



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
May 21, 2023
Seventh 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

“I’ll Fly Away”

GREETINGS/PRAYER REQUESTS

*HYMN 323 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Our Hearts to God

One: Hear our prayer, O Lord,

All: For we have come here to be inspired;

One: We have come here to express our commitment;

All: We have come here to grow in our faith;

One: We have come here to prepare for service.

All: We are here to worship, and seek your blessing.

Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35

All: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him!

One: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before
God!

**All: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exalt before
our God; let them be jubilant with joy.**

One: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to
him who rides upon the clouds; his name is the Lord, be
exultant before him.

**All: Father of the fatherless and protector of the widows
is God in his holy habitation.**

One: God, gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out
the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a
parched land.

**All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises
to the Lord,**

One: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; lo,
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.**

One: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel, He
gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: You know, Lord, that the ways of the world can limit our imaginations. Too often we share our society's prejudices, its angers, and its limited understandings. We may know a better, more humble, truth-centered-way in our hearts, but we struggle to hold fast to that way instead of being swept up in the cultural tides. 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, so that we might live life as you intend; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Seek Ye First"

Duet: Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann

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

Hymn 320 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

LESSON Acts 1:6-14 Page 846

GOSPEL John 17:1-11 Page 824

SERMON

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Through these gifts, O loving God, we can go where we cannot travel. We can witness where our voices cannot be heard. We can speak in languages which we have never learned. We can love those whom we have never seen. So, bless your realm through our love, represented by our gifts now dedicated to you. 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 in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!**

*HYMN 312

“Christ is Alive”

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann; Sunday School Choir Director: Sherry McElhatton; Litanist: Chris Rode; Video: David Dorn; Audio: Josh Spaits

Today’s Altar Flowers are donated by Shirley Ogi in celebration of Anna Ogi’s graduation from Marquette University School of Nursing.

The bouquet of flowers by the clavino are in memory of James Manthei on his May 23rd birthday.



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 28: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

NEWS & NOTES

Happy Birthday May 21 – May 27

May 22 Margaret Schmahl, Kris Schmidt, Matthew Spoerl
May 24 Chuck Atwater (84), Don Neitzel (85)
May 25 Alexia Polzin
May 26 Russ Knoth
May 27 Lori Becker, Jori Schmeling

Happy Anniversary – May 21 – May 27

May 24 Mark & Mary Steinhardt (43)
May 26 Jim & Doreen Mohr (45)
May 27 Cal & Sharon Rauch (51)

Calendar for the Week of May 21, 2023

- 5/21 Scholarship Committee Pancake Breakfast & Kitchen Committee and Video/Audio Committee Recognition
- 5/23 Lectionary 10 a.m.
- 5/24 XYZ Cards
- 5/25 Grief Group 1:00 pm; Canoe Trip Meeting 6:30 pm

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 MKE – 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

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 of Comfort:

For Nancy Panzer, Barbara Panzer and the family and friends of Herman Panzer who died on Thursday, May 18th, 2023. Funeral arrangements are pending.

For the friends and family of Hanna Bruenn, who passed away surrounded by her loved ones on Saturday, May 13, 2023. A funeral service is being planned for her on June 24th. Notes of sympathy can be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. Gary (Carolyn) Bonlender
N586 Memorial Drive, Campbellsport, WI 53020

For the family and friends of Norma Rivera, who passed away on Tuesday, May 9th.

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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