



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

23 May 2021

Pentecost 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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Even If/It is Well With My Soul”

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: “Send Down the Fire”

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
Send down the rains of your love; Come,
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,
Teach us the song of your love; Give us
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your
hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er
ring with the song of your love. D.C.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Great Spirit over all, we come here from east and west and north and south to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. May we appreciate this day as our first church elders did at their Pentecost. Breathe on us with life-giving energy, so that the Gospel message of Justice, Peace, and Love is communicated through us, through the spirit of Pentecost. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: We join in opening ourselves to the glory of God and offering our confession:

God of power, you have sent the Spirit of love.

Many: forgive us all the times we put conditions on our love.

One: You have sent the Spirit of joy,

Many: forgive us all the times we are disagreeable and unwelcome witnesses.

One: You have sent the Spirit of peace,

Many: forgive us all the times our words and actions contribute to conflict and divisions.

One: You have sent us the Spirit of patience,

Many: forgive us all the times we worry because we do not see instant results to prayer.

One: You have sent us the Spirit of kindness,

Many: forgive us all the times we have neglected people's needs.

One: You have sent the spirit of goodness,

Many: forgive us all the times we have willfully or thoughtlessly caused pain by our words or actions.

One: You have sent the Spirit of faithfulness,

Many: forgive us all the times our discipleship has lacked credibility.

One: You have sent the spirit of gentleness,

Many: forgive us all the times we have been aggressive in our attitude toward others.

One: You have sent the Spirit of self-control,

Many: forgive us all the times we have hurt others by our careless manner.

One: Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love that we may truly care for one another.

Many: Refresh and renew us with your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

One: Hear the Good News: in the love and grace of God, animated by the gift of Holy Spirit, we are forgiven! Amen and Amen.

PLEASE JOIN IN PROCLAIMING Halleluja
“Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Lesson [Acts 2:1-21](#) (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:

#595

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Unison N.C. Fm Eb/F Fm Cm7 Fm Eb/F Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

Fm Bbm Ab/Bb Bbm Gm7(b5)/Bb Fm Eb/F Fm

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

Fm Bbm Ab/Bb Bbm Gm7(b5)/Bb Fm Eb/F Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain N.C. Db Ab Db Fm/C Cm Fm Bbm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Bbm7 Fm/Ab Bbm Csus Cm Fm

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Epistle [Romans 8:22-27](#) (right click for link)

Gospel [John 15:26 - 16:15](#) (right click for link)

Sermon “Listening in the Midst of the Whirlwind!”

Special Music “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication and Celebration of Strengthen the Church Offering

Holy Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold wind to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of liberation, justice and charity here and around the world. Today we also dedicate our Strengthen the Church offerings. Through these gifts, may new and renewing congregations share in the blessings we have known. May youth and young adults be nurtured for leadership in the church. May we call forth and equip pastoral and lay leaders with a heart for you. And may we fulfill your Pentecost vision, extending extravagant welcome to all people. Bless all that we offer you, and fire us up as beacons to the ends of the earth. Amen

(9:30 service – Confirmation)

The Rite of Confirmation

The Invitation

The Questions to the Confirmands

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

We join in proclaiming together what we believe:

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify;

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Prayer of the Candidates (*Pastor and Candidates*)

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen

Prayers of the Congregation (*congregation in unison*)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Act of Confirmation

The Welcome (*congregation in unison*)

We welcome you with joy into the family of Christ's disciples. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of God, and be faithful witnesses to our risen Savior. Alleluia and Amen.

↑ The Blessing (in unison)

May God call you to action, to community, and to love.

May Jesus accompany you with confidence, compassion and healing.

May the Spirit fill you with fire and with faith.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 Señor.*

Preparation of the Table

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 hungry 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

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.

Refrain A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm Bm G Esus E

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm D E7 A $\frac{D}{A}$

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1, 2	Final ending
$\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$	$\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A $\frac{D}{A}$ A

Congratulations to our 2020 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Kolton Hauch

Aiden Polzin

Katelyn Scannell

Madison Strom

Lily Van Beek

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton

Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits

Video: Jake Lemke

Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Altar Flowers: The flowers at today's services are in memory of James Manthei on his birthday from JoAnn and Robert Manthei and Robbie & Cheri Manthei.

Lectionary for Sunday, May 30th 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church:
Trinity Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 • Romans 8:12-17 • John 3:1-17

NEWS AND NOTES



KEYS! Did you lose a set of keys last Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service? A set was found in the sanctuary next to the piano. Call the office at 262-626-4011 to claim.

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 Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

May 30th 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 30th. 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 or call the church office at 262-626-4011 or email office@peace-ucc.org

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.

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 has resumed 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 30th anniversary).

Worship at Peace Church

Updates from the Regathering Committee:

Last week we were once again reminded that our guidance at church can change in the blink of an eye.

As a committee 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. The guidance that we are receiving as churches has not updated following the latest guidance for mask requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. We are continuing to follow the published capacity guidance based on our counties' Covid burden. This directs 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.

The new CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated. As people of faith, we ask that you are mindful of those around you – we encourage small groups to check in with their members to make sure that they are comfortable with vaccinated people unmasking - try to come to a consensus that honors everyone. Vaccinated people are always welcome to wear a mask for further protection of themselves or others, but it will not be required.

For people who are unvaccinated, per CDC guidelines, masks are required over the mouth and nose at all times, and social distancing of 6 feet remains.

Prior to the updated guidance on masks, we were already 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 will be discussing the resumption of choir in the future.
- 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 30th.
- Beginning May 30th 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 23rd with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Confirmation will be during the 10:00 a.m. service.
- August 1st we are hoping to hold our church Pignic beginning with one worship service at 9:30 a.m.
 - Very sadly our Pignic coordinator, Kevin Lehman, died unexpectedly. If anyone would be willing to step up to help with portions of the Pignic, please contact the Church Office.

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 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.

Please pay attention to the Service times as they have changed back to our pre-pandemic normal 8:00 am. and 9:30 am.

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 rd 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 rd at the 10 am service. Regular service times will change back to 8:00 and 9:30 starting on May 30 th .

*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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday May 23 – May 29

May 24 Don Neitzel (84), Cory Stern, Brandon Zolp

May 25 Jeff Mielke, Alexia Polzin

May 26 Russ Knoth

May 27 Lori Becker, Jori Schmeling

May 29 Sarah Van Beek

Happy Anniversary May 23 – May 29

May 24 Jack & Jennifer Chamberlain (23), Mark & Mary Steinhardt (41)

May 26 Jim & Doreen Mohr (43)

May 27 Cal & Sharon Rauch (49)

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:

Harvey Brodzeller

Judy Christensen

Markus Frank

Betty Graff

John Herbst

Jim Meinberg

Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny

Jerry O'Connor

Kathy Rundquist

Michael Schmidt

Lorna Schwingle-Glas

Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel

Lorrie (H. Bruenn)

Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)

Jeremy (Rodenkirch)

Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Babette Rhoads

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Betty Sook (J. Christensen)

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)	

In Comfort: To Ruth Townsend and her family on the passing of Rev. Tom Townsend on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Tom's obituary can be found here: <https://www.johnsonhagglund.com/obituary/Thomas-Townsend> A recording of Tom's memorial service will also be available through that same link.

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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