find a link from our website: [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online. And we have had a chance to stream and post our first Baptism! Check it out.

We encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, this not only helps to protect yourself but also helps to reduce community spread and slow viral mutations. Please do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community and our world. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

Hello Members of Peace Church,

The purpose of this memo is to make it perfectly clear that the operations and policies at Peace United Church, regarding the current Covid-19 situation are being set by the Regathering committee and then approved by the Church Consistory. Please make sure to direct you questions or comments to the members of the Consistory.

On April 20, 2021 the Peace Church Regathering Committee met again and came up with the following church gathering guidelines based on the guidelines from the CDC, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Washington County Health Department. The Regathering Committee forwarded their recommendations on to the Peace Church Consistory, who met on May 11, 2021 and voted to put in place the Regathering Committee's most recent recommendations.

In attendance at the Regathering Committee: John Lemke Jr., Becky Manthei, Bill Stangl, Sherry McElhatton, Pastor Eric, Kathy Charland (Absent from meeting: Clark Pearson)

Process voted in to use for decisions	CDC guidelines DHS levels based on Washington County Covid Burden Levels: Ext high risk...20 people High risk...25 % 50 max/service Moderate risk...50% 100 /service Low risk...75% 150/service Fully open (we have overflow seating in Narthex and basement)
Singing	Quiet singing or humming*
Choir	Tabled until fall discussions
Coffee hour	Will start an outdoor coffee hour. After each service, by gazebo. Will ask for volunteers to host once this summer.*
Summer Sunday school	We are set for summer. It will take place outside or in classrooms with windows open. Will revisit fall Sunday school at next meeting in July*
Funerals	Follows the DHS levels listed above No meals
Outside groups (such as XYZ Club)	Use the church following our current guidelines*
Internal groups	Use the church following our current guidelines*
Where and when will services take place?	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Service and the August 1 service will take place in the park. Service time in the park is 8:00 and 10:00. Confirmation will take place on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at the 10 am service. Regular service times will change back to 8:00 and 9:30 starting on May 30 <sup>th</sup> .

\*These items have been updated since the last Regathering Committee meeting.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please feel free to contact a Peace Church Consistory member: John Lemke, Jr., Kathy Charland, John C. Lemke, Martha Wilson, Ken Singer, Elizabeth Bobb, Roger Mertz, Tom Kolb, Paul Behring, Becky Manthei, Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson. Please contact the church office for Consistory contact information.

Thank you! John Lemke, Deacon/Consistory President

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday      May 16 – May 22**

May 16    Gary Terlinden  
May 17    Shelby Falk, Aubrey Lerdahl, Audrey Weinreich  
May 18    Sydney Bayer  
May 20    Sue Hembel  
May 22    Margaret Schmahl, Matthew Spoerl

### **Happy Anniversary      May 16 – May 22**

May 17    Mike & Karen Paul (25)  
May 19    Dana & Jeffrey Fochs (9), Robert & JoAnn Manthei (49)  
May 20    Shelly & Peter Humphrey (33)  
May 22    Carl & Jen Eisen (6), Carol & James Roe (49)

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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:**

Harvey Brodzeller	Dennis Novotny
Judy Christensen	Jerry O'Connor
Markus Frank	Chris Rode
Betty Graff	Kathy Rundquist
John Herbst	Michael Schmidt
Joyce Meinberg	Lorna Schwingle-Glas
Marilyn McIntosh	Bev Winninghoff

#### **Friends & Family:**

Ezekiel	Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)	Babette Rhoads
Patricia Hohl	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Debbie (Hallen)	Betty Sook (J. Christensen)
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)	

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

**Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

**Friends & Family:**

Betty (J. Michaels)	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Jan (D. Stangl)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Paige More (Pearson)
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)	Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)	Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Paula Hader (Adler)	Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)	Russell Will (Will)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)	

**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)

**Thank you** to 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 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)